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# GEORGII IV. REGIS.

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## *Cap. xcv.*

An Act to provide for the more effectual Execution of the Office of a Justice of the Peace within the Parishes of *Merthyr Tidvil, Gellygare, and Aberdare*, in the County of *Glamorgan*.

[1st June 1829.]

**W**HEREAS the Execution of the Office of a Justice of the Peace within the Parishes of *Merthyr Tidvil, Gellygare, and Aberdare*, in the County of *Glamorgan*, has become and is likely to continue very difficult and burthensome, owing to the Extent of the Population and the Increase of Manufactures within the Limits of the said Parishes: And whereas a sufficient Number of Justices of the Peace for the said County cannot be found to execute their Office within the said Parishes with such Promptness and Efficiency as the good Government of the Inhabitants of the said Parishes and the Protection of their Persons and Properties require, and it is therefore expedient, for the Purpose of securing a more active and vigilant Administration of the Laws throughout the said Parishes, that a Justice of the Peace should be appointed to act therein, and that a competent Remuneration should be paid to him for his Services; be it therefore enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons; in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That it shall be lawful for His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, immediately after the passing of this Act, and from Time to Time as

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Occasion

His Majesty  
may appoint  
a fit Person,  
being a Jus-



Justice for Glamorganshire, to act as a Justice within the said Parishes.

Occasion may require, to appoint one fit and able Person, being a Justice of the Peace for the County of *Glamorgan*, to execute the Office of a Justice of the Peace within the said Parishes, either by himself or together with such other Justices of the Peace for the said County as may think proper to attend, and the said Justice so to be appointed shall be entitled to such Salary as is herein-after mentioned.

The Justice shall reside near *Merthyr Tidvil*, and shall attend there Three Days in each Week.

II. And be it further enacted, That the Justice to be appointed by virtue of this Act shall reside within Six Miles of the Town of *Merthyr Tidvil*, and shall attend in the said Town for the Dispatch of Business Three Days at the least in every Week (*Sundays* excepted), from the Hour of Ten o'Clock in the Forenoon to the Hour of Six o'Clock in the Afternoon; provided always, that the Attendance of the said Justice may occasionally be supplied by any other Justice of the Peace for the said County.

Qualification of Estate dispensed with.

III. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for any Person appointed a Justice of the Peace by virtue of this Act to act in the Execution of the Office of Justice of the Peace for the said County during his Residence within the Limits herein-before prescribed, although he may not have any Real Estate of the annual Value of One hundred Pounds; any thing contained in any Act to the contrary notwithstanding: Provided always, that such Person be not disqualified by Law to act as a Justice of the Peace for any other Cause than the Want of Estate.

Salary.

IV. And be it enacted, That a Salary at the Rate of Six hundred Pounds in each Year shall be paid to the Justice to be appointed by virtue of this Act, so long as he shall continue to discharge the Duties of his Office, the same to be payable half-yearly, by Two equal Payments, and the Commencement of the Salary to be calculated from the Date of his Appointment; and in case of the Resignation or Death of such Justice, his Representatives shall be entitled to such Proportion of the said Salary as shall have accrued up to the Period of his Resignation or Death.

The Salary to be raised by a Rate on the Parishes.

V. And for the Purpose of fixing the Proportions and the Mode in which the said Sum of Six hundred Pounds shall be raised for the Payment of the said Salary, be it enacted, That the Occupiers of the following Iron Works within the said Parishes; that is to say, the Occupiers of *Dowlais* Iron Works, the Occupiers of *Cyfarthfa* and *Ynisfach* Works, the Occupiers of the *Penydarren* Works, and the Occupiers of the *Plymouth* and *Duffryn* Works, in the said Parish of *Merthyr Tidvil*; the Occupiers of the *Bute* Works in the said Parish of *Gellygare*; the Occupiers of the *Aberdare*, *Abernant*, and *Gadly's* Works, in the said Parish of *Aberdare* respectively; and the Occupiers of all other Iron Works that shall hereafter be erected within the said Parishes, shall in the first place contribute altogether One Half of the said Salary, that is to say, the Sum of Three hundred Pounds in each Year, for their respective Proportions of which they shall be rated in respect of the Blast Furnaces only in each of those several Works, every Blast Furnace therein to be rated



at the same Sum without regard to the relative Size or Power of the said Blast Furnaces; and that the Inhabitants of the Parish of *Merthyr Tidvil* shall contribute the other Half of the said Salary, that is to say, Three hundred Pounds in each Year, except as after mentioned, which shall be paid out of the Monies raised by the Rates made for the Relief of the Poor of and for the said Parish of *Merthyr Tidvil*.

VI. And be it further enacted, That for the Purpose of paying the said Salary the Overseers of the Poor for each of the Parishes of *Merthyr Tidvil*, *Gellygare*, and *Aberdare* shall make a Rate half-yearly upon the Occupiers of such of the said Iron Works as are within the said several Parishes, in respect of the Blast Furnaces in such Works respectively, according to the Rules and Proportions herein-before prescribed in that Behalf; and the Overseers of the Poor for the Parish of *Merthyr Tidvil* for the Time being shall also make a Rate half-yearly upon the said Occupiers of the said Iron Works called the *Dowlais*, *Cyfarthfa*, *Penydarren*, and *Plymouth* Iron Works respectively, and upon other Inhabitants in the said Parish, according to the Rules and Proportions in which the Poor's Rates are levied in the said Parish; and the said several Overseers shall, by the Means aforesaid, raise and collect such a Sum of Money half-yearly as shall be adequate to the Payment of the said Salary, and shall pay over the same to the said Justice, upon his giving a Receipt for the same; and the said Rates shall be and be deemed to be an Addition to the said Poor Rate, and a Part thereof, and the said Overseers shall have in all respects the same Powers, Remedies, and Protection for collecting the Sums of Money which shall from Time to Time be required for the Payment of the said Salary, and also for collecting all other Sums of Money herein-after directed to be raised for any other Purposes, as Overseers of the Poor by Law have for collecting any Sums due on account of the Poor's Rate.

Rate to be  
made by the  
Overseers  
of the Poor.

VII. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Justice to appoint a Clerk, who shall in his own Person, and not by any Deputy, Substitute, or Proxy, (except when prevented by Illness, or some other sufficient Cause, to be allowed of by such Justice,) assist him in the Execution of the Duties vested in him; and the said Clerk shall be allowed and paid the annual Sum of One hundred Pounds out of the Fees to be received by him, in full Recompence for his Trouble and Attendance in the Execution of this Act.

Justice to  
appoint a  
Clerk.

VIII. And be it further enacted, That the said Clerk shall be entitled to receive and shall be paid such Sums for Fees as shall from Time to Time be allowed in that Behalf to the Clerks of Justices of the Peace by any Orders made or to be made by His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the County of *Glamorgan*, assembled in any General or Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the said County (approved by His Majesty's Justices of the Court of Great Sessions for the said County); and the said Clerk shall and he is hereby required to keep a true and accurate Account of all Fees received by him by virtue

Fees to the  
Clerk.

virtue of this Act, and shall, whenever thereunto required, deliver in an Account thereof, and verify the same upon Oath before the Justices of the Peace for the said County, assembled in any General or Quarter Sessions of the Peace; and in case the said Fees shall in any One Year amount to more than the Sum of One hundred Pounds, allowed as aforesaid to the said Clerk, then and in such Case the Overplus shall be paid over in manner following; that is to say, one Moiety thereof to the Occupiers of the several Blast Furnaces herein-before directed to be rated as aforesaid, rateably and in proportion to their respective Contributions, and the other Moiety thereof to the Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of *Merthyr Tydvil*, to be by them applied in aid of the Rates made for the Relief of the Poor of and for the said Parish.

Expences of  
this Act.

IX. And be it enacted, That the Expences incident to the soliciting, obtaining, and passing of this Act shall be raised and levied in the Manner herein-before directed for levying Payment of the Salary of the said Justice.

Public Act.

X. And be it enacted, That this Act shall be deemed to be a Public Act, and shall be judicially taken notice of as such by all Judges, Justices, and others, without being specially pleaded.

Duration of  
Act.

XI. And be it enacted, That this Act shall be and continue in force for Seven Years from the passing thereof.

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