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GEORGI III. REGIS.

Cap. lxxiii.

An Act for better paving, cleansing, and lighting the Parishes of *Saint Giles in the Fields* and *Saint George Bloomsbury*, in the County of *Middlesex*, and for vesting the sole Management thereof in the Vestrymen of the said Parishes, and a Committee of the Inhabitants thereof. [14th June 1819.]

WHEREAS by an Act made in the Second Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled *An Act for paving, cleansing, and lighting the Squares, Streets, and Lanes within the City and Liberty of Westminster, the Parishes of Saint Giles in the Fields, Saint George the Martyr, Saint George Bloomsbury, that Part of the Parish of Saint Andrew's Holborn which lies in the County of Middlesex, the several Liberties of the Rolls and Savoy, and that Part of the Duchy of Lancaster which lies in the County of Middlesex, and for preventing Annoyances therein, and for other Purposes therein mentioned*: And whereas by one other Act made in the Third Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled *An Act to explain, amend, and render more effectual an Act made in the last Session of Parliament, intituled 'An Act for paving, cleansing, and lighting the Squares, Streets, and Lanes within the City and Liberty of Westminster, the Parishes of Saint Giles in the Fields, Saint George the Martyr, Saint George Bloomsbury, that Part of the Parish of Saint Andrew's Holbourn which lies in the County of Middle-*

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‘ sex, the several Liberties of the Rolls and Savoy, and that Part of the
 ‘ Dutchy of Lancaster which lies in the County of Middlesex, and for pre-
 ‘ venting Annoyances therein, and for other Purposes therein mentioned:’

- 4 G. 3. c. 39. His present Majesty, intituled *An Act to explain, amend, and render more effectual Two several Acts of Parliament made in the Second and Third Years of His present Majesty, for paving, cleansing, and lighting the Squares, Streets, and Lanes within the City and Liberty of Westminster, and other Places therein mentioned, and for preventing Annoyances therein, and for other Purposes therein mentioned:* And whereas by one other Act, made in
- 5 G. 3. c. 50. the Fifth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled *An Act to enlarge the Powers of, and to render more effectual, the several Acts passed in the Second, Third, and Fourth Years of His present Majesty's Reign, for paving, cleansing, lighting, and otherwise regulating the Squares, Streets, and other Places within the City and Liberty of Westminster, and other Parts in the said Acts mentioned, and for extending the Provisions of the said Acts to the Surrey Side of Westminster Bridge, and for enlarging the Powers of the said Acts with respect to Squares;* divers Powers and Authorities were given to certain Commissioners thereby appointed for carrying the several Purposes of the said recited Acts into Execution; and the said Squares, Streets, and Lanes were by virtue of the said recited Acts put under the sole Management of the said Commissioners: And whereas by one other Act, made in the Eleventh Year of the Reign of
- 11 G. 3. c. 22. His present Majesty, intituled *An Act to amend and render more effectual several Acts made relating to paving, cleansing, and lighting the Squares, Streets, Lanes, and other Places within the City and Liberty of Westminster, and Parts adjacent, the said Squares, Streets, and Lanes, (except certain Streets and Places called Optional Streets therein mentioned) were put under the Management of Parochial Committees, to be annually elected and appointed by the Vestrymen of the Parishes, Precincts, Liberties, and Places within the Limits of the said last recited Acts, out of the Inhabitants of such Parishes, Precincts, Liberties and Places respectively, but subject as therein mentioned to the Controul of the said Commissioners, and of certain other Commissioners to be joined with them, pursuant to the Directions of the said recited Act, and the Committee for the Parishes of Saint Giles in the Fields and Saint George Bloomsbury, when elected or chosen as aforesaid, were directed from Time to Time to assemble and meet in the Vestry Room of the said Parish of Saint Giles in the Fields, to and for the Purposes of making all and every the Rates or Assessments, and for every Purpose concerning the repairing, cleansing, and lighting the several Squares, Streets, Lanes, and other Places within such Parishes, and for exercising all and every other the Powers and Authorities thereby granted, except as therein is mentioned; and that with respect to the Rate or Rates, Assessment or Assessments therein directed to be made for the Purposes of repairing, cleansing and lighting the several Squares, Streets, Lanes, and other Places within the said respective Parishes, and for all and every the Purposes of that Act and the said recited Acts, the said Two Parishes were declared to be One Parish, and the Committee thereof were directed to act in conjunction, and be considered as one Committee to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever, except as therein-after mentioned: And whereas by virtue of the said Acts the several Squares, Streets, and other Places within the said Parishes have been new paved; and in order to defray the Expences thereof, several Sums of Money have been*
- borrowed,

borrowed, and a considerable Part thereof now stands charged upon several Houses and Estates within the said Parishes: And whereas by one other Act, made in the Thirtieth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled *An Act to alter, explain, amend, and render more effectual several Acts made for paving, cleansing, and lighting the Squares, Streets, Lanes, and other Places within the City and Liberty of Westminster, and Parts adjacent, and for putting certain Streets therein mentioned, commonly called Optional Streets, under the Management of Parochial Committees, subject to the Controul of the Commissioners appointed by or in pursuance of the said several Acts, and for removing and preventing Nuisances, Annoyances, Obstructions and Encroachments in the said Streets and other Places, and for other Purposes*, the whole of a certain Street called *Holborn*, in the said Parishes of *Saint Giles in the Fields* and *Saint George Bloomsbury*, and in the Parish of *Saint Andrew Holborn above the Bars*, in the said County of *Middlesex*, and of a certain Passage called *Middle Row*, in the said Parish of *Saint Andrew Holborn above the Bars*, (Part of the Streets and Places called *Optional Streets*, which were by virtue of the said recited Act, made in the Fifth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, put under the Management of the said Commissioners at the Request of the Owners and Occupiers of Houses and other Buildings in such Streets and Places), were put under the Management of the joint Committee, chosen and to be chosen for the said Parishes of *Saint Giles in the Fields* and *Saint George Bloomsbury*, by virtue of the said recited Act, made in the Eleventh Year of the Reign of His present Majesty; and it was thereby declared, that so much of the said Street and Passage, called *Holborn* and *Middle Row*, as lies in the Parish of *Saint Andrew Holborn above the Bars*, should be deemed and taken for the Purposes of that Act to be within the United Parish of *Saint Giles in the Fields* and *Saint George Bloomsbury*, subject nevertheless to the Controul of the said Commissioners as therein mentioned: And whereas by one other Act, made and passed in the Forty-seventh Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled *An Act for altering and enlarging so much of the Powers of several Acts, made in the Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth, Eleventh, Fourteenth, and Thirtieth Years of His present Majesty, for paving, cleansing, lighting, and watching the Streets and other Places within the City and Liberty of Westminster, and Parts adjacent, as relate to the Parishes of Saint Giles in the Fields and Saint George Bloomsbury, in the County of Middlesex, and to certain Places called Holborn above the Bars, and Middle Row, in Holborn, in the said County, and for the better Regulation of the Nightly Watch of the said Parishes*, further Powers were given to and vested in the said joint Committee, but some particular Acts required to be done by the said Committee are still liable to the Controul of the said Commissioners: And whereas the Controul of the said Commissioners over any Acts of the Committee is found to be inconvenient, and is attended with an unnecessary Expence to the Inhabitants of the said Parishes: And whereas the several Squares, Streets, and other Places within the said Parishes, might be properly paved, repaired, cleansed, and lighted, and kept free from Nuisances and Annoyances, with more Convenience and less Expence than at present, if the Powers and Authorities necessary for those Purposes, were vested in the Vestrymen, and a Committee of the Inhabitants of the said Parishes: 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

30 G. 3. c. 53.

47 G. 3. Sess. 1. c. 38.

Recited Acts
so far as the
same relate
to paving,
cleansing, &c.
the Squares,
Streets, &c.
within the
Parishes of
St. Giles and
Bloomsbury,
repealed.

From 24th of
June 1819, Su-
perintendance
of Paving,
&c. vested in
the Vestry-
men.

Vestrymen
to elect a se-
parate Com-
mittee for
each Parish.

Qualification
of Committee
Men.

If any Com-
mittee Man
shall hold any
Office of Pro-
fit or be con-

Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That from and after the Twenty-fourth Day of *June* One thousand eight hundred and nineteen, the said several Acts of Parliament herein-before recited, so far as the same relate to paving, repairing, cleansing, lighting, and preventing Nuisances, Annoyances, and Obstructions in the several Squares, Streets, Lanes, Passages, and Places within the said Parishes of *Saint Giles in the Fields* and *Saint George Bloomsbury*, and so much of the said Street called *Holborn* as previous to and at the Time of passing the said Act made in the Thirtieth Year of His present Majesty's Reign was in the said Parishes of *Saint Giles in the Fields* and *Saint George Bloomsbury*, or One of them, shall be and are hereby repealed and made void, and the Inhabitants of the said Parishes, including such Part of the said Street as is last herein-before described, and the Owners and Occupiers of Houses, Lands, and Tenements within the same respectively, shall be and are hereby exempted, freed, and discharged from all Rates and Assessments whatsoever (except such as shall be made or levied by virtue of this Act,) for or towards paving, repairing, cleansing, or lighting the Squares, Streets, Lanes, and other public Passages and Places within the Jurisdiction of this Act, or any Act or Acts of Parliament to the contrary thereof in anywise notwithstanding; and that from and after the said Twenty-fourth Day of *June* One thousand eight hundred and nineteen, the sole Power and Superintendance of the paving, repairing, cleansing, and lighting the Squares, Streets, Lanes, and other public Passages and Places within the Jurisdiction of this Act, shall be and the same are hereby vested in the Vestrymen of the said Parishes for the Time being.

II. And for the better effecting the several Purposes of this Act, be it further enacted, That the Vestrymen of the said several Parishes shall assemble at distinct Meetings in the Vestry Rooms of the said Parishes respectively, upon the Twenty-fourth Day of *May* One thousand eight hundred and nineteen, or within Twenty-one Days then next, and also Yearly and every Year afterwards upon the Second *Thursday* in the Month of *February*, or within Twenty-one Days then next, between the Hours of Ten in the Forenoon and Two in the Afternoon, and shall in each such separate and distinct Meeting elect and appoint any Number of Persons resident in each Parish respectively, not exceeding Twenty-one, nor less than Seven; and the Persons so elected and appointed shall be and are hereby appointed a Committee for the better carrying the several Purposes of this Act into Execution.

III. And be it further enacted, That no Person to be elected and appointed a Committee Man by virtue of this Act, shall be capable of acting as such unless he be then resident and an Householder in the Parish for which he shall be so elected, and shall be seized or possessed of a real or personal Estate, or real and personal Estates together, of the Value of Two thousand Pounds.

IV. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That if any Person to be elected a Committee Man as aforesaid, shall, during the Time he shall act as a Committee Man, hold any Office of Profit, or have any Share, or be any way either directly or indirectly interested or concerned in any Contract

tract or Work to be done by virtue or in pursuance of this Act, every such Committee Man shall in any or either of such Cases be thenceforth for ever disqualified to act as a Committee Man under this Act, any thing herein contained to the contrary thereof notwithstanding; and in case any such Person not being qualified, or so disqualified as aforesaid, shall nevertheless presume to act as a Committee Man, every such Person shall, for every Offence, forfeit and pay the Sum of One hundred Pounds to any Person or Persons who shall sue for the same; such respective Forfeitures to be recovered in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record by Action of Debt or on the Case, or by Bill, Suit, or Information, wherein no Essoign, Protection, Wager of Law, or more than One Imparlance shall be allowed; and every such Person so prosecuted shall prove he is qualified as aforesaid, or otherwise shall pay the said respective Penalties, upon Proof given of his having acted as a Committee Man in the Execution of this Act: Provided nevertheless, that all Acts and Proceedings of all and every Person or Persons acting as a Committee Man or Committee Men in the Execution of this Act, previous to any Verdict or Verdicts being obtained against him or them, shall, notwithstanding such Verdict or Verdicts, be as valid and effectual, as if no such Verdict or Verdicts had been obtained, or as if such Person or Persons had not by such Verdict or Verdicts been disqualified from acting in the Execution of this Act.

cerned in any Contract, &c.

Or act without being qualified, to forfeit One hundred Pounds.

V. And it is hereby further enacted and declared, That the Committee Men to be elected and appointed in and for the said respective Parishes by virtue of this Act, shall from Time to Time assemble and meet together in the Vestry Room of the said Parish of *Saint Giles in the Fields*, to and for the Purposes of making all and every the Rates or Assessments, and for every Purpose concerning the repairing, cleansing, and lighting the several Squares, Streets, Lanes, and other Places within the Jurisdiction of this Act, and for exercising all and every other the Powers and Authorities hereby granted, except as herein-after mentioned; and that with respect to the Rate or Rates, Assessment or Assessments herein-after directed to be made for the Purposes of repairing, cleansing, and lighting the several Squares, Streets, Lanes, and other Places within the said Jurisdiction of this Act, and for all and every other the Purposes of this Act, the said Two Parishes shall be deemed and taken to be One Parish, and the Committees thereof shall act in Conjunction and be considered as one Committee to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever, except as herein-after mentioned.

Committee Men to meet in St. Giles's Vestry Room and act as one Committee for all the Purposes of this Act, except, &c. and for all such Purposes the Two Parishes considered as One Parish.

VI. Provided always, and be it enacted, That the several Powers, Authorities, Articles, Clauses, Provisoos, Penalties, Forfeitures, Matters, and Things in this Act contained, shall extend and be construed, deemed, and taken to extend to all and every the Squares, Streets, Lanes, Passages, and Places within the said Parishes of *Saint Giles in the Fields* and *Saint George Bloomsbury*, or either of them (*Lincoln's Inn Fields*, such Part of the Carriage Way of *Tottenham Court Road* as is under the Management of the Trustees for paving such Part of the Parish of *Saint Pancras*, in the said County, as lies on the West Side of *Tottenham Court Road*, and the several Streets and Places built and to be built on Lands belonging to the Governors of the Hospital for exposed and deserted Young Children, only excepted), and to no other Square, Street, or Place whatsoever.

Jurisdiction of this Act described.

Acts of 30
and 47 G. 3.
repealed, so
far as relates
to St. An-
drew's Hol-
born.

VII. And be it further enacted, That from and after the said Twenty-fourth Day of *June* One thousand eight hundred and nineteen, the said recited Acts made and passed in the Thirtieth and Forty-seventh Years of His present Majesty's Reign respectively, so far as the same relate to paving, cleansing, lighting, and preventing Nuisances in so much of the said Street called *Holborn*, as previous to and at the Time of passing the said Act of the Thirtieth Year of His present Majesty was in the Parish of *Saint Andrew Holborn above the Bars*, in the County of *Middlesex*, and the said Passage called *Middle Row*, shall be and are hereby repealed and made void to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever.

Pavement,
&c. vested in
the Com-
mittee.

VIII. And be it further enacted, That the Right and Property of all Pavements, Stones, Bricks, Posts, Carts, Horses, Iron, Timber, and Furniture, Lamps, Lamp Irons, and Lamp Posts made use of, erected, or fixed up, or to be made use of, erected, or fixed up for the Purposes of the said former Acts and this Act, or either of them, (so far as the same relate to the said several Squares, Streets, and Places within the Jurisdiction of this Act) and of all Materials, Implements, and other Things purchased or provided for the Purposes of the said former Acts, or any of them, or to be purchased or provided for the Purposes of this Act, so far as the same relate to the several Squares, Streets, and Places within the Jurisdiction of this Act, shall belong to and be the Property of, and are hereby vested in the said Committee, and their Successors; and the said Committee, or any Five or more of them for the Time being, shall and may cause to be brought any Action or Actions, or direct the preferring of any Bill or Bills of Indictment (as the Case may require), against any Person or Persons who shall steal, take, or carry away, detain, spoil, injure, or destroy the several Articles and Things hereby vested in them the said Committee, and their Successors as aforesaid, or any of them, or any Part or Parts thereof; and in all such Actions and Bills of Indictment respectively, it shall be, and be deemed and taken to be sufficient to state generally, that the Article or Articles, Thing or Things, for or on account of which such Action or Actions shall be brought, or Bill or Bills of Indictment preferred, is or are the Property of *The Committee of the Parishes of Saint Giles in the Fields, and Saint George Bloomsbury, in the County of Middlesex*, without particularly stating or specifying the Name or Names of all or any of the Committee Men; and the said Committee or any Five or more of them shall have full Power and Authority from Time to Time to sell and dispose of, for the Purposes of this Act, all or any of the said Articles and Things, or any Part or Parts of the same respectively, to such Person or Persons, and in such Manner as the said Committee or any Three or more of them shall think proper.

Penalty on
Persons wil-
fully breaking
Lamps, &c.

IX. And be it further enacted, That if any Person or Persons shall wilfully break or damage any such Lamp, Lamp Iron, or Lamp Post, or shall extinguish the Light within any such Lamp, it shall be lawful for any Person or Persons whomsoever who shall see such Offence committed to apprehend, and also for any other Person or Persons to assist in apprehending the Offender, and by the Authority of this Act, and without any other Warrant, to convey him or her before some Justice of the Peace for the said County of *Middlesex*; and such Justice shall examine upon Oath any Witness or Witnesses who shall appear or be produced to give Evidence touching such Offence; and if the Party accused shall be convicted of any such

Offence either by his or her own Confession, or upon such Evidence as aforesaid, he or she shall forfeit and pay the Sum of Forty Shillings for every Lamp, Lamp Iron, or Lamp Post so broken or damaged, and also for every Lamp the Light whereof shall be extinguished as aforesaid, and shall also make full Satisfaction to the said Committee, or to the Person or Persons contracting to furnish such Lamps, Lamp Irons, or Lamp Posts, for the Damage which shall have been done thereby; and one Moiety of such Forfeiture shall be paid to the Person or Persons apprehending the Offender, and the other Moiety to the said Committee, or to the Person or Persons contracting as aforesaid; and in case such Offender shall not on Conviction pay the said Forfeiture and Damage, such Justice is hereby required to commit him or her to the Common Gaol or House of Correction, there to be kept to hard Labour for any Time not exceeding One Calendar Month, nor less than Seven Days, unless such Forfeiture and Satisfaction shall be sooner paid and made; and if any Person shall carelessly or accidentally break or damage any of the said Lamps, Lamp Irons, or Lamp Posts, and shall not, upon Demand, make Satisfaction to the said Committee, or to the Person or Persons contracting as aforesaid, for the Damages to be done thereby, it shall be lawful for any Justice of the Peace for the said County, upon Complaint thereof made to him, to summon the Party complained of, and upon hearing the Parties on both Sides, or Non-appearance of the Party complained of, to examine the Matter of Complaint, and award such Sum of Money by way of Satisfaction to the said Committee, or to the Person or Persons contracting as aforesaid, for such Damage as such Justice shall think reasonable; and in case of Neglect or Refusal forthwith to pay such Money, then the same may be levied and recovered as any Rate or Rates is or are by this Act directed to be levied and recovered.

X. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Committee to alter, regulate, ascertain, and increase the Number and Position of the Lamps in any Squares, Streets, and Places within the Jurisdiction of this Act; and also to alter the Level of any such Square, Street, or Place, and the Form of the Pavement, or the Materials with which the same is now paved, and to pay the Expence thereof out of the Rates to be made by virtue of this Act. Committee may alter the Level of Streets and Position of Lamps.

XI. And be it further enacted, That the said Committee shall meet in the Vestry Room of the said Parish of *Saint Giles in the Fields* within Fourteen Days next after they shall have been elected and appointed as aforesaid, and may adjourn as they see convenient, and meet there as often as they shall think fit, and shall have the Controul of all the Pavements within the Jurisdiction of this Act, and shall have Authority and are hereby empowered to see that all Contracts heretofore made and entered into for any Works to be done within the Jurisdiction aforesaid, are well and duly performed, and executed according to the Terms and Conditions of all such Contracts; and if it shall happen that there shall not be Five or more of such Committee Men present at any Meeting which shall be appointed to be had or held, then and in such Case the Clerk to the said Committee shall and is hereby required to give Notice in Writing to the whole Committee to meet at the said Vestry Room within Eight Days then next following, and such Committee shall at all their Meetings bear their own Expences; but no Act of any such Committee shall be valid, unless made Committee may meet and adjourn.

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If not Five present at any Meeting, another Meeting to be convened within Eight Days.

No Act valid if not done at a Meeting when Five or more Committee Men are present. All Acts of a Majority to bind the rest.

or done at some Meeting to be held in pursuance of this Act, at which Meeting not less than Five Committee Men shall be present; and all the Powers and Authorities by this Act granted to, or vested in such Committee, shall and may from Time to Time be exercised by the major Part of the Committee Men who shall attend at any Meeting to be holden as herein-before mentioned, the Number of such Committee Men present at such Meeting not being less than Five; and all the Orders and Proceedings of the major Part of such Committee Men so assembled, shall have the same Force and Effect as if done or made by all the Committee Men for the Time being.

Committee to appoint a Chairman, also Clerks, Surveyors, &c. annually.

XII. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Committee, at their first Meeting to be holden in pursuance of this Act, and they are hereby required, to appoint a Chairman, and also a Clerk or Clerks, Surveyor or Surveyors, and such other Officers and Servants as to them shall seem expedient, such Appointments to be and continue in force until the Second *Thursday* in the Month of *February* One thousand eight hundred and twenty; and that it shall and may be lawful to and for the Committee and Committees to be elected and appointed annually as aforesaid, on the said Second *Thursday* in *February* (or within Twenty-one Days afterwards), and they are hereby required, at their first Meeting in every Year, to appoint a Chairman, a Clerk or Clerks, Surveyor or Surveyors, and such other Officers and Servants for the Year next ensuing; and in case the Chairman so appointed shall not be present at any Meeting of the said Committee, the Committee Men present shall, before they proceed to Business, elect One of them the Committee Men to be Chairman of such Meeting; and if at any Meeting of the said Committee any Question shall be put to the Vote, and there shall happen to be an equal Number of Votes for and against the same, then the Chairman of such Meeting shall have a Second or Casting Vote, which shall determine the Question.

The Committee to nominate a Treasurer subject to Confirmation of Vestry;

XIII. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Committee, from Time to Time, when and as they shall think fit, by Writing under the Hands of any Five or more of them, or under the Hand of their Clerk or Clerks, to nominate and appoint a fit and proper Person or fit and proper Persons to be a Treasurer or Treasurers of the Rates or Assessments to be made and levied, and all other Sums to be received by virtue of and for the several Purposes of this Act; and that all and every such Nomination and Appointment, and Nominations and Appointments, with Copies of all Minutes and other Proceedings of the said Committee relative thereto, shall be transmitted to and laid before the said Vestrymen at their next Meeting, which Nomination or Appointment, or Nominations and Appointments, being by the said Vestrymen at that or some subsequent Meeting approved and confirmed by some proper Subscription at the Foot thereof, or to be indorsed thereon, and signed by Seven or more of the said Vestrymen, or by the Vestry Clerk for the Time being, shall be returned to the Clerk to the said Committee, within Seven Days from the Time of such Confirmation; and every such Nomination or Appointment, or Nominations and Appointments, as shall not be so approved and confirmed, shall be null and void, and so *toties quoties* the said Committee shall or may again nominate and appoint any other Person or Persons in Manner aforesaid, and transmit the same with the Proceedings

ings of the said Committee relative thereto, and such Nomination and Appointment, or Nominations and Appointments, shall and may be approved and confirmed, or made void in Manner aforesaid, at the Discretion of the said Vestrymen, in the same or the like Manner as above mentioned; and that it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Committee at any Meeting or Meetings to be held in pursuance of this Act, to appoint One or more Collector or Collectors; and shall take such Security for the due Execution of such of their respective Offices, as the said Committee shall think proper; and may likewise from Time to Time remove all or any such Treasurer, Clerks, Surveyors, Collectors, Officers, and Servants, and appoint others in the Room of such of them as shall be so removed, or that shall die, subject as aforesaid.

and Collectors indefinitely.

XIV. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Committee, from Time to Time to require and take of and from any such Treasurer or Treasurers, Collector or Collectors, good and sufficient Security by the Bond or Bonds of Two or more Persons in a sufficient Penalty, and such other Security as the said Committee may deem necessary and approve, conditioned that such Treasurer or Treasurers, Collector or Collectors, shall duly account for and pay all such Sums of Money as shall be received by him or them, or any other Person or Persons for or on his or their Behalf, or which shall come to his or their Hands respectively by virtue of this Act, unto the Person and Persons, at the Time and Times, and pursuant to the Directions of this Act, and for the due Execution of the said Offices of Treasurer and Collector respectively.

Committee may take Security from Treasurer and Collectors.

XV. And be it further enacted, That all and every Treasurer, Clerk, Collector, and other Officer to be appointed by virtue of this Act, shall under their Hands, and at such Time or Times and in such Manner as the said Committee shall direct, deliver to the said Committee, or such Person or Persons as they shall appoint, true and perfect Accounts in Writing of all Matters and Things committed to their Charge respectively by virtue of this Act; and also of all Monies which shall have been by such Officer respectively received by virtue and for the Purposes of this Act, and how much thereof shall have been expended and disbursed, and for what Purposes, together with proper Vouchers for such Payments, and shall pay all such Monies as shall remain due from them respectively to the said Committee, or to such Person or Persons as they shall appoint to receive the same; and if any such Officer shall refuse or neglect to make and render, when required, any such Account, or to produce and deliver up the Vouchers relating to the same, or to make Payment as aforesaid, or shall refuse or wilfully neglect to deliver to the said Committee, or to such Person or Persons as they shall appoint to receive the same, within Fourteen Days after being thereunto required by the said Committee, by Notice in Writing under the Hands of any Five or more of the said Committee, given to or left at the last or usual Place of Abode of such Officer, all Books, Papers, and Writings in his Custody or Power relating to the Execution of this Act, or to give Satisfaction to the said Committee respecting the same, then and in every such Case, upon Complaint made by the said Committee, or by such Person or Persons as they shall appoint for that Purpose, of any such Refusal or wilful Neglect as aforesaid, to any Justice of the Peace for the County, City, or Place wherein such Officer so refusing or wilfully neglecting shall be or reside, such Justice may and

Treasurer, Clerk, Collectors, and other Officers, to account when required.

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he is hereby authorized and required to issue a Summons under his Hand and Seal for the Officer so refusing or neglecting to appear before him, and upon his appearing or having been summoned and not appearing without some sufficient or reasonable Excuse, or not being found, to hear and determine the Matter in a summary Way; and if upon Confession of the Party, or by the Testimony of any credible Witness or Witnesses upon Oath, which Oath such Justice is hereby empowered to administer, it shall appear to such Justice that any Monies remain due from such Officer, such Justice may and he is hereby authorized and required, upon Non-payment thereof, by Warrant under his Hand and Seal, to cause such Money to be levied by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of such Officer; and if no Goods or Chattels of such Officer shall be found sufficient to answer and satisfy the said Money, and the Charges of distraining and selling the said Goods and Chattels, or if it shall appear to such Justice that such Officer has refused or wilfully neglected to render and give such Account, or to produce the Vouchers relating thereto, or that any Books, Papers, or Writings relating to the Execution of this Act, remain in the Hands, or in the Custody or Power of such Officer, and he has refused or wilfully neglected to deliver, or give Satisfaction respecting the same as aforesaid, then and in each and every such Case, such Justice shall and he is hereby required to commit such Offender to the Common Gaol or House of Correction for the County, City, or Place where such Offender shall be or reside, there to remain without Bail or Mainprize until he shall give and make a true and perfect Account as aforesaid, or until he shall have paid such Monies as aforesaid, or compounded with the said Committee for such Money, and shall have paid such Composition in such Manner as they shall appoint (which Composition the said Committee are hereby empowered to make and receive), and until he shall deliver up such Books, Papers, and Writings, or give Satisfaction in respect thereof to the said Committee; but no such Offender shall be detained or kept in such Common Gaol or House of Correction for want of sufficient Distress, by virtue of this Act, for any longer Space than Three Calendar Months.

Clerk and
Treasurer not
to be the
same Person.

XVI. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That it shall not be lawful for the said Committee to continue or appoint the Person who has been or may be appointed to act as their Clerk in the Execution of this Act, or the Partner of any such Clerk, the Treasurer for the Purposes of this Act, or to continue or appoint the Person who has been or may be appointed Treasurer, or the Partner of any such Treasurer, the Clerk to the said Committee for executing this Act; and if any Person shall act in both the Capacities of Clerk and Treasurer for the Purposes of this Act, or if any Person being the Partner of any such Clerk shall act as Treasurer, or being the Partner of such Treasurer shall act as Clerk in the Execution of this Act, every Person so offending shall, for every such Offence, forfeit and pay the Sum of One hundred Pounds to any Person or Persons who shall sue for the same, to be recovered in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster*, by Action of Debt or on the Case, or by Bill, Suit, or Information, wherein no Essoign, Protection, or Wager of Law, or more than One Imparlançe, shall be allowed.

Former Con-
tracts to be
continued in
force, and

XVII. And be it further enacted, That all such Contracts as have been heretofore made and entered into by the Committee appointed for the said Parishes of *Saint Giles in the Fields* and *Saint George Bloomsbury*, by virtue

of the said Act of the Eleventh Year of His present Majesty, and confirmed by the said Commissioners by virtue of the said former Acts, shall be and are hereby declared valid and binding, and shall continue in full force till the Time of their Expiration; and all such Arrears of the Rates made by virtue of the said recited Acts, or any or either of them, as shall be due and unpaid on the Twenty-fourth Day of *June* One thousand eight hundred and nineteen, together with such Parts of the Rates to be levied by this Act as shall be sufficient, shall be applied in Payment and Satisfaction of the future Payments to become due and payable upon and by virtue of such subsisting Contracts; and the Performance of every such subsisting Contract shall and may be enforced by the Committee acting under this Act, by an Action at Law or otherwise, in the Name and at the Suit of, or against the Clerk or Clerks to the said Committee for the Time being.

Arrears of Rates to be collected.

XVIII. And be it further enacted, That when and as such existing Contracts shall respectively expire, the Committee to be elected and appointed by virtue of this Act shall or may, and they are hereby authorized and empowered from Time to Time to cause public Notice to be given by Advertisement in some or One of the public Newspapers Six several Days at the least, that the said Committee will meet at the Vestry Room of the Parish of *Saint Giles in the Fields* aforesaid, at a Time to be expressed in such Advertisement, such Time being at the Distance of Fourteen Days at the least from the Time of the first publishing of the said Advertisement, to receive Proposals from any Person or Persons willing to contract for paving or repairing, cleansing, lighting, or removing the Dust and Ashes from all or any of the Squares, Streets, Lanes, Passages, and other Places; or for sinking Wells, erecting Pumps, or watering any of the said Squares, Streets, or Places, (the Pavements whereof are by this Act placed under the Controul of the said Committee); all which Proposals shall be in Writing, and signed by the Party making the same, and shall specify the Names and Places of Abode and other Additions of the Securities offered for the due Performance of such Contracts respectively; and the said Committee shall or may, and are hereby authorized and empowered to enter into any Contract or Contracts in Writing (subject as herein-after mentioned) with any fit and proper Person or Persons for all or any of the said several Works, Matters, or Things aforesaid, or for any other Business, Matters, or Things necessary for carrying this Act into Execution; all which Contract and Contracts shall specify the Sort and Quality of the Materials to be provided or used (if any) and the several Works, Matters, or Things to be done, the Prices to be paid for the same, and the Time or Times when or within which the said Matters or Things are to be completed, and the Forfeitures or Penalties to be borne or suffered for the Non-performance thereof; and being signed by Five or more Committee Men, and by the Person or Persons contracting to provide such Materials, or to perform such Works, Matters, or Things, shall, together with the original Proposals and Copies of all Minutes and other Proceedings of the Committee relative thereto, be transmitted to and laid before the Vestrymen of the said Parishes at their next Meeting; which Contract or Contracts being by them, or any Seven or more of them, at that or some other subsequent Meeting within One Month then next confirmed, by some proper Subscription at the Foot thereof, or to be indorsed thereon, and signed by Seven or more of the said Vestrymen,

Committee empowered to advertise for Proposals, and contract for Paving, &c. subject to the Approbation of the Vestry.

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Contract to be void if not confirmed by the Vestry.

or by their Clerk, every such Contract and the Proposal on which the same is founded, shall be returned to the Clerk to the said Committee within Seven Days from the Time of such Confirmation: Provided always, that in every such Contract for cleansing the said Squares, Streets, and Places, the Person or Persons contracting so to do, shall be required to cleanse all and every the said Squares, Streets, and Places comprised in his or their Contract or Contracts Once in every Week, or oftener, if he shall be required so to do by the said Committee, or their Surveyor or Surveyors; and if such Contract or Contracts shall be so confirmed, then and not otherwise the same shall be valid and effectual in Law, and carried into Execution, and the Performance thereof shall and may be enforced by Action at Law or otherwise; but every such Contract not so confirmed within the Time last aforesaid, shall be void, and the Parties thereto shall thenceforth be absolutely discharged of and from the same, and every Covenant, Promise, and Engagement therein contained, both at Law and in Equity, as if the same had never been made; and the said Committee, as soon after as the same shall so become void, and so *toties quoties*, shall and may again advertise for Proposals in manner aforesaid, and make any fresh Contract or Contracts, and transmit the same for Confirmation in manner aforesaid, together with all the Proposals and Proceedings of the Committee relative thereto; and such Contract or Contracts shall or may be confirmed or made void in manner aforesaid, at the Discretion of the said Vestrymen, in the same or like Manner as before enacted or directed: Provided always, that no such Contract shall be made for any Period exceeding Three Years.

On Contracts not being performed, Committee may cause the Work to be done by other Persons, and deduct the Expence from the Money due to the Contractor.

XIX. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That whenever any Contract made, or to be made as aforesaid, shall not in the Opinion of the said Committee in every respect be duly performed and executed according to the Terms and Conditions thereof, it shall be lawful for the said Committee, or any Five or more of them, to employ some fit Person to perform and execute the Work to be done by virtue of such Contract, and which in the Opinion aforesaid shall not be performed and executed as aforesaid, and to deduct and retain the Expence thereof out of any Money then due, or to grow due to the Contractor; and every such Contractor shall over and above forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding One-half Part of the Money expended in doing such Work, which Forfeiture, and also such Expence as aforesaid, may be recovered by Action at Law or otherwise, in such and the like Manner as any Penalty or Forfeiture is by this Act authorized to be recovered.

Committee to view new Streets, and give Notice to Owners to level and prepare the Ground, and lay the Foot-path within Three Months;

XX. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Committee, or any Three or more of them, to view and inspect any of the Squares, Streets, Lanes, Courts, Yards, Mews, Alleys, Passages, or Places within the Limits of this Act, which now is, or are, or hereafter may be built, or in building, and if upon such View they shall be of Opinion that the same, or any Part or Parts thereof, is or are fit and proper to be paved, the said Committee at any of their Meetings after such View, shall and may direct their Surveyor, or other Person to be by them for that Purpose appointed, to give Notice to the Owner or Owners, Proprietor or Proprietors, Lessee or Lessees of the Messuages or Tenements, Shops, Warehouses, Coach-houses, Stables, Cellars, or Vaults, in any such Square, Street, Lane, Court, Yard, Mews, Alley, Passage, or Place,

Place, or leave such Notice at his, her, or their usual or last Place or Places of Abode, or with his, her, or their known Servant or Servants, or if no such Owner or Owners, Proprietor or Proprietors, Lessee or Lessees, can be found, then such Notice shall be stuck against the said Premises, or any Part thereof, by which Notice such Owner or Owners, Proprietor or Proprietors, Lessee or Lessees, shall be required to cause the Ground of the intended Footway and Carriage-way opposite to the Fronts and Flank Walls of his, her, or their respective Messuages or Tenements, Shops, Warehouses, Coach-houses, Stables, Cellars, and Vaults, to be raised or lowered, levelled, and well and sufficiently rammed down, formed, and made ready for Paving, and the Kirb and Foot-path thereof to be laid with good *Yorkshire* or *Purbeck* Paving, under the Direction and to the Satisfaction of the said Committee, or any Three or more of them, or their Surveyor for the Time being, within Three Calendar Months next after the Date of such Notice; and also to meet such Committee, or any Three or more of them, at the Time and Place in such Notice to be mentioned, not being less than Ten Days from the Date of such Notice, to compound for the Paving of so much and such Part of the Carriage-way of such Square, Street, Lane, Court, Yard, Mews, or Place, as shall lie between the Kirb Stone of the Footway thereof (if any) and the Middle or Centre of the said Carriage-way, and where there shall be no such Footway, then to compound for the Paving of one full Moiety of such Carriage-way opposite to the Fronts and Flank Walls of his, her, or their respective Messuages or Tenements, Shops, Warehouses, Coach-houses, Stables, Cellars, and Vaults, whether such Messuages or Tenements, Shops, Warehouses, Coach-houses, Stables, Cellars, or Vaults, shall either be built or in building, which Composition the said Committee, or any Three or more of them, are hereby authorized to make; and if such Owner or Owners, Proprietor or Proprietors, Lessee or Lessees, shall not attend, or shall not cause such Ground to be raised or lowered, levelled, prepared, and well and sufficiently rammed down and formed, and such Kirb and Footway Paving laid to the Satisfaction, in the Manner, and within the Time aforesaid, or shall not compound or agree with the said Committee, or any Three or more of them as aforesaid, or having compounded, shall not pay the Sum so compounded or agreed for unto the Collector authorized to receive the same, within Ten Days next after Demand thereof shall be made in Writing by the Clerk to the said Committee, then and in every such case it shall, and may be lawful to and for the said Committee, or any Three or more of them, to order the same to be paved as soon as conveniently may be, and all the Charges and Expences attending the preparing such Ground and of such Paving shall be paid by the then respective Owner or Owners, Proprietor or Proprietors, Lessee or Lessees of such Premises, and shall be recovered and levied upon the Goods and Chattels of such Owner or Owners, Proprietor or Proprietors, Lessee or Lessees, or upon the said Premises, in such and the like Manner as any Rate or Rates, Assessment or Assessments for defraying the Expences of paving, repairing, cleansing, and lighting the Squares, Streets, Lanes, and other Places within the Jurisdiction of this Act may be recovered and levied.

and to meet the Committee, to compound for new Paving the Carriage-way:

In default, Committee to pave and charge the Owners with the whole Expences thereof.

Powers for recovering such Expences.

XXI. And whereas it may sometimes happen that the said Committee may necessarily and unavoidably incur some Costs, Charges, and Expences not expressly provided for by this Act, in and about enforcing Payments

For defraying certain Expences.

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of Rates, Performance of Contracts, or otherwise; be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Committee to order all such Costs, Charges, and Expences to be borne and paid out of any Money raised or to be raised by virtue of this Act.

Rates to be made for repairing, &c.

XXII. And in order to defray the Expences of carrying the several Purposes of this Act into Execution, be it further enacted, That the said Committee (not being less than Five of them present) shall and they are hereby authorized and required to meet in the Vestry Room of the said Parish of *Saint Giles in the Fields* upon the Second *Thursday* in *June* One thousand eight hundred and nineteen, and also in the Second *Thursday* in *June* in every succeeding Year, or within Twenty-one Days next after every such Second *Thursday* respectively, and at any other Time or Times as often as Occasion shall be or require, to make, and they are hereby authorized, empowered, and required to make, the several Rates and Assessments following, (that is to say) fair and equal Pound Rates or Assessments upon all and every Person and Persons who do or shall inhabit, hold, use, occupy, possess, or enjoy any Land, House, Shop, Warehouse, Coach-house, Stable, Cellar, Vault, Building, Tenement, or Hereditament whatsoever, in any Square, Street, Lane, or other Place within the Jurisdiction of this Act, as the said Committee shall from Time to Time think proper and necessary for defraying the Expences of repairing, cleansing, and lighting the several Squares, Streets, Lanes, and other Places within the said Jurisdiction, and of removing all Annoyances and Obstructions therefrom, and for defraying all contingent and incidental Expences, and for all other the Purposes of this Act (except as to new paving and watering any Squares, Streets, or Places); such Rates or Assessments to be made, laid, and assessed according to the Proportion of the yearly Rent or Value thereof, as the same Hereditaments were assessed to the Rates for the Relief of the Poor of the said Parishes in the Year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and seventy, so as no such last-mentioned Rate or Rates, Assessment or Assessments, within any Square shall exceed in the whole the Sum of Two Shillings and Sixpence in the Pound, and within any Street, Lane, or other Place, the Sum of Two Shillings in the Pound, in any one Year.

For defraying the Expence of watering Streets.

XXIII. And in order to defray the Costs and Charges of watering the Squares, Streets, and Places, which by virtue of the said former Act of the said Forty-seventh Year of His present Majesty's Reign, have been watered, and other incidental Expences relative thereto, be it further enacted, That the said Committee shall and are hereby authorized and empowered, as often as Need or Occasion shall be or require, to make fair and equal Pound Rates or Assessments upon all and every Person, who do or shall inhabit, hold, occupy, possess, and enjoy any Land, Ground, House, Shop, or other Hereditaments whatsoever, within any of the said last-mentioned Squares, Streets, or Places, as the said Committee shall think proper or necessary, for the Purposes of sinking Wells, erecting Pumps, and watering the said Squares, Streets, and Places, and for defraying all Expences incident thereto, so as such last-mentioned Rates or Assessments shall not exceed Three-pence in the Pound in any one Year.

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XXIV. And be it further enacted, That the said Committee shall, and they are hereby authorized and required to make further or additional Rates or Assessments, not exceeding Sixpence in the Pound in any one Year, upon all and every Person and Persons who shall inhabit, hold, use, occupy, possess, or enjoy any Land, Ground, House, Shop, Warehouse, Coach-house, Stable, Cellar, Vault, Building, Tenement, or Hereditament whatsoever, in any Square, Street, or Place within the Jurisdiction of this Act, which since the First Day of *May* One thousand eight hundred and one has been new paved by virtue of the said former Acts, or any of them (and upon which said Hereditaments the further or additional Rates or Assessments now stand, or which at or immediately before the passing of this Act did stand charged with the Payment of any Sum or Sums of Money for or in respect of such new Paving thereof), to and for the Purpose of paying and discharging the principal Money so due and owing upon the Credit of the further or additional Rates and Assessments authorized to be assessed and collected for or in respect of new Paving by virtue of the said former Acts, or any or either of them, together with Interest thereof in the meantime.

Rates for
new Paving.

XXV. Provided always, That nothing in any of the said recited Acts shall extend, or be construed to extend, to authorize or empower the Committee Men, appointed under or by virtue of the said Act of the Eleventh Year of His present Majesty, or to be appointed by virtue of this Act, to make after the passing of this Act, any Rate or Assessment upon any Person or Persons in respect of any Messuage or Hereditament situate in *Middle Row*, or that Part of *Holborn* which lies in the Parish of *Saint Andrew Holborn above the Bars*; any thing in the said recited Acts, or any of them contained to the contrary thereof notwithstanding.

Committee
not to make
Rate on *Holborn*
after the
passing of this
Act.

XXVI. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That all Houses, Tenements, or other Buildings, which shall hereafter be erected or built within the Jurisdiction of this Act, shall be rated and assessed for the several Purposes of this Act, in the same Manner and Proportion as other Houses, Tenements, or Buildings shall be then rated or assessed.

Houses here-
after to be
built how to
be rated.

XXVII. And be it further enacted, That the first Rate or Rates, Assessment or Assessments, directed to be made as aforesaid, shall commence from the Twenty-fifth Day of *March* One thousand eight hundred and nineteen; and every future Rate or Rates, Assessment or Assessments, shall commence from the Time that the last preceding Rate or Rates, Assessment or Assessments ended, and not otherwise; and the Rate or Assessment on every new-built House or Tenement shall commence as soon as such new-built House shall be occupied; and the Monies therein and thereby charged and assessed shall be payable Quarterly, or otherwise, as the said Committee shall direct or appoint, and shall be recoverable in the Manner prescribed, and under the Provisions contained in this Act.

Commence-
ment of the
first Rates.

XXVIII. And be it further enacted and declared, That if the said Committee shall omit or neglect to make any Rate or Assessment hereinbefore authorized or directed to be made, and to raise the Money by this Act directed in manner before mentioned, for the Space of Three Calendar Months, then the said Vestrymen may and shall make such

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Rates or Assessments as ought to have been made by such Committee as aforesaid, and cause the same to be collected, levied, and recovered, and the Money raised thereupon to be applied in such and the like Manner, either for repairing, cleansing, lighting, or watering the said Squares, Streets, and Places, or to or for such other Purposes as the said Committee might or ought to have done; any thing in this Act contained to the contrary thereof notwithstanding.

Committee
may rectify
Omissions,
and correct
Errors in
Rates.

XXIX. And be it further enacted, That if it shall appear to the said Committee, at any Time or Times after any Rate or Assessment shall have been made and signed by them, that the Name or Names of any Person or Persons who ought to be included in such Rate or Assessment hath or have been omitted therein, or that the Name or Names of any Person or Persons hath or have been inserted in such Rate or Assessment as Inhabitants, Holders, or Occupiers of any Messuage or Messuages or other Hereditaments, for or in respect of which some other Person or Persons ought to have been rated or assessed, or in case any Messuage or Tenement which at the Time of making any such Rate or Assessment was empty and unoccupied shall become occupied by any Person or Persons within the Meaning of this Act, or that any other Alteration or Amendment of such Rate or Assessment may in the Opinion of the said Committee be necessary, then and in any or either of such Cases it shall be lawful to and for the said Committee to add or insert, or cause to be added and inserted to or in such Rate or Assessment, the Name or Names of the Person or Persons so omitted, and the Name or Names of the Person or Persons who shall have become the Occupier of any Messuage or Tenement which was at the Time of making such Rate empty and unoccupied as aforesaid, together with the Sum or Sums for which he, she, or they ought to be rated and assessed, and the Amount of such Rate or Assessment in respect thereof; and also to insert and substitute, or cause to be inserted and substituted, the Name or Names of such Person or Persons as may be the Inhabitants, Holders, or Occupiers of any Messuages or Hereditaments, instead of and for the Name or Names of the Person or Persons incorrectly inserted in such Rate or Assessment as the Inhabitants, Holders, or Occupiers of any Messuages or Hereditaments at the Time of making such Rate; and otherwise from Time to Time to alter and amend the said Rate or Assessment as they may from Time to Time deem necessary; and that every such Addition, Insertion, Alteration, and Amendment to or in any such Rate or Assessment shall be valid and effectual in Law to all Intents and Purposes, and the Monies charged to any Person or Persons in consequence thereof, shall and may be demanded, received, and recovered in the same Manner as if the Name or Names of such Person or Persons, or other Alteration and Amendment, had been inserted and made in such Rate or Assessment at the Time, previous to the original making or signing thereof.

Rates of
Houses let to
Ambassadors
to be paid by
the Land-
lords.

XXX. And be it further enacted, That every Rate or Assessment which shall be made, laid, or assessed by virtue of this Act, for or in respect of any Land, Ground, House, Shop, Warehouse, Wharf, Coach-house, Stable, Cellar, Vault, Building, Tenement, or Hereditament whatsoever, which any Ambassador, Envoy, Resident Agent, or other Public Minister of any Foreign Prince or State, or the Servants of any such Ambassador, Envoy, Resident Agent, or other Public Minister, or any other Person not liable by Law to pay such Rate or Assessment, now doth or hereafter shall

shall inhabit, shall be paid by and recoverable from the Landlord, Owner, Lessor, or Proprietor of every such Land, Ground, House, Shop, Warehouse, Wharf, Coach-house, Stable, Cellar, Vault, Building, Tenement, or Hereditament respectively, who shall be liable and compellable to the Payment thereof; and the same shall be recovered by an Action or Actions at Law in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster*; and upon Proof of the Demand made, and Refusal or Neglect of Payment of the Rate or Assessment, for the Recovery whereof such Action or Actions shall be brought, the said Committee shall be entitled to a Verdict against the Defendant or Defendants in such Action or Actions; and all such Rates so to be recovered shall be applied as the other Rates hereby made payable are to be applied.

XXXI. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Committee, and they are hereby required, from Time to Time to rate and assess all Parish Churches, Church Yards, Chapels, Meeting Houses, and other Places of Public Worship, Public Schools, Hospitals, Dispensaries, Markets, and other Public Buildings, Warehouses, and void Spaces of Ground, situate, standing, lying, and being in or abutting on the Streets and Places within the Jurisdiction of this Act, at a Rate not exceeding One Shilling in any one Year for every square Yard of Pavement paved or repaired, cleansed, and lighted under and by virtue of this Act or any other the said former Acts, belonging to such Parish Church, Church Yard, Chapel, Meeting House, or other Place of Public Worship, Public School, Hospital, Dispensary, Market, or other Public Building, Warehouse, Wall, and void Space of Ground, and which are not charged by virtue of this Act, by the Pound Rate or otherwise; which Rate or Rates, Assessment or Assessments, to be laid upon such Parish Churches, Chapels, and Church Yards, shall be paid by the respective Church or Chapel Wardens, and the Rate or Rates, Assessment or Assessments, to be laid upon such Meeting Houses or other Places of Public Worship, Public Schools, Hospitals, Dispensaries, Markets, or other Public Buildings, Warehouses, Walls, and void Spaces of Ground, shall be paid by the Owner or Owners, Proprietor or Proprietors thereof respectively; all which Rates or Assessments shall be recovered and applied as the other Rates hereby made payable are to be recovered and applied.

Public Buildings, Walls, &c. to be assessed.

XXXII. And be it further enacted, That where any Land, Ground, House, Shop, Warehouse, Wharf, Coach-house, Stable, Cellar, Vault, Building, Tenement, or Hereditament, under the Management of the said Committee, shall at the Time of making any of the said Rates or Assessments be empty, untenanted, or unoccupied, then and in all such Cases it shall be lawful for the said Committee to rate and assess such Premises at One-half of the Rates or Assessments herein-before granted, during such Time only as such Premises, after making any such Rate or Rates, Assessment or Assessments respectively, shall be empty, untenanted, or unoccupied; and when any such Premises shall become empty, untenanted, or unoccupied, after the making of any full Rate or Assessment, One-half only of such full Rate or Assessment shall be recoverable for and during so long Time as the same shall be empty, untenanted, or unoccupied; and in any of the Cases aforesaid, the said Rates or Assessments, and all Arrears due thereon respectively, shall be paid by the Owners, Proprietors, or Lessors, or by the First or any other Tenants or Occu-

How empty Houses shall be assessed.

piers thereof, and such Tenants or Occupiers shall and may and are hereby respectively authorized to deduct and retain the same out of their Rent, and the Owners, Proprietors, or Lessors of such Premises, is and are hereby required to allow such Deductions and Payments upon Receipt of the Residue of their respective Rents, and the said respective Tenants or Occupiers shall and are hereby acquitted and discharged of and from so much of their respective Rents as the Rates or Assessments, and all Arrears due thereon, and so paid by them respectively, shall amount unto: Provided always, that no such Tenant or Occupier shall be required or compellable to pay any greater Sum for or towards the Discharge of any such Rate or Assessment than the Amount of the Rent actually due and payable by such Tenant or Occupier to any such Owner, Proprietor, or Lessor of such Premises.

Rates of small Houses, or Houses let in separate Apartments, or ready furnished, to be recovered from Landlord;

XXXIII. And be it further enacted, That the several Lessors, Landlords, or Owners of all such Houses, Buildings, Tenements, or other Hereditaments within the said Parishes, the yearly Value whereof respectively shall not exceed Twenty Pounds, or which shall be let or offered to be let to weekly or monthly Tenants, or which shall be let or offered to be let furnished, or in Lodgings, or in separate Apartments, or at Rents which shall become payable and to be collected at any shorter Periods than quarterly, shall for the Purposes of this Act only (but not as to any Settlement which may be gained by any Person or Persons in respect of his, her, or their renting or occupying such Messuages or Hereditaments, or any Part or Parts thereof), be severally rated as the Occupier or Occupiers of such Houses, Buildings, Tenements, or Hereditaments respectively; and that all and every such Lessor and Lessors, Landlord and Landlords, Owner and Owners, shall or may from Time to Time, and at all Times hereafter, be rated and assessed to and by any Rate or Rates, Assessment or Assessments, to be made by virtue of this Act, unless the said Committee shall from Time to Time prefer and determine to rate the actual Occupier or Occupiers of such Houses, Buildings, Tenements, or Hereditaments respectively; and the Person or Persons so rated, whether the Lessor or Lessors, Landlord or Landlords, Owner or Owners, or the Occupier or Occupiers, shall from Time to Time pay or cause to be paid all and every such Rates or Assessments in respect of such Houses, Buildings, Tenements, or Hereditaments respectively; and upon Nonpayment thereof, such Rates or Assessments may be levied by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of such Person or Persons respectively, or of the Goods and Chattels of the Person or Persons inhabiting the same Messuages or Hereditaments respectively: Provided always, that no Lessor or Lessors, Landlord or Landlords, Owner or Owners, nor any Person or Persons, shall be charged with or liable to pay for and in respect of any increased Rent reserved or made payable to him, her, or them for or on account of any Agreement made by such Lessor or Lessors, Landlord or Landlords, Owner or Owners, or Person or Persons, with the actual Occupier or Occupiers of such Messuages or Hereditaments, that such Lessor or Lessors, Landlord or Landlords, Owner or Owners, or other Person or Persons, would pay the several Rates or Assessments otherwise chargeable by this Act upon the Occupier or Occupiers of such Houses, Buildings, Tenements, or Hereditaments respectively: And provided also, that if the Lessor or Lessors, Landlord or Landlords, Owner or Owners of any House, Building, Tenement, or Hereditament, the yearly Value whereof shall

shall not exceed Twenty Pounds, and which shall be let to One Tenant only, at a Rent which shall become payable and be collected only by quarterly Payments, shall be rated and assessed as the Occupier or Occupiers of any such House, Building, Tenement, or Hereditament, then upon Request in Writing under the Hand or Hands of any such Lessor or Lessors, Landlord or Landlords, Owner or Owners, and a true and full Statement being delivered in Writing of the Name of the actual Tenant or Occupier of every such House, Building, Tenement, or Hereditament, and such other Information relating thereto as the said Committee shall from Time to Time direct and require, and to their Satisfaction, the said Committee shall compound with any such Lessor or Lessors, Landlord or Landlords, Owner or Owners of such House, Building, Tenement, or Hereditament, for Payment of the said Rates or Assessments for and in respect of every such House, Building, Tenement, or Hereditament, at such reduced yearly Rental as the said Committee shall think reasonable, not being more than Three-fourths or less than Two-thirds of the Rack Rent or annual Value of each such Houses, Buildings, Tenements, or Hereditaments respectively; or shall remit to such Lessor or Lessors, Landlord or Landlords, Owner or Owners, such Part of such Rates or Assessments as the said Committee shall think reasonable, not being less than One-fourth nor more than One-third of such Rates or Assessments; and also that it may be lawful for the said Committee, if they shall think proper, to compound with any Lessor or Lessors, Landlord or Landlords, Owner or Owners of any Houses, Buildings, Tenements, or other Hereditaments in the said Parishes, which shall be let or offered to be let to weekly or monthly Tenants, or which shall be let or offered to be let furnished, or in Lodgings, or in separate Apartments, or at Rents which shall become payable, or to be collected at any shorter Periods than quarterly, for Payment of the said Rates or Assessments, for or in respect of such Houses, Buildings, Tenements, or Hereditaments, at such reduced yearly Rental as the said Committee shall think reasonable, not being less than Two-third Parts of the Rack Rent or annual Value of such Houses, Buildings, Tenements, or Hereditaments respectively; or to remit to the Lessor or Lessors, Landlord or Landlords, Owner or Owners of any such Tenements respectively last-mentioned, such Part of such Rates or Assessments as the said Committee shall think proper, not being more than One-third Part of the Rates or Assessments to which such Lessor or Lessors, Landlord or Landlords, Owner or Owners, shall be rated or assessed in respect of each such last-mentioned Messuages or Hereditaments respectively, or otherwise to collect from such Lessor or Lessors, Landlord or Landlords, Owner or Owners, the whole of such Rates or Assessments, as they shall think proper; and also that the said Committee may vary, discontinue, or renew either or any of such Compositions, as they shall from Time to Time deem expedient.

XXXIV. And be it further enacted, That in case at any Time or Times hereafter any Person or Persons who hath or have been rated and assessed to, or who is or are liable to the Payment of any Rates or Assessments which shall be made by virtue of this Act, shall quit his, her, or their Houses, Tenements, or Hereditaments within the said Parish, for or in respect whereof he, she, or they shall be rated or assessed, before he, she, or they shall have paid such Rates or Assessments, then and in every such Case it shall be lawful for any Person or Persons appointed to collect or receive such Rates or Assessments by the said Committee

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mittee (Oath being made by him or them, that he or they doth or do suspect that such Person or Persons hath or have removed his, her, or their Goods and Chattels), by Warrant under the Hand and Seal of any of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the said County of *Middlesex*, and which Warrant such Justice or Justices is and are hereby authorized and required to grant (and in case such Person or Persons shall have removed into any other County, City, or Place, such Warrant being first backed and countersigned by some Magistrate of the County, City, or Place to which such Person or Persons shall have removed, and which Warrant every such Magistrate is hereby empowered and directed to back and countersign), to distrain, and appraise, and sell the Goods and Chattels of such Person or Persons who shall have so quitted the said Messuages or Hereditaments before he or they have paid such Rates or Assessments, for the Sum or Sums of Money due from any such Person or Persons by virtue of such Rates or Assessments, or any of them, or any Part thereof, and for all Costs, Charges, and Expences occasioned by such Warrant, Distress, Appraisement, and Sale, in any County, City, or Place to which such Person or Persons shall have removed, in such and the same Manner as if the same Person or Persons had continued in the said Parishes of *Saint Giles in the Fields* and *Saint George Bloomsbury*.

Persons receiving Rents to be deemed Owners.

XXXV. And be it further enacted, to prevent Disputes touching the Designation of the Lessor or Landlord, or Owners of any Houses, Buildings, Tenements, or Hereditaments intended to be made liable to be rated and assessed by any Rates or Assessments to be made by virtue of this Act, That the Person or Persons legally authorized and empowered to receive and collect, or receiving and collecting, or claiming to be entitled to receive and collect the Rents of any Houses, Buildings, Tenements, or Hereditaments from the Tenants or actual Occupiers thereof, or any of them, may be deemed and taken to be the Lessor or Lessors, Landlord or Landlords, Owner or Owners of such House, Building, Tenement, or Hereditament, and shall be liable to be rated and assessed, and shall be compellable to pay the Rates and Assessments in respect of such Houses, Buildings, or Hereditaments, in all Cases in which either Lessors, Landlords, or Owners are made liable to be rated and assessed, and to the Payment of Rates and Assessments by virtue of this Act, unless the real Lessor or Lessors, Landlord or Landlords, Owner or Owners thereof, shall be declared by himself, herself, or themselves to be the real Lessor or Lessors, Landlord or Landlords, Owner or Owners thereof, or shall be distinctly and certainly known by the said Committee.

Agreement between Landlord and Tenant not to be impeached.

XXXVI. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall be construed, deemed, or taken to impeach, alter, or make void any Agreements made between any Landlord and Tenant in any Lease now granted or hereafter to be granted previous to any Contract or Agreement now existing; any thing in this Act contained to the contrary thereof notwithstanding.

Manner of levying Rates.

XXXVII. And be it further enacted, That in case at any Time or Times hereafter any Lessor or Lessors, Landlord or Landlords, Owner or Owners, Occupier or Occupiers of any Land, House, Shop, Warehouse, Coach-house, Stable, Cellar, Vault, Building, Tenement, or Hereditament whatsoever, within the Jurisdiction of this Act, for and in respect whereof he

he or they shall be rated or assessed to any Rate or Assessment, made or to be made by virtue of this Act, or liable to be rated and assessed, or to pay the Money so rated or assessed as aforesaid, shall refuse or neglect to pay the Money rated and assessed upon him or them respectively, or which he or they may be liable to pay by virtue of this Act, and all Arrears hereafter due thereon, it shall be lawful for any One of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the County of *Middlesex*, and he is hereby authorized and directed, by Writing under his Hand, on Complaint made by the said Committee or any Officer or other Person appointed by them, to summon all and every Person and Persons who shall have refused and neglected as aforesaid, to appear at the Time and Place to be mentioned in such Summons before such Justice, or before any Justice or Justices of the Peace for the same County, who shall be then and there present; and it shall be lawful for any Person appointed to collect and receive such Rates or Assessments, or for any of the Constables, Headboroughs, or Beadles of the said Parish, or for any other Person, to serve all and every such Summons and Summonses upon all and every Person and Persons so refusing or neglecting to pay as aforesaid, either by delivering the same to the Person or Persons thereby intended to be summoned, or by leaving the same at his or their last or usual Place or Places of Abode, or at or on the Premises for or in respect whereof the Rate or Rates, Assessment or Assessments, mentioned in such Summons, shall remain due and owing; and if any Person or Persons so summoned shall refuse or neglect to attend at the Time and Place mentioned in such Summons, or if he or they shall attend, and shall not shew good and sufficient Cause to such Justice or Justices as may be then and there present, that he or they is or are not subject or liable to the Payment of such Rate or Rates, Assessment or Assessments, then and in every such Case every such Person or Persons shall pay the Rate or Rates in respect of which such Summons was issued, and also the Costs and Charges of such Summons; and in all cases where such Rate or Rates, Assessment or Assessments, or any of them, shall not be paid upon the Return of such Summons, it shall be lawful for the Justice who shall have signed and issued such Summons or Summonses, or who shall have directed such Summons or Summonses to be signed and issued as aforesaid, or for any other Justice of the Peace for the said County, and he is hereby authorized and required, upon Oath made before him of the due Service of such Summons or Summonses by the Person who shall have served the same, to grant a Warrant under his Hand and Seal, authorizing or directing any such Person approved to collect such Rate or Rates, Assessment or Assessments as aforesaid, or any Constable, Headborough, or Beadle of the said Parish, or other District, or any other Constable, Headborough, or other Person, to levy such Rate or Rates, Assessment or Assessments, and all Arrears thereof, and the said Costs and Charges of the Summons (if the same shall not have been paid before), and the Costs and Charges of every such Warrant, and also the reasonable Costs, Charges, and Expences of executing the same, by Distress of the Goods and Chattels of the Person or Persons so neglecting or refusing, which shall be found either within the said Parish or elsewhere; and if within Five Days next after any Distress shall be made pursuant to the Directions of this Act, the said Rate or Rates, Assessment or Assessments, with all Arrears due thereon, together with all the said Charges of the said Summons, and the said Charges for the said Warrant, and the said Charges and Expences of executing the same Warrant, and of making such Distress, and keeping such Goods and Chattels, shall not be paid,

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then the said Person appointed to collect as aforesaid, or the Constable, Headborough, or Beadle, or other Person authorized by the said Warrant, shall cause the said Goods and Chattels to be appraised by One or more Appraiser or Appraisers, and to be sold, either on the Premises where the same shall be distrained, or elsewhere, or such Part or Parts thereof as in his or their Judgment shall be sufficient to pay the said Rate or Rates, Assessment or Assessments, together with all Arrears due thereon, and the said Costs, Charges, and Expences of the said Summons, Warrant, Distress, Removal and keeping Possession of such Goods and Chattels so distrained, and the reasonable Costs, Charges, and Expences of appraising and selling the same (the Amount of all such Costs, Charges, and Expences relating to the Recovery of the said Rate or Rates, Assessment or Assessments, being in case of Dispute settled by any One Justice of the Peace for the said County), and shall return the Overplus (if any) to the Owner or Owners of such Goods or Chattels respectively, upon Demand thereof made by him or them.

In case of no sufficient Distress or fraudulent Removal of Goods, the Defaulter to be committed as a Prisoner for Debt, not exceeding Three Months.

XXXVIII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That in case no Goods and Chattels, or no sufficient Goods and Chattels of any Person or Persons so neglecting or refusing can be any where found to be distrained by virtue of any such Warrant, or in case any such Goods and Chattels shall be locked up, secured, or removed with a fraudulent Intention to elude the Payment or Recovery of such Rates or Assessments, and so that they cannot be distrained, then and in any of such Cases, upon Information thereof given to any Two Justices of the Peace for the said County, it shall be lawful for any Two such Justices, if they shall think fit, to issue a Warrant under their Hands and Seals for the Apprehension of any such Person or Persons, and to commit such Person or Persons to the Common Gaol for the said County, there to be kept and confined, and there to remain without Bail or Mainprize for any Time not exceeding the Space of Three Months, unless such Rates or Assessments, and all Arrears thereof, and all such Costs, Charges, and Expences, or so much thereof as shall remain unsatisfied by any such Distress or Distresses or otherwise, shall be sooner paid.

Form of Warrant of Distress.

XXXIX. And be it further enacted, That every Warrant of Distress for Nonpayment of any Rates or Assessments authorized and directed to be issued by virtue of this Act, shall be in the Words or to the Effect following :

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(to wit.) } One of the Collectors of the Rates for
the several Purposes mentioned in an Act for better paving,
cleansing, and lighting the Parishes of *Saint Giles in the Fields*,
and *Saint George Bloomsbury*, in the County of *Middlesex*, and
for vesting the sole Management thereof in the Vestrymen
of the said Parishes, and a Committee of the Inhabitants
thereof, and to all Constables, Headboroughs, Beadles, and
Peace Officers of the County aforesaid :

WHEREAS the under-mentioned Person (or Persons, if more than One) now or late was a Lessor, Landlord, Owner, or Occupier (or Lessors, Landlords, Owners, or Occupiers, if more than One) of a Tenement (or Tenements, if more than One Person be included in the Warrant) or other Hereditaments within the said Parishes, and was and is, or were and are, (as the Case may be) rated and assessed, or is, or are,

(as the Case may be) liable to the Payment of the Sum or Sums of
 Money set opposite to his, her, or their respective Name or Names
 (as the Case may be) hereunder written, by virtue of a Rate or Rates
 duly made under and by virtue of a certain Act passed in the Fifty-ninth
 Year of the Reign of His Majesty King George the Third, intituled
 [here set forth the Title of this Act]: And whereas the said Person or
 Persons has or have (as the Case may be) refused or neglected to pay the
 Sum or several Sums of Money set at and opposite his, her, or their
 Name or Names (as the Case may be) hereunder written, due from him,
 her, or them by virtue of such Rate or Rates (as the Case may be), and
 the said Sum or several Sum and Sums of Money is or are (as the Case
 may be) still remaining due and unpaid, as appeareth upon Oath to me
 One of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the said County; and the
 said Person or several Persons (as the Case may be) having been summoned
 to appear to answer the Premises, as also appeareth to me the said Justice
 upon Oath, and neither he, she, or they, or either of them (as the Case
 may be) having shewn any sufficient Cause why such Sum or Sums of
 Money (as the Case may be) should not be paid by him, her, or them
 respectively (as the Case may be) as also appeareth to me upon Oath: Now
 these are therefore in His Majesty's Name to will and require you, or
 either of you, forthwith to levy the said Sum or several Sums of Money
 (as the Case may be) due from the said Person or Persons (as the Case may
 be) and hereunder set opposite to his, her, or their Name or Names
 respectively (as the Case may be) and also the Two several Sums of
 (inserting the Amount of the Costs and Charges for the Summons and
 for the Warrant, or for either of them (as the Case may be), for the Costs
 and Charges of the said Summons and of these Presents, by Distress and
 Sale of his, her, or their respective Goods and Chattels (as the Case may
 be), such Goods and Chattels being kept for the Space of Five Days
 before the same are sold, rendering to him, her, or them respectively
 (as the Case may be) the Overplus (if any) on Demand, and the reason-
 able Charges of such Distress, and of any Demand or keeping Possession,
 Appraisement, or Sale thereof, being first deducted; and if no sufficient
 Distress can be had or taken, that then you certify the same to me, to
 the End such Proceedings may be had therein as to the Law doth apper-
 tain: And I do hereby strictly charge and command all and singular
 the Constables, Headboroughs, and other His Majesty's Peace Officers
 for the said County, to be aiding and assisting in all things relating to
 the Premises. Given under my Hand and Seal this Day of
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E. F. For a House offered to be let in separate Tenements - }			
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I. K. For a House offered to be let ready furnished. - }			

XL. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful Rates may
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being, to bring or cause to be brought any Action or Actions of Debt, or Special Action on the Case, or other Action or Actions in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster*, against any Person or Persons liable to pay any Sum or Sums of Money for and in respect of any Rates or Assessments made by virtue of this Act, or against any Executors or Administrators of any Person or Persons liable as aforesaid for the Recovery of the Sum or Sums of Money due from any such Person or Persons; and that in any such Action or Actions, or other Proceedings, it shall be sufficient for the Plaintiff or Complainant to declare or allege that the Person or Persons against whom such Action or Actions may be brought, is indebted to such Plaintiff or Complainant in such Sum or Sums of Money as shall appear to be due by or on account of any such Rates or Assessments; and that it shall only be necessary for such Plaintiff or Complainant to produce any such Rate or Rates, Assessment or Assessments, and to prove that the Person or Persons against whom such Action or Actions shall be brought, or who shall be deceased, was or were the Person or Persons mentioned in such Rate or Assessment, or liable to the Payment thereof by virtue of this Act, to entitle such Plaintiff or Complainant to recover the whole of the Sum or Sums of Money, for the Recovery whereof such Action or Actions shall be brought against such Person or Persons, or against such Executors or Administrators; and that if such Plaintiff or Complainant by any such Action or Actions shall recover such Sum or Sums of Money so intended to be recovered thereby, or any Part thereof, he shall have the full Costs of such Action, to be levied in the Manner in which all other Monies and Costs recovered in any Court or Courts wherein such Action shall be brought may be levied and obtained; and that in any such Action or Actions no Essoign, Protection, or Wager of Law, nor more than One Imparlance, shall be allowed.

Rates recovered of Tenants of divided Tenements, to be repaid by Landlords.

XLI. And be it further enacted, That the Goods and Chattels of each and every Person and Persons renting and occupying any separate Part or Apartment of or in any House, Building, Tenement, or Hereditament; and the Goods and Chattels in every House, Tenement, or Hereditament let ready furnished, although the Person or Persons occupying such House, Tenement, or Hereditament, or separate Part or Apartment, be not rated or assessed under or by virtue of this Act, shall be liable to be distrained and sold by virtue of any Warrant, under the Hand and Seal of One of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace, which he is by this Act authorized and directed to grant, for any Rates or Assessments made by virtue of this Act, which have accrued or become due during the Term of the Occupancy by any such Person or Persons of any such Messuage or Hereditament, or separate Part or Apartments thereof, and for the Costs, Charges, and Expences of such Warrant, and of any Appraisement, Possession, Removal, or Sale of such Goods and Chattels or attendant thereupon; but no such Person or Persons shall be required or compellable to pay any greater Sum for or towards the Discharge of the said Rates or Assessments, or any of them, than the Amount of the Rent actually due and payable by such Person or Persons to the Lessor or Lessors, Landlord or Landlords, Owner or Owners, of such House, Tenement, or Hereditament, or other Person or Persons rated or assessed as the Occupier or Occupiers of the Houses, Tenements, or Hereditaments so entirely or partly occupied by such Person or Persons; and that each and every Person or Persons who shall pay any such Rates or Assessments as ought to have been paid by the

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Lessor or Lessors, Landlord or Landlords, Owner or Owners of any such Tenement or Hereditament, or upon whose Goods or Chattels the same shall be levied in pursuance of this Act; shall and may deduct the same from and out of the Rent due and payable, or to become due and payable to his or their Lessor or Lessors, Landlord or Landlords, so letting out the same House, Tenement, or Hereditament, or separate Part or Apartment, to him or them (unless there shall be some Agreement to the contrary between the Landlord or Tenant), and the Receipt and Receipts for such Payment or Payments shall be a sufficient Discharge to every such Person or Persons for so much as he or they shall have so paid, or which shall have been so levied on his or their Goods and Chattels in pursuance of this Act, and shall be repaid by such Lessor or Lessors, Landlord or Landlords, Owner or Owners, or be allowed by him, her, or them, in Part or full Payment (as the Case may be) for the Rent due or to become due to him, her, or them, from such Person or Persons as aforesaid, for or in respect of such Houses, Buildings, Tenements, or Hereditaments, or separate Part or Apartments thereof respectively.

XLII. And be it further enacted, That in case any Person shall remove out of or from, or quit the Possession of any House, Building, Tenement, Ground, or Hereditament within the Limits of this Act, before the Rate or Assessment charged thereon by virtue of this Act shall be paid, or if any Person shall enter into the Occupation of any House, Building, Tenement, Ground, or Hereditament, out of or from which any other Person shall have so removed before Payment of the said Rates or Assessments, or which at the Time of rating or assessing the same as aforesaid shall be empty or unoccupied, then the Person so removing out of or from, or quitting the Possession, and the Person entering into the Occupation of any such House, Building, Tenement, Ground, or Hereditament, shall be respectively liable to the Payment of the Rate or Assessment in proportion to the Time such Persons possessed or occupied the same respectively, in like Manner as if the Person so removing or quitting as aforesaid had remained in the Possession and Occupation of such House, Building, Tenement, Ground, or Hereditament, or the Person so entering into the Occupation thereof had been originally rated or assessed, which Proportion (in case of Dispute) shall be ascertained by any One or more of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the said County of *Middlesex*.

For apportioning Rates between incoming and outgoing Tenant.

XLIII. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful from Time to Time and at all Times hereafter for the said Committee, and they are hereby empowered, upon the Complaint or Request of any Person or Persons subject to the Payment of any Rate or Rates, Assessment or Assessments to be made by virtue of this Act, who shall think himself, herself, or themselves aggrieved thereby, or incompetent to pay the same, to mitigate, reduce, or lessen the same as they in their Discretion shall think just and reasonable; and also to remit or excuse the Payment thereof, for any Cause which they shall deem sufficient, or for or on account of the Poverty or Indigence of any Person or Persons liable to pay the same, and so complaining or requesting the Remission or Reduction of any such Rates or Assessments.

Committee may relieve Persons from Payment of Rates, in Part or in all on account of Poverty.

XLIV. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That if any Person or Persons shall conceive himself, herself, or themselves aggrieved by, or

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Determination or Act of the Committee, or by any Conviction, may appeal against the same to the Sessions.

be dissatisfied with any Rate or Assessment, or by any Judgment, Determination, or other Act of the said Committee, or by any Order or Conviction of any One or more Justice or Justices of the Peace, then and in every such Case, it shall and may be lawful to and for such Person or Persons to appeal to the Justices of the Peace at the first General or General Quarter Sessions of the Peace, to be holden in and for the County of *Middlesex* aforesaid, after the Expiration of One Calendar Month from the Time of making any such Rate or Assessment, or of such Judgment, Determination, or other Act of the said Committee, or of the making of any such Order or Conviction, the Person or Persons appealing having first given Fourteen Days Notice at least of his, her, or their Intention to bring such Appeal, and of the Matters thereof, to the Treasurer or Clerk to the said Committee, and within Three Days after such Notice entering into a Recognizance before some Justice of the Peace of the said County, with sufficient Sureties conditioned to try such Appeal, and abide the Order or Award of the said Court thereon; and the said Justices at such Sessions, upon due Proof of such Notice and Recognizance having been given and entered into, are hereby authorized and required to hear and determine the Matter of such Appeal in a summary Way, and to make such Order therein, and to award such Costs to either of the Parties, or otherwise, as they the said Justices shall judge proper; and all such Orders and Determinations of the said Justices shall be final, binding, and conclusive to all Parties, to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever.

Justices may amend without quashing the whole Assessment.

XLV. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That upon any Appeal against the Determination of the said Committee, touching or concerning the said Rates or Assessments, or any of them, to be made for the Purposes of this Act, the Justices at such General or Quarter Sessions, shall and may amend the same, in such Manner as may be necessary for giving Relief without quashing or altering such Rates or Assessments with respect to other Persons mentioned in the same; but if upon Appeal from the whole Rates or Assessments it shall be found necessary to set aside the same, then and in such Case the said Justices shall and may order a new Rate or Assessment to be made in the Manner herein directed.

The Produce of New Paving Rates to be placed to the separate Account of each Parish.

XLVI. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That the several Sums of Money to be raised by the further or additional Rates or Assessments within each of the said Parishes of *Saint Giles in the Fields* and *Saint George Bloomsbury* respectively, shall be placed to the separate Account of the Parish in which the same shall be collected or received, to or for the Uses for which the same was so rated and assessed, and shall in the first Place be applied by the respective separate Committees, at Meetings to be held at their respective Vestry Rooms, in the Payment of the Interest due and to grow due upon or in respect of the several Sums of Money remaining due upon the Credit of such further or additional Rates within the said Parishes respectively, and after Payment thereof, the Residue of such further or additional Rates shall by the respective separate Committees, at Meetings to be held at their respective Vestry Rooms as aforesaid, separately, distinctly, and without the Interposition of each other, be applied for or towards the Payment of the several principal Sums of Money so remaining due upon the Credit of such further or additional Rates respectively; and that when and so soon as such principal Sums of Money, with all Interest due and to grow due thereon, shall be paid off and discharged

in each or either of the said Parishes respectively, then all further or additional Rates or Assessments in such respective Parish shall cease, and the then Surplus (if any) of the Monies raised by such further or additional Rates or Assessments in the said Parishes respectively, shall be applied by the Joint Committee for the Purposes of this Act.

XLVII. And to the End that such Residue may be applied for or towards discharging the principal Monies remaining due as aforesaid, and in order that no Preference may be given in the Repayment thereof, be it further enacted, That the respective Committees, at Meetings to be held at their respective Vestry Rooms as aforesaid, distinctly, and without the Interposition of each other, shall cause the Number or Numbers of all the Assignments or Securities granted by any former Committees, and then in force for securing the principal Monies lent and advanced upon the Credit of the further or additional Rates or Assessments, or the Number or Numbers of each several Sum of One hundred Pounds, secured by any such Assignment, to be written upon distinct Pieces of Paper of an equal Size, and all such Papers shall be rolled up in the same Form, or as near as possible, and put into a Box, and the Number or Numbers of the said Assignments or Securities, or Sums of One hundred Pounds each, shall be drawn separately out of the said Box by the Clerk to the said Committee; and after every such Ballot, the said Committee shall cause Notice, signed by their Clerk, to be given to or left at the last or usual Place of Abode of the Person or Persons who shall be entitled to the Money to be paid off pursuant to such Ballot; and when there is only One Creditor, to give Notice to such Creditor of the Intention of the said Committee to pay him or her as aforesaid, and every such Notice shall express the Sum to be paid off, together with the Interest due thereon, and that the same shall be paid on a Day and at a Place to be specified in such Notice, such Day not being sooner than Three Months after the Day of giving or leaving such Notice as aforesaid, and the Interest of the principal Money so to be paid off shall from the Day so specified cease, and be no longer paid or payable, unless such Money shall be demanded pursuant to such Notice and not paid; but the principal Money in respect whereof such Notice shall be given, and also the Interest thereof to the Day so specified, shall nevertheless be payable on Demand.

XLVIII. Provided always, and be it further enacted and declared, That all Assignments and Securities made or granted by the separate Committees, or either of them, elected under or by virtue of the said Act of the Eleventh Year of His present Majesty's Reign, and now in force for the Security of any Money borrowed upon the Credit of the further or additional Rates or Assessments thereby authorized to be made and collected within the said Parishes of *Saint Giles in the Fields* and *Saint George Bloomsbury*, or either of them, shall be good, valid, binding, and effectual in the Law to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever, according to the Tenor of such Assignments or Securities, until the same shall be paid off and discharged in pursuance of this Act.

XLIX. And be it further enacted, That the Collectors to be appointed by the said Committee in pursuance of this Act, shall and may collect and levy the Arrears of any Rate or Rates, Assessment or Assessments, already rated or assessed by virtue of the said former Acts, or any of them, within the

Creditors to be paid by Ballot.

Former Securities to be valid.

Collectors empowered to collect Arrears of former Rates,

and the Application thereof directed.

the Jurisdiction of this Act, by such and the same Ways and Means, and in such and the same Manner, as they can or may collect and levy any of the Rates or Assessments to be laid or assessed by virtue of this Act, and that the Money to arise by such Arrears shall from Time to Time be paid, applied, and disposed of for the Purposes of the said former Acts; and if any Surplus shall thereafter arise, the same shall be applied to the like Uses and Purposes as the Monies hereby directed to be rated and assessed within the Jurisdiction of this Act are herein directed to be applied and disposed of, and to no other Use or Purpose whatsoever.

Collectors to pay all Sums received by them to the Treasurer:

L. And be it further enacted, That all and every Collector and Collectors of the Rates and Assessments to be made, collected, received, and levied by virtue of this Act, and he and they is and are hereby required from Time to Time, when and as he and they shall respectively collect, recover, or receive the Monies to arise thereby, to pay the same into the Hands of the Treasurer or Treasurers of the said Committee, to be paid and applied by the said Treasurer or Treasurers for the Purposes of this Act, according to the Orders and Directions herein-after mentioned.

And to deliver a Note in Writing pointing out the Account to which such Monies are to be placed.

LI. And be it further enacted, That all and every Collector and Collectors of the said Rates or Assessments shall, and he and they is and are hereby required, at the Time of making every such Payment or Payments to the said Treasurer or Treasurers, to deliver to such Treasurer or Treasurers a Note in Writing, distinctly stating and pointing out the Account or Accounts to which such Sum or Sums of Money is or are to be placed, in order to enable the said Treasurer or Treasurers to keep and render the Account and Accounts required by this Act, and also shall, and he and they is and are hereby required, within Three Days next after every such Payment, to produce to the Clerk or Clerks to the said Committee a proper Receipt, or other sufficient Voucher or Acknowledgment for every such Payment.

Not to keep above 50l. in their own Hands.

LII. And be it further enacted, That if the Collector or Collectors of such Rate or Rates, Assessment or Assessments, shall at any Time keep and retain in his or their Hands more than the Sum of Fifty Pounds for any longer Space of Time than Seven Days (provided that the Treasurer or Treasurers to such Committee shall within that Time be ready to receive the same), then and in such Case such Collector or Collectors shall forfeit and pay the Sum of Five Pounds for every Day that he or they shall retain any Sum exceeding the said Sum of Fifty Pounds beyond the said Seven Days.

Empowering Committee to enforce Observance of Building Acts so as to prevent Incroachments.

LIII. And be it further enacted, That no Bow Window or other Projection into any of the said Streets or other Places under the Controul of the said Committee, shall after the passing of this Act be built with or added to any House or other Building, so as to extend beyond the general Line of the Fronts of the Houses in such Streets or other Places in which such Bow Window or other Projection is made, except such Projections as may be necessary for Copings, Cornices, Facies, Door and Window Dressings, or for Porticoes, Steps or Iron Palisadoes, and also except the Window of any Shop on the Ground Floor Story of any such Building, the Stall Boards of which Windows shall not in any such Street or other Place Thirty Feet wide or more project above Ten Inches, nor in any Street

Street or other Place less than Thirty Feet wide, above Five Inches from the upright Line of the Building in such Street or other Place respectively, and no Cornice or Covering thereof to any Shop Window shall in any Street or other Place Thirty Feet wide or more, project more than Eighteen Inches, nor in any Street or other Place less than Thirty Feet wide, more than Thirteen Inches from the upright Line of the Building to which such Shop Window belongs; and in case any Person or Persons shall after the passing of this Act cause any Bow Window or other Projection to be built with or added to any House or other Building within any of the Streets or other Places as aforesaid, contrary to the true Intent and Meaning of this Act, every Person so offending, shall forfeit and pay for every Offence the Sum of Five Pounds; and it shall be lawful for the said Committee where any such Offence shall be committed, to cause every such Bow Window or Projection to be taken down and removed, and all Expences attending the same shall be paid by the Person or Persons to whom such Bow Window or other Projection shall belong; such Expences, being first ascertained by the said Committee, shall be levied and recovered in like Manner as any Penalties or Forfeitures inflicted by this Act can or may be levied and recovered, and the same, when recovered, shall be applied in such Manner as the Penalties and Forfeitures are by this Act directed to be applied.

LIV. And be it further enacted, That no Bow Window or other Projection made or built before the Twenty-fourth Day of *June* One thousand seven hundred and seventy-four, shall be at any Time hereafter rebuilt, except such Projections as are in and by this Act allowed, unless such Bow Window or other Projection was built at the same Time the House or Building to which the same belongs was built, and unless such Bow Window or other Projection be within the original Line of the Street, Square, Place, Court, or Way in which the same is erected.

For regulat-
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LV. And be it further enacted, That the Proportion of the Monies hitherto borne and paid by the said Parishes of *Saint Giles in the Fields* and *Saint George Bloomsbury* for and towards the Salaries of the Officers of the said Commissioners, acting under the said recited Acts, and the contingent Expences of the Commission, shall continue to be paid until the Twenty-fifth Day of *December* One thousand eight hundred and nineteen, and that from and after the said Twenty-fifth Day of *December* One thousand eight hundred and nineteen, all and every Contribution and Allowance to the said Commissioners by the said Parishes of *Saint Giles in the Fields* and *Saint George Bloomsbury*, for and towards the Expences of carrying into Effect the said former Acts, shall cease and determine: Provided always, that it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Commissioners, and they are hereby required, out of any Monies in their Hands, Custody, or Power relating to paving, cleansing, and lighting the said Street and Passage called *Holborn* and *Middle Row*, to pay all such Sums of Money as shall accrue or become due to any Person or Persons under or by virtue of any Contract or Contracts for repairing, cleansing, or lighting the said Street and Passage, and other incidental Expences relating thereto, up to and including the said Twenty-fourth Day of *June* One thousand eight hundred and nineteen, such Sums being previously certified to them by the Committee acting under this Act, in Manner directed by the said Act of the Thirtieth Year of His

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present Majesty; this Act or any thing herein contained to the contrary thereof notwithstanding.

Commissioners under former Acts to account with Committee.

LVI. And be it further enacted, That the Commissioners appointed by virtue of and acting under the said former Acts, or any Three or more of them, shall and they are hereby required, within Two Calendar Months next after the passing of this Act, to make a full and particular Account of all Monies remaining in their Hands, Custody, or Power relating to the paving, repairing, cleansing, and lighting the said Street and Passage called *Holborn* and *Middle Row*; and also within the said Period of Two Months to make up a full and particular Account of all Monies remaining in the Hands, Custody, or Power of the said Commissioners, relating to the repairing, cleansing, and lighting all other Squares, Streets, and Places in the said Parishes of *Saint Giles in the Fields* and *Saint George Bloomsbury*; and also One other full and particular Account of all Monies remaining in their Hands, Custody, or Power, relating to the new Paving of the said Parish of *Saint Giles in the Fields*; and also One other full and particular Account of all Monies remaining in the Hands, Custody, or Power of the said Commissioners relating to the new Paving of the said Parish of *Saint George Bloomsbury*; and to cause all the said several Accounts to be delivered to or left at the usual Place of Abode of the Clerk to the said Committee; and the said Commissioners, or any Three or more of them, shall and they are hereby authorized and required, within Three Calendar Months next after the passing of this Act, to transfer, assign over, or pay to the said Committee, or to their Treasurer or Treasurers, One full Moiety or Half Part of the Balance which upon the said Account relating to paving, cleansing, and lighting *Holborn* and *Middle Row*, shall appear to be in their Hands, Custody, or Power, and shall retain in their Hands or Power the other Moiety or Half Part of such Balance, for the Purpose of applying the same towards the Expence of repairing, cleansing, and lighting *Middle Row*, and that Part of *Holborn* which lies in the Parish of *Saint Andrew Holborn above the Bars*; and the said Commissioners, or any Three or more of them, shall and they are hereby required within the said Period of Three Months, to transfer, assign over, or pay to the said Committee, or to their Treasurer or Treasurers, the several other Balances or Sums of Money which upon each of the said other Accounts shall appear to be in their Hands, Custody, or Power.

Former Committee to account with Committee appointed by virtue of this Act.

LVII. And be it further enacted, That the Committee appointed by virtue of the said former Act of the Eleventh Year of the Reign of His present Majesty for the said Parishes of *Saint Giles in the Fields* and *Saint George Bloomsbury*, or any Five or more them, shall and they are hereby required to make up a full and particular Account of all Money in their Hands, Custody, or Power relating to the said Parishes, and also of all Arrears of the Rates or Assessments which shall have been laid by them, and which shall be then due and unpaid, and shall within Three Calendar Months next after the passing of this Act, cause such Accounts, together with all Contracts, Rate Books, and other Books, Papers and Writings in their Hands, Custody or Power, relating to the said Parishes, to be delivered to the Committee for carrying this Act into Execution, and shall also at the same Time pay to the said Committee, or to their Treasurer or Treasurers, all such Money, if any, as shall by such Account appear to be

in the Hands, Custody, or Power of the said Committee appointed by the said former Acts.

LVIII. And be it further enacted, That the said Committee to be elected by virtue of this Act, shall and they are hereby empowered, by any Order or Orders in Writing under the Hands of Three or more of them, counter-signed by their Clerk or Clerks at any Meeting duly held, to direct their Treasurer or Treasurers from Time to Time to pay such Sum or Sums of Money out of the several Monies which shall come to the Hands of such Treasurer or Treasurers by virtue of this Act, to such Person or Persons and in such Manner as the said Committee shall think necessary and expedient for the several Purposes of this Act; and upon the Receipt of such Order or Orders, such Treasurer or Treasurers is and are hereby authorized and required to pay from Time to Time the Sum or Sums of Money expressed in such Order or Orders, taking proper Receipts and Vouchers for the same; all which Sums of Money so ordered and paid shall be allowed to the said Treasurer or Treasurers in his or their Accounts.

Treasurer to pay Money to the Order of Three Committee Men counter-signed by the Clerk.

LIX. And be it further enacted, That the said Treasurer or Treasurers shall, and he and they is and are hereby required, on the First Day of *June* and on the First Day of *December* in each and every Year, and at any other Time or Times when thereunto required by the said Committee, to make up a true and particular Account of all Monies by him or them received, and paid for or on account of the said Committee, and shall lay a true Copy of every such Account, together with all Bills, Orders, Receipts, and other Vouchers relating thereto, before the said Committee at their then next Meeting; and shall also pay all such Monies as upon the Balance of the said Accounts respectively shall remain in his or their Hands, to such Person or Persons as the said Committee or any Five or more of them shall by any Writing under their Hands authorize to receive the same.

Treasurer to make up Accounts and lay them before Committee.

LX. And be it further enacted, That the said Committee shall and they are hereby required from Time to Time and at all Times hereafter to order and direct a Book or Books to be provided and kept by their Clerk or Clerks for the Time being, in which Book or Books such Clerk or Clerks shall enter or cause to be entered the following true and regular Accounts; that is to say, a separate and distinct Account of all Sum and Sums of Money received, paid, laid out, and expended for or in respect of repairing, cleansing, lighting, and removing Nuisances from the several Squares, Streets, and Places within the Jurisdiction of this Act; one other separate and distinct Account of all Monies received, paid, laid out, and expended for or in respect of new Paving the said Parish of *Saint Giles in the Fields*; one other separate and distinct Account of all Monies received, paid, laid out, and expended for or in respect of new Paving the said Parish of *Saint George Bloomsbury*; and one other separate and distinct Account of all Sum or Sums of Money received, paid, laid out, and expended for or in respect of sinking Wells, erecting Pumps, and watering any Squares, Streets, and Places, and also true and regular Accounts of all other Sum and Sums of Money received, paid, laid out, or expended by or under the Direction of the said Committee; and of the several Articles, Matters, and Things for which all and every such several Sum and Sums of Money shall have been disbursed, laid out, and paid; and

Separate Accounts to be kept.

and every such Book and Books of Account shall contain the Names of the several Persons by or to whom the said Monies, or any Part or Parts thereof, shall be so received and paid; and shall at all seasonable Times be open to the Inspection of the said Committee; and that the said Committee or any of them shall or may take Copies or Extracts from the said Book or Books, or any Part or Parts thereof, without paying any thing for the same; and in case the said Clerk or Clerks shall refuse to permit the said Committee or any of them to inspect the same, or to take such Copies or Extracts as aforesaid, such Clerk or Clerks shall forfeit and pay the Sum of Twenty Pounds, to be levied and recovered in the same Manner as any other Penalties may by this Act be recovered; and all such Book and Books of Account, with all Bills, Orders, Receipts, Vouchers, and Documents touching or concerning the same respectively, shall at a Meeting of the said Committee to be holden on the Second *Thursday* in *December* in every Year, or within Twenty-one Days next after, be by the Clerk or Clerks produced to the said Committee, to be by them, or any Five or more of them, examined and allowed and passed.

Committee to state Accounts to the Vestry annually.

LXI. And be it further enacted, That all Book and Books of Account so to be kept and produced by the said Clerk or Clerks shall, within One Calendar Month next after they shall be so produced to the said Committee, be laid before the Vestrymen of the said Parishes, together with an Account of all Monies by the said Committee rated and assessed, and at how much in the Pound, and of the Amount of so much of all and every such Rates as shall appear to them to be collected and received, and how much thereof shall be in Arrear and unreceived.

Inhabitants liable to be charged for Paving, &c. by this Act, exempted from the Office of Scavenger, hanging out Lights, Presentments of Jurors, &c.

LXII. And be it further enacted, That all and every the Inhabitants, Owners, and Occupiers of all and every or any Lands, Grounds, Houses, Shops, Warehouses, Wharfs, Coach-houses, Stables, Cellars, Vaults, Buildings, Tenements, or Hereditaments, in all and every the Squares, Streets, Lanes, and Places within the Limits of this Act, shall from and after the passing thereof, be absolutely exonerated, discharged, and indemnified from and against the Execution and Service of the Office of Scavenger in and for the several Parishes, Precincts, and Places, wherein such Squares, Streets, Lanes, and Places are situate and lying, and of and from the hanging of Lights in such Squares, Streets, Lanes, and Places, and all Presentments and Returns of any Annoyance Jurors, Constables, or other Officers, (other than and except the Surveyors or Surveyor hereby directed to be appointed), for and in respect of dangerous or defective Pavements, Defaults of Lighting, and all Annoyances in, Obstructions of, and Encroachments upon all or any of the said Squares, Streets, Lanes, and Places, and all Pains, Penalties, Duties, and Services for or concerning any such Annoyances, Obstructions, Encroachments, or dangerous and defective Pavements, and Defaults of Lighting; and that the Act of Parliament made in the Second Year of the Reign of their late Majesties King *William* and Queen *Mary*, intituled *An Act for paving and cleansing the Streets in the Cities of London and Westminster, and Suburbs and Liberties thereof, and Out Parishes in the County of Middlesex, and in the Borough of Southwark, and other Places within the Weekly Bills of Mortality, in the County of Surrey, and for regulating the Markets therein mentioned; whatsoever, so far as the same do or does concern any such Annoyances, Obstructions,*

Obstructions, and Encroachments, dangerous and defective Pavements, and hanging out Lights in any of the Squares, Streets, Lanes, and Places within the Jurisdiction of this Act, shall be and is and are hereby repealed and made void.

LXIII. Provided always, and it is hereby further enacted, That this Act, or any thing herein contained, shall not extend or be construed to extend to repeal, make void, or prejudice the Powers and Authorities contained in the said recited Act of the Forty-seventh Year of His present Majesty's Reign, for increasing, collecting, or levying the Rates or Assessments for defraying the Charges and Expences of the Nightly Watch and Beadles within the said Parishes of *Saint Giles in the Fields* and *Saint George Bloomsbury*, or for vesting the Watch-house of the said Parishes in the Vestrymen thereof, but that all such Powers and Authorities shall be and remain in full force and effect.

Power contained in 47 G. 3. c. 38. for increasing the Watch Rate not repealed.

LXIV. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for any Person or Persons, rated or assessed to any Rates or Assessments to be made by virtue of this Act, at all seasonable and convenient Times, to peruse and inspect, and to make and to take Extracts from any Rate or Rate Books, and all or any other Book or Books of Account, Papers, and Writings whatsoever, which shall be kept by the Clerk to the said Committee, as relates to the Paving, Repairing, or Lighting the Parish, District, or Place wherein such Person or Persons shall be so rated or assessed as aforesaid; and if any such Clerk shall refuse to produce such Rate Books, or Books of Account, or to permit Extracts to be taken therefrom, every such Clerk shall for every such Offence forfeit and pay the Sum of Five Pounds, to be recovered in the same Manner as Penalties are directed to be recovered by this Act.

Inhabitants may have free Access to Rate Books and Accounts.

LXV. And be it further enacted, That the said Committee shall and may sue and be sued, and prefer or defend any Indictment or Indictments in the Name of their Clerk or Clerks for the Time being; and that no Action, Suit, or Indictment, that may be brought by or against the said Committee, in the Name of their Clerk or Clerks, shall abate or be discontinued by the Death or Removal of such Clerk or Clerks, or by his or their Act or Acts without the Consent of the said Committee, but the Clerk or Clerks to the said Committee for the Time being, shall always be deemed Plaintiff or Defendant in every such Action, Suit, or Indictment, as the Case may be: Provided always, that such Clerk or Clerks shall be reimbursed out of the Monies to be raised by virtue of this Act, all such Costs, Damages, and Expences as he or they may be put unto, or become charged or chargeable with, by reason of he or they being so made Plaintiff, Prosecutor, or Defendant.

Committee may sue and be sued in the Name of their Clerk, who is to be reimbursed.

LXVI. And be it further enacted, That no Inhabitant of the said Parishes of *Saint Giles in the Fields* and *Saint George Bloomsbury*, or either of them, shall be deemed an incompetent Witness in any Suit, Action, Information, Complaint, Appeal, Prosecution, or Proceeding to be had, made, prosecuted, or carried on under the Authority of this Act, by reason of such Person being rated or assessed, or liable to be rated or assessed, under and by virtue of this Act.

Rated Inhabitants deemed competent Witnesses.

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LXVII. And be it further enacted, That when any Distress shall be made for any Money to be raised or levied by virtue of this Act, the Distress itself shall not be deemed unlawful, nor the Party or the Parties making the same be deemed a Trespasser or Trespassers, on account of any Defect or Want of Form in Proceedings relating thereto; nor shall the Party or Parties distraining be deemed a Trespasser or Trespassers *ab initio*, on account of any Irregularity which shall afterwards be done by the Party or Parties distraining; but the Person or Persons aggrieved by such Irregularity may recover full Satisfaction for the special Damage in an Action on the Case: Provided that no Plaintiff or Plaintiffs shall recover in any Action or Actions for any such Irregularity, Trespass, or other Proceedings, if Tender of sufficient Amends shall be made by or on the Behalf of the Party or Parties who shall have committed any such Irregularity, Trespass, or other wrongful Proceeding, before any such Action brought; and in case no such Tender shall have been made, it shall be lawful for the Defendant or Defendants in any such Action, by Leave of the Court where such Action shall depend, at any Time before Issue joined, to pay into Court such Sum of Money as he or they shall think fit, whereupon such Proceedings, Orders, and Adjudications shall be made, had, and given in and by such Court, as in other Actions where the Defendant is allowed to pay Money into Court; and that no Proceedings to be had, touching the Conviction of any Offender or Offenders against this Act, or any Order made, or any other Matter or Thing done or transacted in or relative to the Execution of this Act, shall be vacated or quashed for want of Form, or be removed or removable by Certiorari, or any other Writ or Process whatsoever, into any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster*.

Limitations
of Actions.

LXVIII. And be it further enacted, That no Action or Suit shall be commenced against any Person or Persons for any thing done in pursuance of or under the Authority or Colour of this Act, unless Notice in Writing of such intended Action shall have been given to the Clerk or Clerks to the said Committee, Twenty-one Days before such Action shall be commenced, signed by the Attorney for the intended Plaintiff or Plaintiffs, specifying the Cause or Causes of such Action, nor after sufficient Satisfaction or Tender thereof has been made to the Party or Parties aggrieved, or after Three Calendar Months next after the Fact committed for which such Action or Actions, Suit or Suits, shall be so brought; and every such Action shall be brought, laid, and tried in the County where the Cause of Action shall have arisen, and not in any other County or Place, and the Defendant and Defendants in such Actions or Suits may plead the General Issue, and give this Act and the special Matter in Evidence at any Trial or Trials which shall be had thereupon; and if the Matter or Thing shall appear to have been done under or by virtue of this Act, or if it shall appear that such Action or Suit was brought before Twenty-one Days Notice thereof given as aforesaid, or that sufficient Satisfaction was made or tendered as aforesaid, or if any such Action or Suit shall not be commenced within the Time before limited, or shall be laid in any other County or Place than as aforesaid, then the Jury or Jurors shall find a Verdict or Verdicts for the Defendant or Defendants therein; and if a Verdict or Verdicts shall be found for such Defendant or Defendants, or if the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs in such Action or Actions, Suit or Suits, shall become Nonsuit, or suffer a Discontinuance of such Action

General Issue.

or Actions, or if upon any Demurrer or Demurrers in such Action or Actions, Judgments shall be given for the Defendant or Defendants therein, then and in any of the Cases aforesaid, such Defendant or Defendants shall have Treble Costs, and shall have such Remedy for recovering the same, as any Defendant or Defendants may have for his, her, or their Costs in any other Case by Law. Treble Costs.

LXIX. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall extend or be construed to extend to repeal, abridge, alter, or in any Manner to affect any of the Powers, Authorities, Provisoes, Regulations, Penalties, Forfeitures, Directions, Matters or Things contained in any Act or Acts of Parliament (not herein-before expressly repealed) which was or were at or immediately before the passing of this Act in force for paving, improving, and regulating the Streets of the Metropolis, or for removing and preventing Nuisances and Obstructions therein, except where any special Enactment or Provision is made in this Act in relation to the said Parishes of *Saint Giles in the Fields* and *Saint George Bloomsbury*. Former Acts not repealed.

LXX. And be it further enacted, That all the Costs, Charges, and Expences of obtaining and passing this Act, and all other Charges incident to the obtaining thereof, shall be borne, paid, and defrayed out of the Monies arising within the Jurisdiction of this Act, by virtue of the said former Acts or this Act, from such Fund or Funds, and in such Proportions as the said Vestrymen shall think proper and expedient. Costs of this Act how to be paid.

LXXI. 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.

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