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An Act for the better Relief and more effectually employing the Poor of the Township of *Shardlow* and *Wilne*, in the County of *Derby*, and the several Parishes and Places therein mentioned, in the said County, and in the Counties of *Leicester* and *Nottingham*. [20th June 1816.]

WHEREAS in the Year One thousand eight hundred and twelve, the Township of *Shardlow* and *Wilne*, and the Parishes or Townships of *Draycott* and *Wilne*, *Sawley*, and *Weston-upon-Trent*, in the County of *Derby*, and *Worthington*, in the County of *Leicester*, were, by virtue of the Provisions of an Act passed in the Twenty-second Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled *An Act for the better Relief and Employment of the Poor*, united, and did erect and build upon Land purchased for that Purpose, situate at *Shardlow* aforesaid, a large and convenient House for the Reception and Accommodation of the Poor of the said Township and Parishes, and in such Purchase and Buildings expended very considerable Sums of Money; and in the Year One thousand eight hundred and fourteen, the Parishes or Townships of *Alvaston*, *Bolton*, *Hopwell*, *Little Eaton*, *Aston-upon-Trent*, *Breaston*, *Chellaston*, *Dale Abbey*, *Elvaston*, *Findern*, *Long Eaton*, *Littleover*, *Ockbrook*, *Osmaston*, *Risley*, and *Stanton-by-Dale*, in the said County of *Derby*; *Breedon*, *Coleorton*, *Hemington*, *Osgathorpe*, *Sheepshead*, and *Thringstone*, in the said County of *Leicester*; and *Bramcote*, *Stapleford*, and *Toton*, in the

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County of *Nottingham*, became united with the said Township of *Shardlow* and *Wilne*, and the said Parishes or Townships of *Draycott* and *Wilne*, *Sawley*, *Weston-upon-Trent*, and *Worthington*, by virtue of the Provisions of the said recited Act, for the Purposes thereof; and a Visitor and Deputy Visitor having been duly appointed according to the Directions of the same Act, the Whole of the said several Parishes and Townships have continued and remain so united to the present Time, by the Name of “ The Visitor and Guardians of the Poor of the United Parishes, Townships or Places of *Shardlow* and *Wilne*, *Alvaston*, *Bolton*, *Hopwell*, and *Little Eaton*, in the County of *Derby*; and the Parishes of *Aston-upon-Trent*, *Breaston*, *Chellaston*, *Draycott*, *Dale Abbey*, *Elvaston*, *Findern*, *Long Eaton*, *Littleover*, *Sawley*, *Ockbrook*, *Osmaston*, *Risley*, *Stanton-by-Dale*, and *Weston-upon-Trent*, in the said County of *Derby*; *Breedon*, *Coleorton*, *Hemington*, *Osgathorpe*, *Sheepshead*, *Thringstone*, and *Worthington*, in the County of *Leicester*; and *Bramcote*, *Stapleford*, and *Toton*, in the County of *Nottingham* ;” and the Poor of the said several Parishes and Townships have been employed and maintained in the said House of Industry at *Shardlow* aforesaid, and great Benefits have been found to result therefrom, as well to the Inhabitants of the said united Parishes and Townships, as to the Poor thereof respectively; but the Provisions of the said recited Act have nevertheless been found to be defective and insufficient in many Respects: And whereas Doubts have arisen, whether the subsequent Union of the said Township and Parishes, so first united in the Year One thousand eight hundred and twelve, with the said other Townships and Parishes in the Year One thousand eight hundred and fourteen as aforesaid, was authorized by the said Act; and it is desirable that such Doubts should be removed, and that such Union should be confirmed and established: And whereas it is found that the said House of Industry, so built as aforesaid, is of greater Magnitude than is necessary for the Reception and Employment of the Poor of all the said United Parishes and Townships, and that the same would be amply sufficient for the Reception, Relief, Accommodation, and Employment of the Poor of divers other Parishes, Townships, and Places: And whereas the uniting of the said several Parishes and Townships with such other Parishes, Townships, and Places as shall be agreed upon from Time to Time in Manner herein-after mentioned, and the appropriating of such House of Industry, with the Buildings and Accommodations thereto belonging, to the Reception of the Poor within the same Parishes, Townships, and Places, and the granting proper Powers for the Government, Regulation, Support, and Employment of the Poor thereof, and for the Payment of Rates and other Expences necessary for those Purposes, would tend to the more immediate, extensive, and effectual Relief, Assistance, and Comfort of such Poor as by Age, Infirmities, Diseases, or other Causes, are rendered incapable of supporting themselves by their Labour; to the Employment and Encouragement of the Industrious, and those who are able to work; to the Correction and Reclaiming of the Idle, Refractory, and Profligate; and to the Education of the Infant Poor in the Habits of Industry and Religion: But as the beneficial Purposes aforesaid cannot be effectually carried into Execution without the Aid and Authority of Parliament; may it therefore please Your Majesty that it may be enacted; and be it enacted by the King’s most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present

present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That the Union of the said Parishes and Townships so first united in the Year One thousand eight hundred and twelve as aforesaid, with the said other Parishes and Townships in the Year One thousand eight hundred and fourteen as aforesaid, shall be, and the same, from the Time of such last-mentioned Union, and all Acts and Proceedings consequent thereupon and subsequent thereto, is and are hereby ratified and confirmed to all Intents and Purposes, in such and the same Manner and to the same Extent as if such last-mentioned Union had been expressly authorized by the said Act of the Twenty-second Year of the Reign of His said present Majesty; any thing in the said Act to the contrary thereof in anywise notwithstanding.

The Union
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confirmed.

II. And be it further enacted, That from and after the Seventh Day of *October* One thousand eight hundred and sixteen, the Visitor, Deputy Visitor, and Directors, with the Guardians for the Time being of the several Parishes, Townships, and Places respectively for the Time being united, to be appointed as herein-after mentioned, shall be and are hereby declared to be incorporated, and shall be called by the Name of "The Visitor, Deputy Visitor, Directors, and Guardians of the Poor of the Parishes, Townships, and Places, united for the Relief and Employment of the Poor at the House of Industry at *Shardlow* in the County of *Derby*;" and shall for ever thereafter be and be deemed and taken to be one Body Politic and Corporate in Law to all Intents and Purposes, and shall have perpetual Succession and a Common Seal, and shall be enabled to sue and plead and be sued by that Name in all Courts and Places whatsoever; and are hereby authorized and empowered to take and hold by Purchase or Lease any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments of Inheritance, or for Lives, or Years determinable on any Life or Lives, not exceeding in any City or Town Two Acres, and in the open Country not exceeding Twenty Acres of Statute Measure, for the Site of a House or Houses, and for Lands to be occupied for the Purposes of this Act, without incurring any of the Penalties or Forfeitures of the Statutes of Mortmain; and the said Corporation is also hereby authorized and enabled to accept, take, and hold all voluntary Grants and Donations of Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments of Inheritance, or for Lives or Years, or for Years determinable on Lives, or of Personal Property, which shall be made to them for the Use and Benefit of the Poor within the respective Parishes, Townships, and Places aforesaid.

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III. And be it further enacted, That the Owners and Occupiers of Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments in each and every of the said Parishes, Townships, and Places, and other the Parishes, Townships, and Places for the Time being united, qualified as herein-after mentioned, shall meet in the Vestry Room or Parish Church or Chapel of their respective Parishes, Townships, and Places; or in case of there being no Church or Chapel, then at the Place where the Meetings of the Parish, Township, or Place are usually held, on the First *Monday* in *August* next after the passing of this Act, between the Hours of Ten and Twelve of the Clock in the Forenoon; and shall proceed to put this Act in Execution in the Manner and according to the Directions herein-after contained.

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IV. And be it further enacted, That the said Owners and Occupiers of Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, within the said several and respective Parishes, Townships, and Places, qualified as herein-after mentioned, at such their First several Meetings in their respective Parishes, Townships, and Places, on the First *Monday* in *August* next after the passing of this Act; to be holden in pursuance of this Act, shall, by the Majority of Votes of such of them as shall be then assembled, appoint some one of the Owners or Occupiers in each of such respective Parishes, Townships, or Places, to be Chairman of the Meeting within the same; and the respective Persons so elected Chairmen shall at each respective Meeting cause the Owners or Occupiers so assembled, qualified as herein-after mentioned, to proceed to the Execution of this Act, and by a Majority of Votes to nominate and appoint, in the Form contained in the Schedule hereunto annexed (marked No. 1. such Appointments to be respectively subscribed by the Chairmen of the said respective Meetings, and to be approved by the Signature of the Visitor for the Time being on such Appointment), one able and discreet Person to be the Guardian of the Poor of their respective Parishes, Townships, and Places, properly qualified for that Purpose: Provided nevertheless, that in case no such Appointment of a Guardian shall be made at any such Meeting, then and in such Case such Meeting shall be and be deemed to be adjourned to the next Day, and shall be holden at the same Place between the Hours aforesaid, and so *toties quoties*, not exceeding Three Days, until such Appointment shall be made; but no such Meeting shall be holden on a *Sunday*, *Good Friday*, or on any other Day on which Divine Service is or shall be ordered by Authority to be celebrated; but then and in such Case such Meeting shall be and be deemed to be adjourned to the following Day.

Directors to
be chosen.

V. And be it further enacted, That at the First several Meetings of the Ten Parishes and Townships of *Shardlow* and *Wilne*, *Worthington*, *Draycott* and *Wilne*, *Sawley*, *Weston-upon-Trent*, *Alvaston*, *Stanton-by-Dale*, *Breedon*, *Aston-upon-Trent*, and *Stapleford*, for the Purposes aforesaid, the Persons so assembled as aforesaid, and qualified as herein-after mentioned, shall nominate and appoint, in the Manner and Form aforesaid, one discreet Person to be a Director of the House of Industry aforesaid, and the Ten Persons so nominated and appointed shall be called Directors of the House of Industry at *Shardlow* aforesaid; and that the said Ten Directors, so nominated and appointed as aforesaid, shall be and continue Directors until the Twenty-fifth Day of *March* One thousand eight hundred and seventeen; and that at the Quarterly Meeting of the Directors next preceding the Twenty-fifth Day of *March* One thousand eight hundred and seventeen, Five of the said Directors shall be ballotted to go out of the said Direction, which said Five Directors so ballotted to go out of the said Direction shall on the Twenty-fifth Day of *March* One thousand eight hundred and seventeen cease to be Directors, or to have any Share in the said Direction, and the Remainder shall continue to act as such Directors; and Five Directors shall be elected as herein-after mentioned in the Place of those going out; which said Five Directors so to be elected, together with the remaining Five Directors, shall be and continue Directors for One Year, ending on the Twenty-fifth Day of *March* One thousand eight hundred and eighteen, and at the Expiration thereof the said Five Directors who shall not have been ballotted out in the Year preceding shall

shall quit the said Direction, and Five Directors shall be elected in their Place in the Manner herein-after mentioned, who, with the remaining Five Directors elected in the Year preceding, shall in like Manner be and continue Directors for One Year, ending on the Twenty-fifth Day of *March* then next ensuing; and at the End of that Year the said Five Directors who shall not have been elected in the preceding Year shall quit the said Direction, and Five Directors shall be elected in their Place in the Manner herein-after mentioned; and so from Year to Year, ending on the Twenty-fifth Day of *March* in each Year, the Persons who shall have served as Directors for Two Years successively shall at the End of each Year quit the Direction, and Five Directors shall be chosen in their room in the Manner herein-after mentioned, who shall be and continue Directors until they shall be respectively displaced as aforesaid, when others shall be elected in their room as aforesaid; which Mode of Succession shall be invariably observed in every succeeding Year for ever.

VI. And be it further enacted, That the Five Directors to be annually appointed as aforesaid, shall be appointed from Time to Time by the Parishes, Townships, and Places for the Time being united as aforesaid, in Rotation as herein-after mentioned, at the Meetings to be holden for the Appointment of Guardians as aforesaid, and in such and the same Manner and Form as are herein directed for the Appointment of Guardians at such Meetings; and that such Five of the said Parishes, Townships, or Places as shall for the Time being stand next in order in the List of the said Parishes, Townships, and Places, kept in the Books of the said Institution to the said Ten Parishes, Townships, or Places, who shall have made or ought to have made such First Appointment as aforesaid, shall make the Appointment of Five new Directors in the Year One thousand eight hundred and seventeen, and that the next succeeding Five Parishes, Townships, and Places, in such Order as aforesaid, shall make the like Appointment in the Year One thousand eight hundred and eighteen, and so on, in such Rotation as aforesaid, until every of the Parishes, Townships, and Places for the Time being united, shall have made or might have made an Appointment of One Director; and that then and in such Case, and from Time to Time, such Appointment shall again devolve upon the First Five Parishes, Townships, and Places in the said List, and be continued in such Order and Rotation for ever; and that no Parish, Township, or Place, at any Time hereafter becoming united to the Parishes and Townships aforesaid, shall have any Right of Appointment of a Director, until, in the Course of such Rotation aforesaid, it shall come to the Turn of such Parish, Township, or Place, to appoint a Director, notwithstanding all the other Parishes, Townships, and Places, or any of them, may have made one or more Appointment or Appointments of a Director or Directors: Provided nevertheless, that if it shall happen that there shall not be any Person resident in any such Parish, Township, or Place duly qualified to serve the Office of such Director as herein-after mentioned, then and in every such Case every such Parish, Township, or Place, in which there shall be no such qualified Person resident, shall be excused from making such Appointment of a Director, and from all Fines and Penalties for Neglect thereof; and the Appointment of Directors shall take place in such and the same Manner, and by such Parishes, Townships, and Places in Rotation, as if such Parish, Township, or Place, not

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having a resident Person qualified for the Office of Director, were not included in the List of such united Parishes, Townships, and Places.

Directing what shall be done in case the Number of Parishes, &c. shall be reduced.

VII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That in case the Number of Parishes, Townships, and Places for the Time being united shall at any Time or Times be reduced to or below the Number of Ten such Parishes, Townships, and Places, then and in every such Case, and so long as the same shall continue so reduced, a Director for every such Parish, Township, and Place shall be nominated and appointed in Manner aforesaid, so far as Circumstances will admit; and the Directors so appointed, though not amounting to the Number of Ten, shall have such and the same Powers and Authorities as if the whole Number of Ten Directors had been appointed in Manner aforesaid.

Qualification of Voters and of acting Guardians and Directors.

VIII. And be it enacted, That no Person shall be capable of acting or voting at any Meeting or Meetings of the Parishioners or Inhabitants of the said respective Parishes, Townships, or Places, to be holden for the Purposes of this Act, or of being elected to the Office of Guardian, unless he or she, being rated and assessed to the Relief of the Poor of, and being an Inhabitant within the Parish, Township, or Place for which they shall respectively act or vote, shall be seised in his or her own Right, or in the Right of his or their Wife or Wives, of Freehold or Copyhold Messuages, Lands, Tenements, Tithes, or Hereditaments, situate or arising within the same Parish, Township, or Place, either in Fee or for Life, of the yearly Value of Twenty Pounds or upwards, over and above all Outgoings, or for a Term of Ten Years absolute or upwards, or for a Term of Years determinable on one or more Life or Lives, of the yearly Value of Thirty Pounds or upwards, over and above all Outgoings, situate within the same Parish, Township, or Place; or be rated or assessed for and towards the Relief of the Poor of the said respective Parishes, Townships, or Places, for or in respect of any Lands, Tenements, Tithes, or Hereditaments situate or arising and increasing within any of such Parishes, Townships, or Places respectively, of the yearly Value of Forty Pounds or upwards, or be possessed of a Personal Estate of the Value or to the Amount of Five hundred Pounds or upwards; and that no Person shall be capable of being elected to the Office of or acting as a Director, unless he shall possess, in Manner aforesaid, Double the Amount of the Qualification required for such Guardian as aforesaid.

Women may vote by Proxy.

IX. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That all Women, who shall be qualified to vote in the Appointment of Guardians or Directors for the Purposes of this Act, shall be and are hereby authorized to vote by Proxy at any of the Meetings where Guardians or Directors are directed and empowered to be appointed, such Proxies to be appointed under their respective Hands from among the Persons qualified to vote as aforesaid; and the Persons appointing such Proxies may from Time to Time revoke such Appointment, and make others, but no more than One such Proxy shall be granted to or received by any one Voter; and that all Guardians and Directors, and the Visitor and Deputy Visitor for the Time being, who may be Justices of the Peace, may act as Justices in the Execution of this Act, notwithstanding their being Guardians or Directors, Visitor or Deputy Visitor, except only in Cases where they shall be personally interested; and every Justice of the Peace acting in the Execution

Guardians, Directors, Visitor, and Deputy Visitor, being Justices, may act as such.

of this Act shall have Power to inquire into the Earnings of any Person who shall seek Relief for himself, herself, or Family, under this present Act, or any other Act for the Relief of the Poor, and the Earnings of any Part of his or her Family, and to summon and examine upon Oath the Master or Masters, Employer or Employers of such Person or Persons, and all such other Witnesses as he shall think proper, touching or concerning the same.

X. And be it further enacted, That the Persons so respectively appointed to be Guardians or Directors as aforesaid, shall, previously to their acting in the Execution of the said respective Offices, take and subscribe the Oath or Affirmation No. 2. in the Schedule hereunto annexed (which Oath or Affirmation any one of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace, acting for the County or District within which such Person shall reside, is hereby authorized, empowered, and required to administer), the same Oath or Affirmation so subscribed to be contained at the Foot of such Appointment, and, together with the said Appointment, to be delivered to the Secretary at the House of Industry, to be by him registered in a Book kept for that Purpose, and deposited for safe Custody.

Guardians
and Directors
to qualify.

XI. And be it further enacted, That if any Person not being qualified to vote in the Appointment of, or to act as Guardian or Director as aforesaid, shall act in the Execution of this Act, every such Person so voting as aforesaid, or acting as a Guardian, shall for every such Offence forfeit and pay the Sum of Fifty Pounds; and every such Person so acting as a Director shall for every such Offence forfeit and pay the Sum of One hundred Pounds, together with Costs of Suit; in every such Case, to be recovered in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster*, and applied for the general Benefit of the said Institution.

Penalty on
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not qualified.

XII. And be it further enacted, That if any Person appointed a Guardian or Director by virtue of this Act, and being duly qualified as aforesaid, shall, for the Space of Three Days next after Notice of such his Appointment shall have been given to him, or left at his last or usual Place of Abode, signed by the Chairman of the Meeting at which he was so appointed, or by any Three or more of the qualified Parishioners or Inhabitants who attended such Meeting, wilfully or designedly neglect to qualify pursuant to such Notice, and take upon himself such Office, or in case of accepting the same, shall wilfully refuse or neglect to act therein from Time to Time for and during the Term for which he shall be appointed to serve as before mentioned, and as the Duty of his Office shall require, every such Person refusing or neglecting to accept the Office of Guardian shall forfeit and pay a Sum equal in Amount to Five Pounds *per Centum*, and every such Person refusing or neglecting to accept the Office of Director, shall forfeit and pay a Sum equal in Amount to Ten Pounds *per Centum*, on the average Amount of the Poor Rates of the Parish, Township, or Place for which he shall be so appointed, as standing in the Books of the Institution; not exceeding in the former Case the Sum of Twenty-five Pounds, and not exceeding in the latter Case the Sum of Fifty Pounds, to be recovered by an Action at Law in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster*; the Whole of the Sums payable by Persons refusing or neglecting the Office of Director to go to the Funds of the said Institution, for the general Benefit thereof; and One-half of the Sums payable

Penalty on
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payable by Persons refusing or neglecting the Office of Guardian, to go to the Person who shall be appointed and serve in his Place or Stead, and the other Half to the Funds of the Institution, for the general Benefit thereof; and every such Person accepting the said Office of Guardian or Director, but wilfully refusing or neglecting to act therein as aforesaid, shall for every such Offence forfeit and pay a like Sum, to go to the Funds of the Institution, for the general Benefit thereof.

Subsequent
Appointment
of Guardians.

XIII. And be it further enacted, That the several Guardians so to be nominated and appointed as aforesaid shall continue in Office until the Twenty-fifth Day of *March* in the Year One thousand eight hundred and seventeen; and that the Churchwardens or Overseers of the Poor shall and they are hereby required to call and hold a Public Meeting of the Owners and Occupiers of Lands, Tenements, Tithes, or Hereditaments within their respective Parishes, Townships, or Places, qualified as aforesaid, at least Twenty-one Days next before the First *Monday* in the Month of *April* annually, for the Purpose of nominating and appointing other Guardians for such respective Parishes, Townships, and Places; and the said respective Churchwardens or Overseers shall and they are hereby required to give Notice of such Meetings, by publishing the same in the Church of the respective Parishes in respect of such Parishes; and in respect of such Townships and other Places as have no Chapels, in the Church of the Parish within which such Townships or Places shall be respectively situated; and where there shall be a Chapel in any such Township or Place, then in such Chapel, on some *Sunday* at least Three Days preceding such Meeting; and by Notice affixed on the principal Doors of the Churches or Chapels of their respective Parishes, Townships, or Places, or in some public and conspicuous Place where Notices for Parochial or Public Meetings of a like Nature are usually affixed, Three Days at least preceding the Day of Meeting; and every such Meeting shall be holden in the Vestry Room of the Parish Church or Chapel of such respective Parishes, Townships, and Places, or if there shall be no Church or Chapel, then in such Places where Parochial or Public Meetings of a like Nature are usually held, between the Hours of Eleven of the Clock in the Forenoon and Four of the Clock in the Afternoon; and such Owners or Occupiers, qualified as herein directed, at such respective Meetings shall proceed in the Nomination and Appointment of proper and fit Persons to be Guardians for their respective Parishes, Townships, and Places, for the Term of One Year from the Twenty-fifth Day of *March*; and the said Churchwardens or Overseers assembled at such Meeting shall make out, and within Three Days next afterwards deliver to the Secretary, or leave at the House of Industry, a correct List of all Persons within their respective Parishes, Townships, or Places, qualified and liable to serve the Office of Guardian, and of all Persons qualified and liable to serve the Office of Director, for the Use of the Directors acting for the Time being.

List of Persons qualified to serve as Guardians and Directors to be annually returned to the Directors.

Appointment of Guardians in other Cases.

XIV. And be it further enacted, That for the Purpose of making such Nomination and Appointment of Guardians, at least Twenty-one Days before the First *Monday* in *April* in each and every Year, the Owners and Occupiers of Lands, Tenements, Tithes, or Hereditaments, qualified as herein directed, shall at their respective Meetings so to be holden in pursuance of this Act, by a Majority of Votes of such of them as shall be then assembled, appoint some one of the Owners or Occupiers in each of such

such respective Parishes, Townships, and Places, to be Chairman of the Meeting in such Parish, Township, or Place; and the respective Persons so elected Chairmen shall at each respective Meeting cause the Owners or Occupiers so assembled, and qualified as herein mentioned, to proceed to the Execution of this Act, and by a Majority of Votes to nominate and appoint, in the said Form contained in the Schedule hereunto annexed, (marked No. 1.), one able and discreet Person qualified to be Guardian of the Poor of their Parish, Township, or Place: Provided always, that in case of an Equality of Votes on any Question at any such Meeting, the Chairman shall have the decisive or casting Vote, although such Chairman shall have given one Vote before: Provided also, that in case no such Nomination and Appointment of a Person to be Guardian shall be made at such Meeting, then and in such Case such Meeting shall be and be deemed to be adjourned to the next Day, and shall be holden at the same Place, and between the same Hours, and so *toties quoties*, not exceeding Three Days, until such Nomination and Appointment of Guardians shall be made; but no such Meeting shall be holden on a *Sunday, Good Friday*, or on any other Day on which Divine Service is or shall be ordered by Authority to be celebrated, but then and in such Case such Meeting shall be and be deemed to be adjourned to the following Day.

XV. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That when any Guardian or Guardians, Director or Directors, shall, before the Expiration of the Time for which he or they respectively shall by virtue of this Act have been appointed Guardian or Guardians, Director or Directors, die, refuse or neglect to act, or become incapable of acting as such Guardian or Guardians, Director or Directors, or shall remove out of the Parish, Township, or Place for which he was so appointed, and reside elsewhere, then and in every such Case it shall be lawful for the Owners and Occupiers of Lands, Tenements, Tithes, and Hereditaments, qualified in Manner herein directed, within the Parish, Township, or Place for which such Person so dying, refusing or neglecting to act, or becoming incapable of acting, or removing, shall have been appointed Guardian or Director, and they are hereby required, at some Meeting to be holden for that Purpose, with all convenient Speed after the Necessity shall arise, and to be called by the Churchwardens or Overseers of the Poor in such Parish, Township, or Place, by like Notice to be published and affixed in like Manner as is herein-before directed with respect to the Appointment of Guardians, after the Twenty-fifth Day of *March* One thousand eight hundred and seventeen, to proceed to nominate and appoint other Guardians or Directors for such Parishes, Townships, and Places respectively, in such and the like Manner as if such Guardian or Guardians, Director or Directors, had duly gone out of Office at the Expiration of the Time limited for his or their Office or Offices; and every Guardian and Director so nominated and appointed shall have and enjoy the same Powers and Authorities, and be entitled to a proportionate Share of the same Allowances, and shall be subject and liable to the same Rules, Regulations, and Restrictions, as the Guardian or Director in whose Room or Stead he shall be so nominated and appointed had or enjoyed, or was subject and liable to, and shall continue and remain in such Office for such Time as the Guardian or Director in whose Room or Stead he shall be so nominated and appointed would have continued and remained therein.

Appoint-
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of Death or
Removal.

Appointment
of Guardians
and Directors
by Directors
in certain
Cases.

XVI. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That if in any Case in which the Owners and Occupiers of Lands, Tenements, Tithes, and Hereditaments, qualified as herein directed, are required to nominate and appoint a Guardian or Director for their respective Parishes, Townships, or Places as aforesaid, shall refuse or neglect to make and return such Appointment, according to the Directions of this Act, within the Time specified in each Case as aforesaid; or if any Person so appointed shall refuse to accept the Office and qualify within Six Days next after such Appointment, it shall be lawful for the Directors appointed as aforesaid, at their Annual Meeting to be held on the First *Monday* in *April*, or at any Adjourned or Special Meeting, from Time to Time, until a fit Person shall be appointed who will accept the Office and act, out of the List herein-before directed to be returned to them, to nominate and appoint a fit and discreet Person to serve the said Office of Guardian or Director, as the Case may happen, for such Parish, Township, or Place; and the Person so appointed shall accept the same and qualify in Manner aforesaid within Three Days, or be subject to the like Fine and Penalty as other Persons appointed, but refusing to act as Guardians and Directors, are by this Act made subject and liable to: Provided nevertheless, that the Whole of the Fines in the Cases last mentioned shall go to the Funds of the said Institution, for the general Benefit thereof.

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XVII. Provided always, and be it enacted, That no Person appointed a Guardian by virtue of this Act, who shall have served such Office for and during such Time as he shall have been appointed to serve such Office, or shall have duly paid the Fine and Penalty incurred by reason of his having refused or neglected to attend to take upon himself or to execute such Office, shall be again subject or liable to serve the said Office of Guardian, without his own free Will and Consent, until it shall come to his Turn by Rotation, and every other Person in the same Parish, Township, or Place liable to serve shall have first served the said Office or paid the Fine; but nothing in this Act contained shall extend or be construed to extend to prevent any Person or Persons who shall have been appointed and have acted as Guardian or Guardians during the Time aforesaid, from being immediately, or at any Time afterwards, again appointed to that Office, if he or they shall be willing and consent again to take upon himself or themselves the same.

Allowance to
Guardians for
their Trouble.

XVIII. And be it further enacted, That every Person faithfully and diligently, and to the Satisfaction of the Visitor or Deputy Visitor and Directors executing the Office of Guardian, shall have and be entitled to, as and for a Remuneration for his Care and Trouble therein, such a Sum of Money as will be equal to Two Pounds Ten Shillings *per Centum* upon the Amount of the Poor Rates of the Parish, Township, or Place for which he shall so serve, as entered in the Books of the Institution, if he shall have served a whole Year, and if only Part of a Year, then to a fair and just Proportion thereof, according to the Time he shall have so served, besides his reasonable Expences, to be ascertained and certified by the Directors, if disputed by the Parish, Township, or Place; and such Allowance and Expences shall be allowed him in his Accounts accordingly; and that every Person appointed to and executing the Office of such Director as aforesaid shall be paid and allowed his reasonable Costs and Expences,

not exceeding the Sum of One Pound for each Day on which he shall attend the Business of the said Institution.

XIX. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That if any such Parish, Township, or Place as aforesaid, shall neglect or refuse to appoint any such Guardian or Director as ought to be appointed by any such Parish, Township, or Place as aforesaid, on or before the Times herein-after mentioned; that is to say, as to such first Appointment on or before the *First Monday in August* One thousand eight hundred and sixteen, and as to every subsequent Appointment Twenty-one Days at least before the *First Monday in April* in every successive Year, and to return the same within Three Days after the same respectively shall have been made, by delivering or leaving at the said House of Industry a Duplicate thereof to or for the Secretary for the Time being; then and in every such Case every such Parish, Township, or Place so neglecting or refusing shall for every such Offence forfeit and pay a Sum equal in Amount to Five Pounds *per Centum* on the average Amount of the Poor Rates of the Parish, Township, or Place so neglecting or refusing, as standing in the Books of the Institution, to be levied upon the Goods and Chattels of the Churchwardens or Overseers of every such Parish, Township, or Place, and to be paid out of the Pours Rates of every such Parish, Township, or Place; such last-mentioned Sums to go to the Funds of the said Institution, for the general Benefit thereof.

Penalty on Parishes, &c. neglecting to appoint Guardians or Directors.

XX. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That no Person shall be capable of holding the Offices of Guardian and Director at one and the same Time.

No Person to be Guardian and Director at the same Time.

XXI. And be it further enacted, That the Persons so to be appointed Guardians of the Poor as aforesaid, or any Ten or more of them, shall and may and they are hereby required to hold their First Meeting in the House of Industry aforesaid, on the *First Monday in October* One thousand eight hundred and sixteen, between the Hours of Ten and Twelve of the Clock in the Forenoon, and proceed to put this Act in Execution according to the Directions herein-after contained; and that a Meeting of the said Guardians to be appointed as aforesaid shall be holden in pursuance of this Act, on the *First Monday* in every Month in each Year, between the Hours aforesaid; and that the Persons to be appointed Directors as aforesaid, or any Five or more of them, shall and may hold their First Meeting in the House of Industry aforesaid, on the *First Monday in October* One thousand eight hundred and sixteen, between the Hours aforesaid, and proceed to put this Act in Execution according to the Directions herein-after contained; and that Four General Quarterly Meetings of the said Directors to be appointed as aforesaid shall be holden in pursuance of this Act on the Days following; that is to say, the *First Monday in January*, the *First Monday in April*, the *First Monday in July*, and the *First Monday in October*, in every Year, between the Hours aforesaid.

First Meeting of the Guardians.

XXII. And be it further enacted, That the said Guardians, and also the said Directors, at their First respective Meetings, shall respectively, by the Majority of Voices of such of them as shall be then respectively assembled, appoint some one Guardian and some one Director present at such Meetings respectively to be President or Chairman of such Meetings respectively;

Power to the Guardians and Directors to appoint Presidents, &c.

respectively; and the Persons so respectively elected Presidents or Chairmen of such Meetings respectively shall cause the Guardians and Directors respectively assembled at such respective Meetings to proceed to the Execution of this Act; and that the Meeting of the said Directors on the First *Monday* in *April* shall be called The Annual Board, and that the other Quarterly Meetings of the said Directors shall be called Quarterly Boards.

Special Meetings of Directors.

XXIII. And be it further enacted, That any Three of the Directors for the Time being, or any Five of the Guardians for the Time being, shall and may and they are hereby respectively empowered at any Time or Times to summon any Special Meeting of the said Directors, by giving Four entire Days Notice to, or leaving the same at the Houses or Places of Abode of the said Directors, under the Hands of the Directors or Guardians respectively requiring such Special Meeting, specifying the Time for holding the same, and the Nature of the Business then intended to be transacted; in pursuance of which Notice the said Directors shall assemble and hold such Meetings, and consider and make such Order and Determination thereupon as to them shall seem meet.

Directors and Guardians to appoint Chairmen of subsequent Meetings.

XXIV. And be it further enacted, That the Directors present at every Quarterly or Special Meeting of Directors shall, before they proceed to any other Business, elect one of the said Directors to be a Chairman or President of such Meeting; and that the Guardians present at every Monthly Meeting of Guardians shall, before they proceed to any other Business, elect one of the said Guardians to be a Chairman or President of such Meeting; and that in case of an Equality of Votes of such Directors or Guardians respectively, then the Chairman or President shall have another, and the casting and decisive Vote.

Penalty on Guardians or Directors not attending.

XXV. And be it further enacted, That if any such Guardian or Director so to be appointed as aforesaid shall not attend each Meeting hereby directed to be holden of such Guardians and Directors respectively as aforesaid (unless prevented by Sickness or other unavoidable Cause or Accident from attending), then and in such Case every Guardian and Director so making Default shall for every such Neglect forfeit and pay any Sum, to be from Time to Time fixed by the Bye-Laws, not exceeding Five Pounds, to be applied for the Benefit of the said Institution, and to be recovered as herein-after mentioned.

Powers of this Act may be executed by a Majority of Guardians or Directors present at Meetings, &c.

XXVI. And be it further enacted, That all the Powers and Authorities by this Act granted to and vested in the Guardians and Directors respectively shall and may be exercised and executed by the major Part of the Guardians or Directors respectively present at their respective Meetings; and all Acts, Orders, and Proceedings of such major Part shall have the same Force and Effect as if done or made by all the Directors or Guardians respectively; and that all Votes shall be given openly and distinctly to the Chairman or President of the Meeting.

Powers of the Guardians, &c.

XXVII. And be it further enacted, That every Guardian to be appointed as aforesaid shall have and is hereby invested with all the Powers and Authorities given to Overseers of the Poor by any other Act or Acts of Parliament

Parliament now in force, and shall to all Intents and Purposes, except with regard to the making and collecting of Rates, be an Overseer of the Poor for the Parish, Township, or Place for which he shall be so appointed Guardian, and shall be liable for Neglect of Duty in all respects as Overseers of the Poor are made liable to by this or any other Act or Acts of Parliament; and all Notices or Applications directed by this or any other Act of Parliament to be given or made to the Overseers of the Poor, with respect to the Care and Management or Removal of the Poor, shall be given or made to the respective Guardians of the Poor who shall be appointed under the Authority of this Act; but in case any Orders of Removal or Notices shall happen by Mistake to be given or sent to the Churchwardens or Overseers, the same shall be as valid and effectual as if given to such Guardians respectively; and such Churchwardens or Overseers shall and are hereby required forthwith to deliver the same to the Guardian of their respective Parishes, Townships, or Places, or shall forfeit and pay the Sum of Five Pounds for such Neglect; and in all Cases where such Guardian of the Poor shall be appointed as aforesaid, neither the Churchwardens nor Overseers of the Poor shall interfere or intermeddle in the Care and Management of the Poor, but shall continue to have and be invested with the same Powers of making and collecting Pools Rates as they have at present, and shall be subject to the like Penalties for Neglect or Misbehaviour in making and collecting such Rates as they are subject to at the Time of passing this Act.

XXVIII. And be it further enacted, That the Directors so to be appointed as aforesaid shall, at all such Meetings to be holden by them as aforesaid, examine, adjust, and settle the Accounts of all Receipts and Payments which shall have taken place in the said House of Industry, or in anywise relating to the said Establishment, during the Three Calendar Months next preceding such Meeting, and inquire into and give Directions respecting the Management and Economy of the said Institution; and generally transact or give Directions respecting all such Matters and Things as from Time to Time shall, by any Bye Law or Laws to be made under or by virtue of this Act, be found expedient or proper to be transacted relative to the Affairs of the said Institution.

Directors to examine Accounts, &c

XXIX. And be it further enacted, That the Guardians to be appointed as aforesaid shall meet as soon as conveniently may be, and shall nominate and recommend, in the Form contained in the Schedule to this Act annexed, (marked No. 2. a.) Three proper Persons fit to be put in Nomination for the Office of Visitor of the said House of Industry; and One or more of such Guardians shall, as soon as conveniently may be after such Meeting, apply to any Two of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the County or Limit where such House of Industry shall be situate, and produce to them the said Nomination; and the said Two Justices shall then, or within Three Days afterwards, appoint One of such Persons so recommended to be a Visitor, in the Form contained in the said Schedule to this Act annexed (marked No. 3.) or to that or the like Effect; and the said Visitor so appointed shall superintend the putting this Act into Execution for the said Parishes, Townships, and Places.

Power to nominate and recommend a Visitor.

XXX. Provided always, and be it enacted, That if at any Time or Times the Person appointed by the said Justices to execute the Office of

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Visitor as in this Act mentioned, shall refuse to accept such Office, then and in every such Case the said Two Justices shall appoint one other of the Persons so nominated and recommended; and if such Person shall refuse to accept the said Office, then and in every such Case the said Two Justices shall appoint the Third Person so nominated and recommended as aforesaid; and if such Person shall also refuse to accept the said Office, then and in every such Case the said several Guardians shall and they are hereby required to serve that Office Monthly by Rotation, subject to the Controul of His said Majesty's Justices of the Peace; and every such Visitor as aforesaid (not being a Guardian) is hereby authorized to nominate some discreet and proper Person to be his Deputy or Assistant, if he shall so think fit, and such Nomination shall be in the Form contained in the Schedule to this Act annexed (marked No. 4.) and every such Deputy or Assistant shall in the Absence of such Visitor, and under his Direction, act as Inspector of the several Matters by this Act committed to the Care of the Visitor, and shall make his Report thereof from Time to Time to him for his better Information, and render him all the Assistance in his Power; and such Visitor so to be appointed shall generally superintend the said House, and settle and adjust all Disputes and Differences between the Guardians and Directors, or between or amongst any of the Officers of the said House, if any Question or Dispute shall arise between or amongst them, and also shall settle and adjust all Doubts and Questions which may arise concerning the Persons who ought to be sent to such House, according to the Intention of this Act; and the said Visitor shall by every prudent Means in his Power attend to the general Conduct and Management of the said House, and enforce and promote the Rules, Orders, Regulations, Directions, and Provisions established, enacted and formed by and under this Act, for the better Accommodation and Relief of the Poor, and the Government and Management of the said Institution; and the said Guardians, Treasurer, and other Officers to be appointed as herein mentioned, and every of them, are hereby required to observe and obey the Directions which they shall from Time to Time receive from the said Visitor so to be appointed, touching the several Matters aforesaid; and where any Act shall be required to be done by a Justice of the Peace, such Visitor, if not a Justice, or his Deputy, shall apply to some neighbouring Magistrate to do the same; and every Person to be nominated or appointed Visitor or Deputy Visitor as aforesaid, as an Inducement to his Undertaking and executing that Office, shall be freed and discharged from serving the Office of Constable and all Parochial Offices so long as he shall continue in that Office; and a Certificate under the Hand of a Justice of the Peace acting for the Limits wherein he executes such Office, in the Form contained in the Schedule to this Act annexed (marked No. 5.) shall be admitted as Evidence of his serving that Office.

XXXI. And be it further enacted, That when and so often as any Vacancy shall happen in the said Office of Visitor, by Death, Resignation, or otherwise, then and in such case Meetings shall be held and Recommendations offered to the Justices in Manner aforesaid; and such Justices shall proceed as soon as conveniently may be, in Manner before directed, to appoint a fit and proper Person to the said Office of Visitor: Provided always, that the said Office of Visitor, to which any Person shall be first appointed under the Authority of this Act, shall determine on the Twenty-fifth Day of *March* next after such Appointment; and that at the Monthly Meeting

Meeting of Guardians next preceding the First *Monday* in *April* in every succeeding Year, the said Guardians may either agree with the said Visitor to continue in Office for One Year from the said Twenty-fifth Day of *March*, or shall proceed to recommend other Persons in the Manner hereinbefore directed, to serve the said Office until the Twenty-fifth Day of *March* next after the First *Monday* in *April* annually.

XXXII. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the Guardians aforesaid, at their First or any subsequent Monthly Meeting, and so from Time to Time, to nominate and appoint a fit and proper Person (not being a Guardian) to be Treasurer, and another fit and proper Person (not being a Guardian) to be Secretary to the Corporation aforesaid at the said House of Industry, or some one fit and proper Person (not being a Guardian) to be both Treasurer and Secretary; such Appointment to be during Pleasure only, and to be approved of and signed by the Visitor for the Time being, and to be in the Form contained in the said Schedule (No. 5.) or to that or the like Effect; which said Treasurer and Secretary shall respectively give sufficient Security, to the Satisfaction of the Visitor for the Time being to the Corporation aforesaid, for his or their duly accounting for the Money which shall come to his or their respective Hands, and for the due Execution of their respective Offices; and shall respectively keep such Accounts, and transact and perform all such other Acts, Matters, and Things, as shall from Time to Time by the Bye Laws made under or by virtue of this Act be prescribed and required to be transacted and performed by such Treasurer and Secretary respectively; and all Accounts to be kept by the Secretary and Treasurer or any other Officer or Person employed in or about the said House of Industry by virtue of this Act, shall be fairly entered in a Book or Books to be kept for that Purpose, and signed by the said Treasurer and Secretary and other Officer or Person respectively, and the said Book or Books shall be carefully preserved at the House of Industry aforesaid; and such Secretary, Treasurer, and other Officer or Person as aforesaid, are hereby respectively required to permit the Churchwardens and Overseers for the Time being of any of the Parishes, Townships, or Places so united for the Time being as aforesaid, or any Person or Persons assessed to the Poor's Rates of any such Parish, Township, or Place, to inspect the same at all seasonable Times, paying Sixpence for every such Inspection; and shall upon Demand forthwith deliver Copies of the same, or any Part thereof, to such Churchwardens or Overseers, or other Person or Persons, he, she, or they paying at the Rate of Sixpence for every Three hundred Words, and so in proportion for any greater or less Number.

Power of appointing Secretary and Treasurer.

XXXIII. And be it further enacted, That all other Officers and Servants of the said Institution shall be appointed by the Guardians from Time to Time, and upon just and reasonable Cause may be removed, dismissed, or discharged by them at such Monthly Meetings as aforesaid; and on such Removal or Discharge, and also on the Death or Resignation of any such Treasurer, Secretary, or other Officer or Person, a new Appointment of some other fit and proper Person or Persons to the said Offices respectively may from Time to Time be made in manner aforesaid; and every such Treasurer, Secretary, and other Officer or Person shall be paid for his and their Trouble in executing their respective Offices such Salaries or

General Power to appoint and dismiss Officers, &c.

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Maintenance
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Poor.

XXXIV. And be it further enacted, That for the Comfort, Sustentation, and Employment of the poor Persons who shall be sent to the said House of Industry by virtue and under the Authority of this Act, the Treasurer and Secretary, with the Assistance and under the Direction and Authority of the Guardians, shall from Time to Time purchase and provide all fit and necessary Provisions for the Maintenance of and Clothing for such Poor; and shall also purchase or provide a Stock of Materials for the Purpose of Manufacture, and Implements of Trade for the Employment of the said Poor; and shall also provide proper Bedding, Household Goods and Furniture, and all other Articles and Things necessary for the Support, Maintenance, and Employment of the said Poor; and that the Expences thereof shall be paid as herein-after mentioned; (that is to say), each such Parish, Township, or Place shall pay for the Maintenance of their respective Poor at the Average Rate *per* Head of the Expence of the Maintenance of the Poor within the said House of Industry; and shall also pay for the Clothing of their respective Poor, and for all Materials delivered out to them to be manufactured or used in the Course of their Labour or Employment, and all Implements provided for their Use, at the Prime Cost or Hire thereof respectively; and shall be entitled to have and take the Articles so to be worked up or manufactured by such Poor, and dispose thereof on the Account and for the sole Benefit and Advantage of such Parish, Township, or Place; and that the Expences of Alterations and Repairs of Buildings, and the Salaries or Allowances to the Officers and Servants of the Institution, Rents and Taxes, and all other Outgoings and Expences whatsoever relating to the said Institution, shall be borne and paid by the respective Parishes, Townships, and Places for the Time being united as aforesaid, in proportion and according to the Average Amount of their respective Poor Rates, as entered in the Books of the said Institution; and that for the better enabling the Guardians at each Monthly Meeting to ascertain the Sums to be paid by each Parish, Township, or Place on the several Accounts aforesaid, accurate Accounts for that Purpose shall be kept in such Manner and Form as shall be ordered or directed by any Bye Law of the said Institution; and the Balance of the Account of each Parish, Township, or Place, when ascertained and settled, shall be paid into the Hands of the said Treasurer, at such Time or Times, and in such Manner as shall be fixed by the Bye Laws from Time to Time made under or by virtue of this Act, to be applied to the Purposes of the Institution according to the Direction of this Act; and in case the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of any Parish, Township, or Place shall make Default in Payment of any Part of the Sums herein-after required to be paid by them, to their respective Guardians, according to the true Intent and Meaning of this Act, to enable such Guardians to discharge the respective Sums so found due and apportioned to be paid in respect of any such Parish, Township, or Place at the Times appointed for Payment thereof, or in case any such Guardian having received any such Sum or Sums of Money or any Part thereof, and making Default in paying the same over to the Treasurer for the Time being, it shall and may be lawful for any Justice of the Peace for the County or Limit within which such Parish, Township, or Place shall be situate, and he is hereby required, upon Complaint

Complaint made to him upon Oath of such Default, to levy the respective Sums to be settled and apportioned as aforesaid, or such Part thereof respectively as shall remain unpaid by such Churchwardens and Overseers or Guardians respectively, by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of any of the Churchwardens or Overseers of the Poor, or of the Guardian of the Poor for any such Parish, Township, or Place making such Default respectively.

XXXV. And be it further enacted, That when in the Opinion and Judgment of the Guardians for the Time being, or the major Part of them assembled as aforesaid, with the Concurrence and Approbation of the Visitor for the Time being, it shall be deemed necessary to erect, build, repair, or fit up any Buildings for the Purposes of this Act, the Expences thereof, and of the Purchase of the Land necessary to be used for that Purpose, shall be paid by the Guardians of the Poor of the Parishes, Townships, and Places for the Time being united, in the Proportions and according to the average Amount of their respective Poor Rates, as entered in the Books of the Institution; and that it shall be lawful for the Guardian of the Poor of any such Parish, Township, or Place, when such Expences, or the Proportion thereof to be paid by such Parish, Township, or Place, shall amount to Fifty Pounds or upwards, with the Approbation of the Visitor for the Time being, under his Hand, to borrow the same at Interest, and secure such Money by a Charge upon the Poores Rates of such Parish, Township, or Place, in Sums not exceeding Twenty-five Pounds each, for the greater Ease in discharging the same, in the Form contained in the Schedule (No. 6.) or to that or the like Effect, which Charge shall continue on the said Rates until the Money so borrowed and all Interest for the same shall be fully paid and satisfied; and the said Guardians and their Successors shall, and they are hereby required duly to pay and keep down the Interest of the Money so to be borrowed for the Use of their respective Parishes, Townships, or Places, as the same shall become due, and that when the Principal shall be called for they may borrow it from some other Person; and the same shall be secured to the Person advancing the same by an Assignment of such Security indorsed thereon, in the Form contained in the said Schedule (No. 7.) or to that or the like Effect; and that the respective Poores Assessments shall continue at not less than the Amount thereof respectively, as entered in the Books of the said Institution, until the said Debt so contracted and the Interest thereof shall be fully discharged; and that the said Guardian, in order to expedite such Payments, shall, as soon as the Savings in the Poores Accounts shall amount to a Sum sufficient to pay off and discharge one of the Sums which shall have been borrowed, pay off and discharge such Sum, and in like Manner as to all succeeding Savings, until the whole Debt so contracted and secured shall be discharged.

Expences of erecting Buildings, &c. how to be paid.

XXXVI. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the Parishes, Townships, and Places for the Time being united for the Purposes aforesaid, from Time to Time to admit and unite with any other Parish or Parishes, Township or Townships, Place or Places, not being distant more than Twenty Miles from the House of Industry aforesaid, for the Purposes aforesaid; and that it shall be lawful for any such other Parish or Parishes, Township or Townships, Place or Places, so to unite with the Parishes, Townships, and Places for the Time being united, provided

Power to unite other Parishes, &c. not being distant more than Twenty Miles.

Two-third Parts in Number of such of the Owners or Occupiers of Lands, Tenements, Tythes, or Hereditaments within every such Parish, Township or Place wishing to unite and adopt the Provisions of this Act, qualified as herein-before mentioned, as shall attend at a Public Meeting, to be called and holden upon the like Notice and in the same Places respectively as Meetings for the Appointment of Guardians under this Act are directed to be holden, shall so resolve and determine, and shall signify the same to the Secretary of the said Institution, at the House of Industry aforesaid, at some Monthly Meeting of Guardians, under the Hand of the Chairman of the Meeting at which such Resolution shall be made, in the Form contained in the said Schedule (No. 8.), and shall at such Meeting nominate and appoint a fit and proper Person to be Guardian of the Poor of such Parish, Township, or Place, from the Time of such Union till the Twenty-fifth Day of *March* then next ensuing; which Person so appointed Guardian shall qualify in like Manner, and be subject to the like Pains, Penalties, and Forfeitures, and entitled to the like Advantages, in all Respects, as other Guardians for the Time being appointed under or by virtue of this Act shall be subject or liable and entitled to respectively, and shall take upon himself and execute the said Office accordingly.

Agreement
to be entered
into on Union
of Parishes,
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XXXVII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That upon every such Union as aforesaid, an Agreement shall be entered into between and signed by the Guardians of the Poor of the Parishes, Townships, and Places respectively united for the Time being as aforesaid, of the one Part, and the Guardian of the Poor of the Parish, Township, or Place so wishing to become united as aforesaid, appointed in Manner aforesaid, of the other Part, in the Form contained in the said Schedule (No. 9.); and that the said Agreement so entered into shall be entered and enrolled by the Clerk of the Peace of the County of *Derby* for the Time being amongst the Records of the said County, and need not be entered or enrolled with the Clerk of the Peace of any other County, City, Town, District, or Place; which said Clerk of the Peace of the County of *Derby* is hereby required to enter and inrol the same accordingly, and to certify such Inrolment under his Hand upon the said Agreement, and also upon a fair and examined Copy thereof, in the Form contained in the said Schedule (No. 10.), which said Agreement and Copy so certified, and also the said Inrolment and examined Copy thereof, signed by the Clerk of the Peace of the said County of *Derby* for the Time being, shall and may be received and read in Evidence in all Courts of Law and Places of Judicature whatsoever; and upon the Entry and Inrolment aforesaid being made, such Union shall be complete and binding from the Date of the said Agreement.

Parishes
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XXXVIII. And be it further enacted, That the Churchwardens or Overseers of every Parish, Township, or Place so becoming united after the passing of this Act, shall, out of the Pools Rates of such Parish, Township, or Place, pay to the Treasurer for the Time being of the said Institution, for the Benefit of the said Institution, such Sum of Money as, according to the Amount of the Pools Rates of such Parish, Township, or Place for Three Years preceding, to be ascertained by a Return to be made as herein-after mentioned, and of the Pools Rates of the said United Parishes, Townships, and Places for the Time being, as entered in the Books of the said Institution, shall amount to a due Proportion

Proportion of the Whole of the Costs of erecting and finishing the Buildings, and of the Value of the Land and other Property then belonging to the said Institution; and also such further Sum, by way of Premium, as shall from Time to Time be fixed by the Bye-Laws of the said Institution.

XXXIX. And be it further enacted, That the Churchwardens or Overseers of the Poor of any Parish, Township, or Place, and every of them, who shall have the Custody of the Pools Rates, Assessments, or Accounts for such Parish, Township, or Place, shall and are hereby respectively required to produce the same to the Person or Persons who shall be nominated by the Guardians of the Poor of the Parishes, Townships, or Places for the Time being united, on every Request made by such Person or Persons for that Purpose, after Four Days Notice thereof, in order to enable him or them to ascertain the annual Amount of the Pools Rates within such Parish, Township, or Place, on a Medium of Three Years, according to the Directions, true Intent and Meaning of this Act, or in Default thereof shall forfeit and pay the Sum of Five Pounds for every Refusal or Neglect.

Churchwardens, &c. to produce Assessments to the Guardians, if necessary, &c.

XL. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the Guardians aforesaid, or the Majority of them present at any Monthly Meeting to be holden as aforesaid, to dismiss any of the Parishes, Townships, or Places from the said Institution; and also that it shall be lawful for any such Parishes, Townships, or Places to withdraw from the same Institution, but subject to the Provisoes herein-after contained; and then and in every such Case, the Parish, Township, or Place so dismissed or withdrawing, shall cease to have any Share, Benefit, or Interest in the Institution, or the Buildings, Land, or other Property belonging thereto: Provided nevertheless, that no Parish, Township, or Place shall withdraw until the Expiration of Three Years after its Union, nor unless Twelve Calendar Months Notice previous to the End of the said Three Years, or previous to the End of any succeeding Three Years, shall be given of such its Intention to the Secretary of the said Institution; nor unless it shall be determined to withdraw by Three-fourth Parts of the Owners or Occupiers of Lands, Tenements, Tythes, or Hereditaments, assessed to the Poor Rates and qualified as aforesaid, who shall attend at a Public Meeting, summoned by due Notice as aforesaid, specifying the Occasion of such Meeting: Provided also, that no Parish, Township, or Place shall be dismissed until Six Months Notice shall have been given to the Guardian of the Poor of such Parish, Township, or Place, of the Intention to dismiss the same Parish, Township, or Place, signed by the Chairman of the Meeting of Guardians at which such Dismissal shall be determined upon: Provided also, that upon the Dismissal or withdrawing of any Parish, Township, or Place from the said Institution, the Parishes, Townships, or Places for the Time being remaining united shall contribute and pay in Proportion to the Amount of their respective Pools Rates, as entered in the Books of the said Institution, and by and out of their respective Pools Rates, to the Overseers or Churchwardens for the Time being of the Parish, Township, or Place so dismissed or withdrawing as aforesaid, for the Benefit of the Poor of such Parish, Township, or Place, and in Aid of the Pools Rates thereof, within the Space of Three Years from the Time of such Dismissal or withdrawing, and by Three equal

Power to dismiss Parishes.

equal annual Instalments, the several Sums of Money following; (that is to say), as to each Parish, Township, or Place withdrawing, such Sum of Money as shall amount to One Half Part, and as to each Parish, Township, or Place dismissed, such Sum of Money as shall amount to Three-fourth Parts of the Value of the permanent Property and Stock on hand, to be ascertained by a Valuation to be made upon Oath (which Oath any one of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the County of *Derby* is hereby authorized and required to administer) by One or more disinterested and competent Person or Persons, to be named by the Guardians of the Parishes, Townships, or Places remaining united, but not including any Proportion of the Premium which shall have been paid by such Parish, Township, or Place on Admission.

Notice to be given of the Admission of Parishes, &c.

XLI. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That no Parish, Township, or Place shall be admitted to the said Institution, until such Parish, Township, or Place shall have been proposed by Notice in Writing, at some Monthly Meeting of the said Guardians, and posted in the Guardians Room at the said House of Industry, signed by One or more of the Guardians, and until such Admittance shall be approved at a subsequent Monthly Meeting of such Guardians by the Majority of Guardians then present.

Power to make Bye-Laws, &c.

XLII. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Guardians, or the major Part of them present at any Monthly Meeting to be holden in pursuance of this Act, and they are hereby empowered from Time to Time to make such Bye-Laws, Rules, Orders, and Regulations, for the regulating their own Proceedings, and for the good Conduct, Government, and Behaviour of the several Officers and Servants employed by the said Guardians in the Execution of this Act, and for the better accommodating, maintaining, governing, employing, managing, and regulating the Poor for the Time being under their Care and Management, and for all or any other the Purposes of the said Institution; and likewise from Time to Time to vary, alter, amend, or repeal all or any of such Bye-Laws, Rules, Orders, and Regulations, and to fix and appoint such reasonable Fines and Penalties for the Breach or Nonperformance of any such Bye-Law, Rule, Order, or Regulation, or of any Part thereof, as to them shall seem proper and expedient, so that no such Fine or Penalty shall exceed the Sum of Twenty Pounds; and all such Bye-Laws, Rules, Orders, and Regulations, when made, and all Alterations, Variations, and Amendments thereof, shall be submitted to some Annual or Quarterly Meeting of the said Directors, for the Approbation of the major Part of the Directors who shall be present at such Annual or Quarterly Meeting; and if approved of at such Meeting of the Directors, the same shall be submitted to the Visitor for his Approbation; and if approved by such Visitor, the same shall afterwards be fairly written or printed, and shall be placed or affixed in some conspicuous Place in the said House of Industry; and all such Bye-Laws, Rules, Orders, and Regulations, when so made, approved of, printed, or written, and affixed, shall be good and binding upon all Persons concerned; provided that the same, or any Alteration to be made therein from Time to Time, be not inconsistent with or repugnant to the Laws of that Part of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain and Ireland* called *England*, or inconsistent with or repugnant to the Provisions and Directions in this Act contained; and such Bye-Laws,

Laws, Rules, Orders, and Regulations shall be subject to Appeal in manner herein-after mentioned.

XLIII. And be it further enacted, That no such Bye-Law, Rule, Order, or Regulation shall be made, varied, altered, amended, or repealed, except at some Monthly Meeting of the said Guardians, and unless the same be proposed, and Notice of the Purport thereof be posted in the Room of the said Guardians at the said House of Industry, signed by some one of the Guardians, at or before the Monthly Meeting of the said Guardians previous to the Meeting of the said Guardians at which the same shall be discussed.

Bye-Laws not to be altered but at Meetings.

XLIV. And be it further enacted, That all such Bye-Laws, Rules, Orders, and Regulations shall be entered in a Book or Books to be provided for that Purpose, and shall be signed by the Chairman of the Meeting of Guardians at which the same shall be made, and the Chairman of the Meeting of Directors at which the same shall be approved, and also by the Visitor; and all other Acts, Orders, and Proceedings of the said Guardians and Directors respectively, shall be entered in the same or any other Book or Books to be provided for that Purpose, and shall be signed by the Chairmen of the Meetings of Guardians and Directors respectively at which the same shall be done, made, or had; all and every of which Books may be produced and read in Evidence in all Courts and Places whatsoever; and all the said Guardians, and Directors and Visitor, at all reasonable Times shall have free Access to such Book or Books.

All Proceedings to be entered in Books, &c.

XLV. And be it further enacted, That the Churchwardens or Overseers of the Poor of every Parish, Township, or Place for the Time being united as aforesaid, shall, out of the Poor Rates to be collected for the same, pay from Time to Time to the Guardians of such Parish, Township, or Place, to be by him paid over to the Treasurer for the Purposes of the said Institution, their due Proportion and Quota of the several Expences attending the Poor and House of Industry aforesaid, and take his Receipts for such Money; or they shall permit the Treasurer from Time to Time to make Drafts upon them for such Money, and pay the same when they become due, the general Purposes for which such Money is to be applied being specified in such Receipt or Draft; or shall pay the same in such other Manner as shall be found more convenient or practicable, and as by the Bye-Laws shall be from Time to Time directed or appointed; all which Payments so to be respectively made shall be allowed to the said Churchwardens and Overseers in their Accounts with the Parish, Township, or Place wherein such Money shall be raised.

Churchwardens or Overseers of united Parishes to receive the Money each Parish ought to contribute, and to pay over the same to the Treasurer, &c.

XLVI. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall extend or be construed to extend to compel the said Guardians to receive into the said House of Industry any poor Person who, at the Time of his, her, or their Nomination, shall be insane, or lunatic, or idiotic, or shall be afflicted with any contagious Disorder; and if any poor Person or Persons shall, during the Time of his, her, or their Continuance in the said House of Industry, become insane, or lunatic, or idiotic, it shall be lawful for the said Guardians, or any Three or more of them, by an Order under their Hands, to require any one or more of the

Insane Persons, or Persons afflicted with contagious Disorders, not to be received into the said House.

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Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish, Township, or Place to which such poor Person or Persons shall belong, to remove such poor Person or Persons from the said House of Industry; and if such Churchwardens or Overseers shall refuse or neglect to comply with such Order within Ten Days next after they or any of them shall have been personally served therewith, they and every of them shall forfeit and pay the Sum of Ten Pounds for every Neglect or Refusal; such Penalty to be levied and recovered in the same Manner as other Penalties and Forfeitures are by this Act directed to be levied and recovered, and to be applied for the Benefit of the said Institution.

Persons becoming afflicted with contagious Disorders to be removed.

XLVII. Provided also, and be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the Visitor or Deputy Visitor, or any one or more of the Directors or Guardians respectively, and they are hereby empowered, in case any poor Person or Persons in the said House of Industry shall be afflicted with any contagious Disorder, upon the Certificate in Writing of some competent practising Physician or Surgeon that such Removal will not endanger the Life or Lives of such poor Person or Persons, and not otherwise, to remove such poor Person or Persons from the said House of Industry, and to provide proper Lodgings and Accommodations for such poor Person or Persons elsewhere during the Continuance of such Disorder, and to charge the Expences attending the same to, and to recover such Expences by Action at Law, in the Name of the Corporation aforesaid, from the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish, Township, or Place to which such poor Person or Persons shall respectively belong, or any of them; or the Visitor, Deputy Visitor, or any one or more of the Directors or Guardians respectively for the Time being may, by an Order under his or their respective Hands, require the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish, Township, or Place to which such poor Person or Persons shall respectively belong, or any of them, to make such Removal, and provide such Lodgings and Accommodations as aforesaid, at the Expence of such Parish, Township, or Place; and if such Churchwardens or Overseers, or any of them respectively, shall refuse or neglect to comply with such Order within Twenty-four Hours next after they or any of them shall have been personally served therewith, each and every of them so neglecting or refusing shall forfeit and pay the Sum of Ten Pounds for every Neglect or Refusal, to be levied and recovered in the same Manner as other Penalties are by this Act directed to be levied, and to be applied for the Benefit of the said Institution.

Guardians to set the Poor to work, &c.

XLVIII. And be it further enacted, That the said Guardians shall have and they are hereby vested with the Controul and Management of, as well as Power to provide for the Maintenance, Clothing, and Education of all the poor Persons who shall be nominated and sent to the said House of Industry; and the said Guardians at their Monthly Meetings, and the Master and Mistress of the said House, and any other Person and Persons authorized by the said Guardians under the Powers of this Act, shall be and they are hereby respectively empowered to set such poor Persons to work, or to cause them to be employed by any Person or Persons, in such Manner as Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor are empowered to do by any Law now in being relating to the Poor; or in such other Manner as the said Guardians at their said Meetings, or the said Master or Mistress, or other Person

Person or Persons to be appointed as aforesaid, shall think proper, subject to the Rules, Orders, and Regulations herein contained, and to be from Time to Time hereafter made by the Bye-Laws of the said Institution; and all such poor Persons shall, whilst they are or shall be maintained by the said Corporation as aforesaid, do, execute, and perform all such Work, Labour, Business, and Employment, as the said Guardians, or the said Master or Mistress, or other Person or Persons to be appointed as aforesaid, shall think fit and judge proper to be done by them respectively; and in case any such poor Persons shall refuse to work and labour, or shall not work or labour according to his or her Ability, then and so often as it shall so happen, every poor Person so offending shall be punished in the Manner herein-after directed.

XLIX. And be it further enacted, That no Spirituous or other Strong Liquors shall be conveyed or admitted into the said House of Industry, unless with the Permission of the Visitor, Deputy Visitor, Directors, or Guardians, or by the Special Order of the Physician, Surgeon, or Apothecary appointed to attend the said House of Industry; and every Person who shall be guilty of any such Offence shall for each Offence forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Forty Shillings, to be applied for the Benefit of the said Institution.

For preventing Liquors being conveyed into the said House.

L. And be it further enacted, That if any poor Person under the Management of the said Guardians shall be guilty of profane Cursing or Swearing, or of any lewd, immoral, indecent, or disorderly Behaviour, or shall commit Waste of the Provisions, Materials, or other Things provided by the said Guardians, or belonging to the said Corporation, or shall neglect or refuse to perform the Work or Service which he or she shall be required to do, or shall be remiss therein (such Work or Service being suited to his or her Strength or Ability), every such Offender shall and may be corrected either by Distinction of Dress or Diet, or by solitary Confinement, for any Time not exceeding Twelve Hours (such Correction to take place only by the Order of the said Guardians, or any Three or more of them, or by the Order of the Visitor or Deputy Visitor), or shall be taken before a Justice of the Peace for the said County of *Derby*, who is hereby empowered, on the Oath of One Witness (which Oath such Justice is hereby empowered to administer), to commit such Offender to the House of Correction at *Derby*, in the said County of *Derby*, to be kept to hard Labour for any Time not exceeding One Calendar Month.

Punishing Persons guilty of Swearing, &c.

LI. And to the End that all the Poor that now are or hereafter shall be in the said House of Industry may be encouraged to apply themselves to the Work and Labour in which they may be employed with Diligence and Attention; be it further enacted, That out of the Earnings arising from the Work which shall be done by such poor Persons, such Rewards may be distributed to the industrious and deserving in such Proportions and Manner as the Guardians shall from Time to Time think fit and proper.

Power to reward the industrious Poor.

LII. And be it further enacted, That if any Governor, Matron, or other Person employed by the said Guardians, shall wilfully misapply or embezzle any Money, or shall purloin, embezzle, or damage any of the Materials or Implements of Work, Utensils, Goods and Chattels belonging to the said Corporation, every such Offender shall not only be discharged from his or her Office, but also forfeit and pay the Sum of Ten Pounds, and

Punishing Persons employed in the House for embezzling Money, &c.

and also Treble the Value of such Money, Materials, Implements of Work, Utensils, Goods, or Chattels, which shall be misapplied, purloined, embezzled, or damaged, to be levied by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of such Offender in such Manner as the Penalties and Forfeitures by this Act imposed upon the Overseers of the Poor of any Parish are directed to be levied; and in case sufficient Distress shall not be found; it shall be lawful for any Two Justices of the Peace for the County of *Derby* to commit such Offender to the House of Correction, there to remain without Bail or Mainprize, for any Time not exceeding Twelve Calendar Months.

Power to compound for the Payment of Rates in certain Cases.

LIII. And be it further enacted, That where the yearly Rent or Value of any House, Tenement, or Hereditaments within any of the Parishes, Townships, or Places for the Time being united, shall not exceed Ten Pounds, or where any House, Tenement, or Hereditaments shall be let to any weekly or monthly Tenants, or in separate Apartments furnished or unfurnished, and the Rents whereof shall become payable and be collected at any shorter Period than Quarterly, then and in every such Case it shall be lawful for the Churchwardens or Overseers of the Poor of such Parishes, Townships, or Places respectively, to compound with the Landlord or Landlords, Owner or Owners, Lessee or Lessees, of all and every or any such House or Houses, Tenement or Tenements, Hereditament or Hereditaments, in such Parish, Township, or Place, for the Payment of the Rate or Rates, Assessment or Assessments to the Poor, to be charged on their respective Premises at such a reduced yearly Rental as the said Churchwardens or Overseers of the Poor shall think reasonable; so that no such House or Houses, Tenement or Tenements, Hereditament or Hereditaments, be rated at less than One-half, or more than Three-fourths of the Rack Rent at which the same respectively shall be then let, or of the annual Value of the said Premises respectively; and the Landlord or Landlords, Owner or Owners, Lessee or Lessees, of all such Houses, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, the yearly Rent or Value whereof shall not exceed the Sum of Ten Pounds, or as shall be let to any weekly or monthly Tenants, or in separate Apartments furnished or unfurnished, and the several Rents whereof shall become due and be collected at any shorter Period than Quarterly, is and are hereby required to enter into such Composition with the said Churchwardens or Overseers; and in case such Landlord or Landlords, Owner or Owners, Lessee or Lessees, shall refuse to enter into such Composition, he, she, or they shall from thenceforth be deemed and taken to be the Occupier or Occupiers of such Premises, and shall thereupon be rated to, and from Time to Time shall pay or cause to be paid the Rate or Rates, Assessment or Assessments to the Poor, charged upon their respective Premises; and upon Non-payment thereof, the said Churchwardens and Overseers, or any of them, or other Persons lawfully authorized so to do, are hereby authorized to levy the same by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of the Landlord or Landlords, Owner or Owners, Lessee or Lessees, of the respective Premises aforesaid, wherever they may be found, or of the Person or Persons inhabiting the same respectively: Provided always, that the Goods and Chattels of all and every such Person or Persons renting or occupying any such House, Tenement, or Hereditament, or any Part or Parts thereof, the Rate or Rates, Assessment or Assessments whereof the Landlord or Landlords, Owner or Owners, Lessee or Lessees, is and are hereby made liable and subject to as aforesaid, shall be liable at all Times to be distrained and sold for Payment of

of so much of the said Rates or Assessments, and of all Arrears thereof, as became due upon the same Premises during the Time of his, her, or their Occupancy only; but no such Occupier or Occupiers shall at any Time be required to pay or be subject or liable to pay any greater Sum for or towards the Discharge of the said Rates or Assessments, or any of them, and the Arrears thereof, than the Amount of the Rent actually due and payable by such Occupier or Occupiers, to the Landlord or Landlords, Owner or Owners, Lessee or Lessees, of the Premises so occupied by him, her, or them: Provided also, that each and every Occupier who shall pay any such Rate or Rates, Assessment or Assessments, or any Arrears thereof, or upon whom the same shall be levied, shall and may from Time to Time deduct the same from the Rent due and payable from him, her, or them to the respective Landlords or Owners or Lessees of the Premises (unless there shall be some Agreement to the contrary between the Landlord and Tenant); and the Receipt for such Payment shall be a sufficient Discharge to such Occupier or Occupiers, and to his, her, or their Landlord or Landlords, for so much Money as he, she, or they shall pay in the Manner directed by this Act.

LIV. And be it further enacted, That the said House of Industry and the Buildings, Land, and Ground so purchased, erected, and built as aforesaid, and all and every the Goods, Cattle, Chattels, Furniture, Provisions, Clothes, Linen, and Wearing Apparel, Tools, Utensils, and Materials, and other Property of what Nature soever, in, or about, or belonging to the said House of Industry, and to be from Time to Time had, bought, used, or provided for the Use of the said House of Industry, and for the Poor, and for carrying into Execution the several Purposes of this Act; and also all Debts due to the aforesaid Corporation for the Poores Work or otherwise, shall be and they are hereby, from the said Seventh Day of *October* One thousand eight hundred and sixteen, absolutely vested in the Visitor, Deputy Visitor, Directors, and Guardians of the Poor of the Parishes, Townships, and Places united for the Relief and Employment of the Poor, at the House of Industry at *Shardlow* in the County of *Derby*, for the Time being incorporated as aforesaid, for the Purposes of this Act; and they are hereby authorized and empowered to bring Actions in the Name of the said Corporation against any Person or Persons who shall disturb them in the Possession thereof or any Part thereof; and that if any Person shall, by open Violence or otherwise, obstruct the repairing or erecting any House or other Building, or the enclosing any such Lands or Grounds as aforesaid, or wilfully damage any such House or other Buildings, or the Fences of such Enclosures, or of any other the Lands or Grounds so to be purchased as aforesaid (except where the Right to the Property or Freehold shall or may come in question), any Person so offending, and being thereof convicted before One of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the County of *Derby*, upon the Oath of One or more credible Witness or Witnesses (which Oath such Justice is hereby authorized to administer), shall forfeit and pay a Fine or Penalty not exceeding Five Pounds, or the Damage done thereby may be recovered in an Action at Law.

Vesting the House of Industry, with its Appurtenances, in the Visitor, Directors, &c.

LV. And be it further enacted, That the Guardians of the Poor of the said Parishes, Townships, and Places for the Time being, united as aforesaid, shall and may and they are hereby authorized and empowered to cause all such Goods, Cattle, Chattels, Furniture, Clothes, Linen, Wearing
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ing Apparel, Tools, Utensils, Materials; and other Property capable of being marked, and from Time to Time belonging to the said Corporation, to be marked, stamped, or branded with the Words "*Shardlow House of Industry*," or such other Mark or Marks as they shall think proper for identifying the same; and if any Pawnbroker or other Person or Persons shall knowingly take in Pawn, buy, exchange, or receive any Goods, Cattle, Chattels, Furniture, Linen, Wearing Apparel, Tools, Utensils, Materials, or other Property belonging to the said Corporation, or provided for the Use of the Poor who are or shall be received into the said House of Industry, or to whom the same shall have been given by any of the Guardians for the Time being, or any of the Goods or Materials carried into such House of Industry to be wrought up, manufactured, or used by the Poor there, or any of the Goods or Furniture of such House of Industry, or shall receive or buy any of the Provisions allotted to or provided for the Poor of the said House of Industry, or shall be aiding or assisting therein; or if any Person or Persons shall cause such Mark or Stamp as aforesaid to be obliterated or defaced, every Person so offending shall forfeit for every such Offence any Sum not exceeding Five Pounds nor less than One Pound upon Conviction thereof, either by the Confession of such Person or Persons, or by the Oath of One or more credible Witness or Witnesses, before any One or more of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace of the County, City, Town, Riding, or Division wherein the Offence or Offences shall be committed; one Moiety of which said Penalty shall go to the Informer or Informers, and the other Moiety thereof shall go and be paid to the Secretary of the said Institution for the general Benefit thereof; and in case any Person or Persons who shall be convicted as aforesaid shall not pay such Penalty or Penalties upon Conviction, then and in such Case such Justice or Justices of the Peace may commit such Offender or Offenders to the Common Gaol or House of Correction, there to remain without Bail or Mainprize for any Space of Time not exceeding Two Calendar Months; and if any Person or Persons shall desert or run away from the said House of Industry, and carry away with him, her, or them any Clothes, Linen, or other Goods or Things as aforesaid, such Person or Persons being thereof lawfully convicted, either by the Confession of such Party or Parties, or by the Oath of One or more credible Witness or Witnesses, before any Justice or Justices of the Peace, shall by such Justice or Justices of the Peace be forthwith committed to the Common Gaol or House of Correction, there to remain without Bail or Mainprize for the Space of Three Calendar Months; and in all Cases such Mark, Stamp, or Brand on any such Articles or Things as aforesaid, being duly authenticated, shall be considered and taken to be sufficient Evidence, without further Proof of the Right of Property in such Corporation: Provided always, that such Mark or Stamp as aforesaid shall not at any Time be placed on any Articles of Wearing Apparel, so as to be publicly visible on the Exterior of the same.

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LVI. Provided always, and be it further enacted and declared, That the several Parishes, Townships, and Places incorporated for the Time being shall be interested in the said House of Industry, and the Buildings, Land, Ground, and the Goods, Cattle, Chattels, Furniture, Provisions, Clothes, Linen, and Wearing Apparel, Tools, Utensils, Materials, and other Property whatsoever belonging or which shall at any Time hereafter belong to the said Corporation, in such and the same Shares and

Proportions, in which they are or shall be assessed to their respective Poors Rates, as entered in the Books of the said Institution.

LVII. And be it further enacted, That all Infant Children of tender Years, and who from Accident or Misfortune shall become chargeable to the Parish, Township, or Place to which they belong, may either be sent to the House of Industry aforesaid, or be placed by the Guardian of the Poor of such Parish, Township, or Place, with the Approbation of the Visitor, with some reputable Person or Persons in or near the Parish, Township, or Place to which they belong, at such Weekly Allowance as shall be agreed upon between the Guardian and such Person or Persons, with the Approbation of the Visitor, until such Child or Children shall be of sufficient Age to be put into Service, or bound Apprentice to Husbandry, or some Trade or Occupation; and a List of the Names of every Child so placed out, and by whom and where kept, shall be kept by the Guardian of the Parish, Township, or Place to which such Children shall respectively belong, and a Copy thereof be delivered by him to the Secretary; and such Guardian shall see that they are properly treated, or cause them to be removed and placed under the Care of some other Person or Persons, if he finds just Cause so to do; and when every such Child shall attain that Age, he or she shall be so placed out at the Expence of the Parish, Township, or Place to which he or she shall belong, according to the Laws in being: Provided nevertheless, that if the Parents or Relations of any poor Child sent to the said House of Industry, or so placed out as aforesaid, or any other responsible Person, shall desire to receive and provide for any such poor Child or Children, and signify the same to the Guardians at their Monthly Meeting, the Guardians shall and are hereby required to dismiss or cause to be dismissed such Child or Children from the Poor House, or from the Care of such Person or Persons as aforesaid, and deliver him, her, or them to the Parent, Relation, or other Person so applying as aforesaid.

How poor Children are to be provided for.

LVIII. And be it further enacted, That all idle or disorderly Persons, who are able, but unwilling, to work or maintain themselves and their Families, may be prosecuted by the Guardian of the Poor of the respective Parishes, Townships, or Places wherein they reside, at the Expence of such Parish, Township, or Place, and punished in such Manner as idle and disorderly Persons are directed to be punished by the Statute made in the Seventeenth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King George the Second, intituled *An Act to amend and make more effectual the Laws relating to Rogues, Vagabonds, and other idle and disorderly Persons, and to Houses of Correction*; and if any Guardian shall neglect to make Complaint thereof against every such Person or Persons, to some neighbouring Justice of the Peace within Ten Days after it shall come to his Knowledge, he shall for every such Neglect forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Five Pounds, to be disposed of for the Benefit of the said Institution.

Idle Persons who neglect to provide for their Families may be prosecuted by the Guardians.

LIX. And be it further enacted, That where there shall be in any Parish, Township, or Place, any poor Person or Persons who shall be able and willing to work, but who cannot get Employment, it shall be lawful for the Guardian of the Poor of such Parish, Township, or Place, on Application made to him by or on behalf of such poor Person, to agree for the

How Guardians are to proceed relative to poor Persons who cannot get Employment.

the Labour of such poor Person or Persons at any Work or Employment suited to his or her Strength and Capacity in any Parish, Township, or Place near the Place of his or her Residence, and to maintain or cause such Person or Persons to be properly maintained, lodged, and provided for until such Employment shall be procured, and during the Time of such Work, and to receive the Money to be earned by such Work or Labour, and apply the same in such Maintenance as far as the same will go, and make up the Deficiency (if any); and if the same shall happen to exceed the Money expended in such Maintenance, to account for the Surplus, which shall afterwards within One Calendar Month be given to such poor Person or Persons who shall have earned such Money, if no further Expences shall be then incurred on his or her Account to exhaust the same; and in case such poor Person or Persons shall refuse to work or shall abscond or run away from such Work or Employment, Complaint shall be made thereof by the Guardian to some Justice or Justices of the Peace in or near the said Parish, Township, or Place, who shall enquire into the same upon Oath, and on Conviction punish such Offender or Offenders by committing him, her, or them to the House of Correction, there to be kept to hard Labour for any Time not exceeding Three Calendar Months.

Persons to be sent into the House.

LX. And to render the Provisions of this Act more practicable and beneficial, be it further enacted, That the Guardian of each of the united Parishes, Townships, and Places for the Time being as aforesaid, shall have and he is hereby invested with full Power to order and send into the said House of Industry all Persons belonging to the Parish, Township, or Place of the Poor whereof he is such Guardian, who are become indigent by old Age, Sickness, or Infirmities, or are unable to acquire a Maintenance by their Labour for themselves, and with respect to such as have Families, for themselves and their respective Families, or who shall in any Manner become chargeable to any of the Parishes, Townships, or Places for the Time being united as aforesaid.

Order of Admission.

LXI. And be it further enacted, That every Person to be sent to the House of Industry aforesaid under the Authority of this Act shall at the Time of his or her entering such House deliver or cause to be delivered to the Governor or Master thereof, or his Assistant (if any), an Order signed by the Guardian of the Poor of the Parish, Township, or Place from which such Person shall come, for the Admission of such Person or Persons, in the Form or to the Effect contained in the said Schedule (No. II.) which Order shall be carefully kept by the Governor, and entered by him in a Book to be provided for that Purpose.

Guardians to provide suitable Clothing for the Persons they send to the House.

LXII. And be it further enacted, That the Guardian of the Poor for every such Parish, Township, or Place as aforesaid, shall provide at the Expence of such Parish, Township, or Place, suitable and necessary Clothing for the Persons sent by him to such House of Industry as aforesaid; and in case of his Neglect so to do, the Guardians for the Time being, at their then next or some other subsequent Monthly Meeting, shall direct and procure such Clothing to be provided, and the Expence thereof shall be charged to the Parish, Township, or Place, the Guardian of the Poor whereof shall have so neglected to provide such Clothing.

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LXIII. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for any Justice of the Peace, on Complaint made upon Oath, by or on the Behalf of any poor Person belonging to any of the united Parishes, Townships, and Places for the Time being, that the Guardian of the Parish, Township, or Place to which such poor Person shall belong, upon Application made to him, hath refused such poor Person proper Relief, and after enquiring into the Condition and Circumstances of such poor Person upon Oath (which Oath such Justice is hereby authorized to administer), either to order him or her, by Writing under the Hand of such Justice, some weekly or other Relief, or direct such Guardian to send such poor Person to the House of Industry aforesaid, in case he or she shall appear a fit Object, to be kept and provided for there, according to the true Intent and Meaning of this Act, which Order shall be complied with, or sufficient Cause shewn to the contrary before such Justice by such Guardian, within Two Days after he shall receive the same; or if it shall appear to such Justice that the Person so complaining, or on whose Behalf such Complaint is made, is able and willing to work, but wants Employment, in that Case it shall be lawful for such Justice to order the Guardian to procure him or her Maintenance and Employment in the Manner herein-before directed; and if any Guardian shall, upon due Notice of any such Order, refuse or neglect to obey the same, he shall for every such Refusal or Neglect forfeit and pay the Sum of Five Pounds; or if it shall appear to such Justice that the Person making such Complaint, or on whose Behalf such Complaint is made, is an idle or disorderly Person, and hath not used proper Means to get Employment, it shall be lawful for the Justice, after examining such Person, and hearing the whole Circumstances of the Case, to commit such Person to the House of Correction for any Time not exceeding Three Calendar Months; or if it shall appear to such Justice, upon Inquiry as aforesaid, that the Husband or Father of such Person making Complaint, or on whose Behalf Complaint shall be so made for want of Relief, is an idle or disorderly Person, able to work, but by his Neglect of Work, or for want of seeking Employment, or by spending the Money he earns in Ale-houses or Places of bad Repute, does not maintain his Wife or Children, and suffers them to be reduced to Want, it shall be lawful for such Justice of the Peace in like Manner to commit the Husband of such poor Woman, or the Father of such poor Child or Children, to the House of Correction for any Time not exceeding Three Calendar Months.

Justices, on Complaint that any Guardian hath refused Relief to any poor Person, may direct such Guardian to send the Complainant to the House.

If the Justice shall find that the Complainant is an idle Person, he may commit him to the House of Correction.

LXIV. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That when any Complaint or Application shall be made to any Justice of the Peace for the Relief of any poor Person within any such Parish, Township, or Place as aforesaid, it shall not be lawful for such Justice to summon the Guardian to appear before him, unless previous Application shall have been made by the Person so complaining to the said Guardian; and if he refuses both Relief out of the said House of Industry and Admission into the said House of Industry, then to the Visitor, who shall order Relief, if he thinks it necessary, either within or out of the said House of Industry, as he shall judge right; but if sufficient Relief shall not be so given or ordered, the poor Person complaining, or on whose Behalf such Complaint shall be made, shall be redressed by such Justice in the Manner herein-before directed.

Guardian not to be summoned before the Justice until the Complainant shall have applied both to the Guardian and Visitor.

Not to alter
the Settlement
of any
Person, &c.

LXV. And be it further enacted, That nothing herein contained shall extend or be construed to extend to alter or affect the Settlement of any Person or Persons whomsoever, or to give any illegitimate Child who may be born in the said House of Industry a Settlement in the Parish, Township, or Place in which such House of Industry is situated (but every such Child shall be considered as settled in the Parish, Township, or Place to which the Mother belongs); any thing herein contained to the contrary thereof in anywise notwithstanding.

Penalty on
enticing or
removing
pregnant
Women, &c.
from one
Parish to
another, with-
out an Order
from Two
Justices.

LXVI. And whereas it frequently happens that poor Children, pregnant Women, or poor Persons afflicted with Sickness or some Bodily Infirmity, are enticed, taken, or conveyed by Parish Officers or other Persons from one Parish or Place to another, without any legal Order of Removal, in order to ease the one Parish or Place, and to burthen the other with such poor Persons; for Remedy whereof be it further enacted, That when any Guardian or other Person or Persons shall so entice, take, convey, or remove, or cause or procure to be so enticed, taken, conveyed, or removed, any such poor Person or Persons from any of the said Parishes, Townships, or Places so united for the Time being as aforesaid, or from any other Parish, Township, or Place, to any of the said Parishes, Townships, or Places so united for the Time being as aforesaid, without an Order of Removal from Two Justices of the Peace for that Purpose, every Person or Persons so offending shall for every such Offence forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Five Pounds.

Penalty on
Church-
wardens, &c.
neglecting
their Duty.

LXVII. And be it further enacted, That every Churchwarden or Overseer of any of the Parishes, Townships, or Places united as aforesaid, who shall neglect to perform or do any Act, Matter, or Thing which he is directed by this Act to do or perform, and for the Neglect whereof no Fine or Penalty is herein-before imposed, then and in every such Case and for every such Offence every such Churchwarden and Overseer so offending shall forfeit and pay to the Treasurer of the said Institution, for the Benefit thereof, the Sum of Five Pounds, to be recovered as herein-after mentioned: Provided nevertheless, that the Justice of the Peace before whom such Offender shall be convicted may, if he shall think proper, mitigate any such Fine upon reasonable Cause shewn by the Offender for such Neglect; and may, if he shall think proper, wholly remit any such Fine upon Proof of such Neglect having arisen from the Indisposition or unavoidable Absence of such Offender.

Penalties and
Forfeitures
how to be
recovered
and applied.

LXVIII. And be it further enacted, That all Penalties inflicted by this Act, where no other Remedy for the Recovery thereof is hereby provided, shall be recovered before some One or more Justice or Justices of the Peace of the Jurisdiction where the Offender dwells, who shall, upon Conviction on the Oath of One Witness, except in Cases where otherwise directed, which Oath such Justice or Justices are hereby authorized to administer, in default of Payment after due Summons and Demand made, cause the same to be levied by Distress and Sale of the Offender's Goods and Chattels, by virtue of a Warrant under his Hand and Seal, rendering to the said Offender the Overplus (if any) after the Charges of such Distress and Sale shall be deducted; and where the Amount of such Penalty is not fixed and certain, the same shall be in the Discretion of the
said

said Justice; and in case sufficient Distress shall not be found, then and in every such Case it shall be lawful for any such Justice of the Peace to commit such Offender to the Common Gaol of the County, City, Town, or Place where such Offender shall reside, there to remain without Bail or Mainprize for any Space not exceeding Six Calendar Months, unless such Penalty be sooner paid; and that every such Penalty and Forfeiture, if not hereby otherwise directed to be disposed of, shall be paid to the Treasurer of the House of Industry aforesaid, to be applied by him for the general Benefit of the said Institution.

LXIX. And be it further enacted, That if within the Limit wherein the said House of Industry is situate as aforesaid, there shall at any Time happen to be no acting Justice, or only One acting Justice of the Peace, or if the Justice or Justices of the Peace who usually act in the said Limit shall be absent, or by any means incapacitated to act, it shall be lawful for any Justice or Justices of any other Limit to act in all Cases required by this Act, or the said first recited Act.

Certain Regulations as to the Absence of Justices, &c.

LXX. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That if any Person shall think himself or herself aggrieved by any Thing done or to be done in pursuance of this Act, or by virtue of any Bye-Law, Rule, Order, or Regulation to be made under or by virtue thereof, and for which no particular Method of Relief hath been already appointed, such Person may appeal to the Justices of the Peace at any General Quarter Sessions of the Peace to be holden in and for the County or Place where the Cause of Appeal shall arise, within Four Calendar Months next after the Cause of Complaint shall have arisen, such Appellant first giving or causing to be given Twenty-one Days Notice at least in Writing of his or her Intention to bring such Appeal, and of the Matter thereof, to the Secretary or Treasurer to the said Corporation, and within Four Days after such Notice entering into a Recognizance before some Justice of the Peace for the said County or Place, with Two sufficient Sureties, conditioned to try such Appeal, and abide the Order and pay such Costs as shall be awarded by the Justices at such Quarter Sessions; and the said Justices at such Quarter Sessions, upon due Proof of such Notice being given as aforesaid, and of the entering into such Recognizance, shall hear and finally determine the Cause and Matter of every such Appeal in a summary Way, and award such Costs to the Party appealing or appealed against as they the said Justices shall think proper; and the Determination of such Quarter Sessions shall be final, binding, and conclusive to all Intents and Purposes.

Appeal.

LXXI. And be it further enacted, That no Inhabitant of any of the said Parishes, Townships, or Places, being rated and paying the Rates or Assessments for the Relief of the Poor of any such Parish, Township, or Place, shall be deemed to be incompetent to give Evidence upon any Trial, Hearing, Examination, or otherwise, in, about, touching, or concerning the Execution of this Act, for or by reason of his being such Inhabitant, or paying or contributing towards the other Purposes of this Act; any Law or Usage to the contrary notwithstanding.

Inhabitants deemed competent Witnesses.

LXXII. And be it further enacted, That no Order made touching or concerning any of the Matters aforesaid, or any other Proceedings to be had touching the Conviction of any Offender or Offenders against this Act, shall be quashed for want of Form, or be removed or removable by Certiorari,

Distress not to be unlawful for want of Form, &c.

Certiorari, or any other Writ or Process whatsoever; into any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster*; and that where any Distress shall be made for any Sum or Sums of Money to be levied by virtue of this Act, or by virtue of any Bye-Law of the said Corporation, such Distress shall not be deemed unlawful, nor shall the Party making the same be deemed a Trespasser or Trespassers, on account of any Defect or want of Form or any other Irregularity in the Summons, Conviction, Order, Warrant, or other Proceedings relating thereto; nor shall the Party or Parties making the same be deemed a Trespasser or Trespassers *ab initio* on account of any Irregularity which shall be afterwards done by the Party or Parties distraining; but the Person or Persons aggrieved by any such Irregularity shall and may recover Satisfaction for the Special Damage only in an Action upon the Case.

Limitation
of Actions.

LXXIII. And be it further enacted, That no Action or Suit shall be commenced or brought against any Person or Persons for any Thing done in pursuance of this Act, or any of the Powers or Authorities hereby given, or in anywise relating thereto, until Twenty-one Days Notice shall have been thereof given in Writing to the Secretary or Treasurer to the said Corporation, nor after Satisfaction or Tender of Amends shall have been made; and every such Action or Suit shall be commenced or brought within Six Calendar Months next after the Cause of Complaint shall have arisen, and not afterwards, and shall be laid and brought in the County or Place where the Cause of Action 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 on any Trial to be had thereupon; and if it shall appear to have been done in pursuance of this Act, and that any such Action or Suit shall be brought before Twenty-one Days Notice thereof given as aforesaid, or after Satisfaction or Tender of Amends as aforesaid, or after the Time hereinbefore limited for bringing the same, or shall be brought in any other County or Place than as before limited, then the Jury shall find for the Defendant or Defendants; and upon such Verdict, or if the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs shall be nonsuited, or shall discontinue his, her, or their Action or Suit after the Defendant or Defendants shall have appeared, 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 and be entitled to the like Remedy for the same as any Defendant or Defendants hath or have for Costs of Suit in other Cases by Law.

Powers of
first-recited
Act extended
to this Act,
except, &c.

LXXIV. And be it further enacted, That so much and such Parts of the said first-recited Act, and all Provisions, Powers, Articles, Clauses, Impositions, and other Matters and Things therein contained, not hereby repealed, varied, or altered, shall be and continue in force, and shall be applied and extended to and incorporated with this Act, as fully and effectually to all Intents and Purposes as if the same were severally and respectively herein repeated and re-enacted; save and except the Forms, Rules, Orders, Bye-Laws, and Regulations contained in the Schedule to the said recited Act, which are not to be binding on the Corporation aforesaid; and that all such Provisions, Powers, Articles, Clauses, Impositions, and other Matters and Things in the said first-recited Act, which are by this Act varied, altered, or amended, shall be considered, construed, and enforced as they are so varied, altered, and amended, and not otherwise.

LXXV. And

LXXV. And be it further enacted, That all the Charges and Expences incident to and attending the obtaining and passing this Act shall be paid by the Treasurer out of the Funds of the said Corporation, and shall be deemed Part of their general Expences. For paying the Expences of this Act.

LXXVI. 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. Public Act.

SCHEDULE referred to by the foregoing Act.

No. 1.

Form of Appointment of Guardians and Directors at Meetings of Parishes, &c.

AT a Public Meeting duly holden this _____ Day of _____ at the _____ of _____ in the County of _____ pursuant to the Directions of an Act of Parliament made in the Fifty-sixth Year of the Reign of His Majesty King George the Third, intituled *An Act [stating the Title of this Act]* of the same _____ is duly nominated and appointed to execute the Office of _____ from the _____ Day of _____ to the _____ Day of _____ . Given under my Hand, the Day and Year first above mentioned.

Approved by me,
C. D. Visitor.

A. B.
Chairman of the said Meeting.

No. 2.

FORM of Qualification Oath of Guardians and Directors, to be indorsed on their Appointments.

I the within named _____ do [or affirm], That I am rated and assessed to the Relief of the Poor of _____, and am an Inhabitant within the _____ in the County of _____ ; that I am seised in my own Right, or in Right of my Wife, of Freehold or Copyhold Messuages, Lands, Tenements, Tithes, or Hereditaments, situate or arising within the same _____ in Fee or for Life, of the yearly Value of _____ or upwards, over and above all Outgoings, or for a Term of Ten Years absolute or upwards, or for a Term of Years determinable on one or more Life or Lives, of the yearly Value of _____ or upwards, over and above all Outgoings, situate within the same _____, or am rated or assessed for and towards the Relief of the Poor of the said _____ for or in respect of Lands, Tenements, Tithes, or Hereditaments, situate or arising and increasing within the said _____ of the yearly Value of _____ or upwards; or am possessed of a Personal Estate of the Value or to the Amount of _____ or upwards. So help me GOD.

Sworn the _____ Day of _____ before me E. F. One of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the said County of _____

[Local.]

No. 2. a.

FORM of Recommendation to Justices of Persons fit to serve the Office of Visitor.

AT a Meeting of the Guardians of the Poor of the several Parishes, Townships, and Places united under an Act passed in the Fifty-sixth Year of the Reign of King George the Third, intituled *An Act [stating the Title of this Act]* held this Day, C. C. D. E. and F. G. were, in pursuance of the Directions contained in the said Act, nominated and recommended to the Justices of the Peace acting for the County of *Derby*, as fit and proper Persons, duly qualified to serve the Office of Visitor of the said House of Industry at *Shardlow* in the said County of *Derby*, from the
Day of to the Day of 18 .

Witness my Hand, this Day of 18 .

A. B.

Chairman of the said Meeting.

No. 3.

Form of Appointment of Visitor.

WE A. B. and C. D. Two of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the County of do hereby appoint E. F. of H. to execute the Office of Visitor of the House of Industry at *Shardlow* in the County of *Derby*, from the Day to the Day of to which he has been recommended at a Monthly Meeting of Guardians, held the Day of last past, pursuant to the Directions of an Act passed in the Fifty-sixth Year of the Reign of His Majesty King George the Third, intituled *An Act [stating the Title of this Act]*. Given under our Hands this
Day of in the Year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and

No. 4.

FORM of Appointment of a Deputy Visitor.

I Visitor of the House of Industry at *Shardlow* in the County of *Derby*, and the Poor within the same, do hereby nominate and appoint of in the County of to be my Deputy Visitor and Assistant during my Will and Pleasure, pursuant to the Power given to me by an Act of Parliament passed in the Fifty-sixth Year of the Reign of His Majesty King George the Third, intituled *An Act [stating the Title of this Act]* and authorize him to execute and discharge the Duty required of him by the said Act. Witness my Hand, this
Day of

C. D.

Visitor.

No. 5.

FORM of Certificate of serving the Office of Visitor or Deputy Visitor.

I *A. B.* one of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the County of *C.* do hereby certify, That *D. E.* of *F.* hath been appointed and is now serving the Office of Visitor [*or Deputy Visitor, as the Case may be*] of the House of Industry at *Shardlow* in the County of *Derby*, pursuant to the Directions of an Act passed in the Fifty-sixth Year of the Reign of His Majesty King *George* the Third, intituled *An Act* [*stating the Title of this Act*]. Dated this _____ Day of _____ in the Year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and _____

No. 6.

Form of Appointment of Secretary, Treasurer, and other Officers.

AT a Meeting of the Guardians of the Poor of the several Parishes, Townships, and Places united for the Relief and Employment of such Poor, at the House of Industry at *Shardlow* in the County of *Derby*, duly holden this _____ Day of _____ pursuant to the Directions of an Act of Parliament, made in the Fifty-sixth Year of the Reign of His Majesty King *George* the Third, intituled *An Act* [*stating the Title of this Act*] of _____ in the _____ County of _____ is duly nominated and appointed to execute the Office of _____ to the Corporation instituted by virtue of the said Act. Given under my Hand, the Day and Year aforesaid.

L. M.

Chairman of

Meeting.

No. 7.

FORM of Security for Money borrowed.

BY virtue of an Act of Parliament made in the Fifty-sixth Year of the Reign of His Majesty King *George* the Third, intituled *An Act* [*stating the Title of this Act*] I _____ of the _____ of _____ in the _____ County of _____ Guardian of the Poor of the said _____ in Consideration of the Sum of _____ to me in Hand paid by _____ of _____ in the _____ County of _____ for _____

for the Purpose of purchasing Land, or erecting, repairing, or fitting up Buildings, and other the Purposes of the said Act, do hereby charge the Poors Rates to be hereafter made, and the several Sums of Money to be raised thereupon, within the said _____ of _____ with the Payment to the said _____ of the said principal Sum of _____ and Interest after the Rate of Five Pounds *per Centum per Annum*, Half-yearly, as the same shall become due. Witness my Hand, this _____ Day of _____ in the Year of our Lord

Approved by me,
C. D.
Visitor.

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Guardian.

No. 8.

FORM of Assignment of Security for Money borrowed, to be indorsed on such Security.

I the within named _____ in Consideration of the Sum of _____ to me paid by _____ of _____ in the _____ County of _____ do hereby transfer unto the said _____ his Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, this Security, and all my Right and Title to the Principal and Interest hereby secured, and now due to me. Witness my Hand, this _____ Day of _____ in the Year of our Lord

Signed by the said
in the Presence of

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N. O.

No. 9.

FORM of Resolution and Appointment of a Guardian, to be made at Meetings of Parishes, &c. wishing to unite.

AT a Public Meeting holden this _____ Day of _____ at the Parish of _____ in the County of _____ pursuant to the Directions of an Act of Parliament made in the Fifty-sixth Year of the Reign of His Majesty King *George* the Third, intituled *An Act [stating the Title of this Act]*, it is resolved and determined by the Three-fourth Parts in Number of the Inhabitants of the said _____ assembled at such Meeting, and qualified according to the said Act, that the said _____ of _____ shall unite, for the Purposes of the said Act, with the several Parishes, Townships, and Places united under the same, and adopt the Provisions thereof; and at such Meeting of the same _____ is nominated and appointed to execute the Office of Guardian of the Poor of the said _____ of _____ until the Twenty-fifth Day of *March* next ensuing, and I hereby signify the same to you accordingly. Given under my Hand, the Day and Year first above mentioned.

To Mr.
Secretary at the House of
Industry at Shardlow.

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T. U.
Chairman of the said Meeting.

No. 10.

FORM of Agreement to be entered into upon uniting any other Parish, Township, or Place, with the Parishes, Townships, and Places for the Time being united.

IT is agreed, this _____ Day of _____ by the Guardians of the Poor of the Parishes or Townships of *Shardlow* and *Wilne*, *Alvaston*, *Bolton*, *Hopwell*, and *Little Eaton*, *Aston-upon-Trent*, *Breaston*, *Chellaston*, *Draycott*, and *Wilne*, *Dale Abbey*, *Elvaston*, *Findern*, *Long Eaton*, *Littleover*, *Sawley*, *Ockbrook*, *Os- maston*, *Risley*, *Stanton-by-Dale*, and *Weston-upon-Trent*, in the County of *Derby*; *Breedon*, *Coleorton*, *Hemington*, *Osgathorpe*, *Sheepshead*, *Thringstone*, and *Worthington*, in the County of *Leicester*; and *Bramcote*, *Stapleford*, and *Toton*, in the County of *Nottingham*;

united under or by virtue and for the Purposes of a certain Act of Parliament passed in the Fifty-sixth Year of the Reign of His Majesty King *George* the Third, intituled *An Act* [stating the Title of this Act]

whose Names are hereunto subscribed, pursuant to an Order made at a Meeting of such Guardians, held pursuant to the said Act, on the _____ Day of _____ of the one Part; and the Guardian of the Poor of the _____ of _____ in the _____ County of _____ whose Name is hereunto subscribed, duly appointed by Two Third Parts in Number of the Inhabitants of the said _____ qualified according to the said Act, and assembled at a public Meeting held pursuant to the Directions of the said Act, on the _____ Day of _____ of the other Part; That the said _____ of _____ shall from henceforth be and become united to the said several united Parishes and Townships aforesaid, for the Purposes, and according to the Directions, Rules, Orders, and Regulations of the said Act.

Signed _____ [To be signed by all the Guardians.]

No. 11.

FORM of the Certificate of Entry and Enrolment to be made by the Clerk of the Peace.

BE it remembered, That on the _____ Day of _____ of _____ in the County of _____ deposited in my Hands a Copy of this Agreement, and that I have, pursuant to the Directions of the Act therein mentioned, entered and enrolled the same amongst the Records of the said County of *Derby*, as by the said Act required; and I hereby certify the same accordingly. Given under my Hand this _____ Day of _____

L. M.

Clerk of the Peace of the County of *Derby*.

[Local.]

No. 12.

FORM of Order of Admission of Paupers.

To the [or Governor, as the Case may be] of the
House of Industry at *Shardlow*.

YOU are hereby required to admit and receive into the said House of
Industry aged Years, a poor Person
belonging to the of in the County of
and to accommodate and provide for
proper Manner, according to the Rules and Establishment thereof. Given
under my Hand this Day of

To Mr.

of the Poor of the said

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