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Cap. li.

An Act for the better Management of the Poor in the several Parishes and Hamlets in the City of *Norwich* and County of the same City.

[23d August 1831.]

WHEREAS an Act was passed in the Tenth Year of the Reign of Her late Majesty Queen *Anne*, intituled *An Act for erecting a Workhouse in the City and County of the City of Norwich, for the better Employment and maintaining the Poor there*: 10 Ann. c.6.
And whereas another Act was passed in the Forty-second Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Third, intituled *An Act for altering and enlarging the Powers of an Act made in the Tenth Year of the Reign of Her late Majesty Queen Anne, intituled 'An Act for erecting a Workhouse in the City and County of the City of Norwich, for the better Employment and maintaining the Poor there,'* 42 G. 3. c.57.
so far as the same relates to erecting a new Workhouse in the said City and County, for the better Maintenance of the Poor thereof:
And whereas another Act was passed in the Seventh and Eighth Years of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Fourth, intituled *An Act to alter and amend an Act of the Tenth Year of Queen Anne, intituled 'An Act for erecting a Workhouse in the City and County of the City of Norwich, for the better Employment of the Poor thereof.'* 7&8 G. 4. c.29.
And whereas the Powers and Provisions of the said recited Acts have been inadequate for the Purposes thereby intended, and it is expedient to alter and amend the same: May

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it therefore please Your Majesty that it may be enacted; and be it enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That the said recited Acts may be and the same are hereby repealed: Provided always, that nothing herein contained shall extend to revive any Act or Acts which may have been repealed by the said recited Acts.

Election of
Guardians of
the Poor.

II. And be it further enacted, That on the *Monday* Fortnight next after the passing of this Act, and on the first *Monday* in the Month of *June* in each succeeding Year, there shall be elected for the several Parishes and Hamlets in the said City and County Sixty-three Persons to be Guardians of the Poor of the said City and County, in the Proportions hereinafter mentioned; that is to say,

For the Parish of *Saint Peter of Mancroft*, Five Guardians:
 For the Parish of *Saint Peter per Mountergate*, Two Guardians:
 For the Parish of *Saint Stephen*, and the Liberty called the *Town Close*, which Liberty, for the Purposes of such Election shall be considered as forming Part of the Parish of *Saint Stephen*, Four Guardians:
 For the Parish of *Saint Giles*, Two Guardians:
 For the Parish of *Saint Andrew*, Three Guardians:
 For the Parish of *Saint George of Tombland*, Two Guardians:
 For the Parish of *Saint George of Colgate*, Two Guardians:
 For the Parish of *Saint Peter of Southgate*, One Guardian:
 For the Parish of *Saint Etheldred*, One Guardian:
 For the Parish of *Saint Julian*, One Guardian:
 For the Parish of *Saint John of Sepulchre*, One Guardian:
 For the Parish of *Saint Michael at Thorn*, One Guardian:
 For the Parish of *Saint John of Timberhill*, One Guardian:
 For the Parish of *All Saints*, One Guardian:
 For the Parish of *Saint Benedict*, One Guardian:
 For the Parish of *Saint Swithin*, One Guardian:
 For the Parish of *Saint Margaret*, One Guardian:
 For the Parish of *Saint Lawrence*, One Guardian:
 For the Parish of *Saint Gregory*, Two Guardians:
 For the Parish of *Saint John of Maddermarket*, Two Guardians:
 For the Parish of *Saint Michael at Plea*, One Guardian:
 For the Parish of *Saint Peter of Hungate*, One Guardian:
 For the Parish of *Saint Simon and Jude*, One Guardian:
 For the Parish of *Saint Martin at Palace*, One Guardian:
 For the Parish of *Saint Helen*, and the Hamlet of *Thorpe*, which Hamlet for the Purposes of such Election shall be considered as forming Part of the said Parish of *Saint Helen*, Two Guardians:
 For the Parish of *Saint Michael of Coslany*, Two Guardians:
 For the Parish of *Saint Mary*, One Guardian:
 For the Parish of *Saint Martin at Oak*, One Guardian:
 For the Parish of *Saint Augustine*, One Guardian:
 For the Parish of *Saint Clement*, Two Guardians:
 For the Parish of *Saint Edmund*, One Guardian:
 For the Parish of *Saint Saviour*, One Guardian:
 For the Parish of *Saint Paul*, One Guardian:

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For the Parish of *Saint James*, and the Hamlet of *Pockthorpe*, which Hamlet for the Purposes of such Election shall be considered as forming Part of the Parish of *Saint James*, One Guardian :

For the Hamlet of *Eaton*, Two Guardians :

For the Hamlet of *Earlham*, One Guardian :

For the Hamlet of *Hellesdon*, One Guardian :

For the Hamlet of *Lakenham*, Three Guardians :

For the Hamlet of *Heigham*, Three Guardians :

And for the Hamlets of *Trowse*, *Carrow*, and *Bracondale*, which Hamlets for the Purposes of such Election shall be considered as One Hamlet, and the Church and Vestry Room of the said Hamlet of *Trowse* as being the Church and Vestry Room of all the said Hamlets, One Guardian.

III. And be it further enacted, That for the Purpose of making such several Elections the several Persons assessed and rated to the Relief of the Poor in the Two Assessments or Rates then next preceding in respect of any Tenements, Lands, or Hereditaments within the Parish or Hamlet for which such Guardians or Guardian respectively are or is to be elected, of the annual Value of not less than Ten Pounds, and who shall have paid the Rates assessed or rated Fourteen Days at the least before such Election, shall assemble themselves together at the Churches or Vestry Rooms belonging to the said several Parishes and Hamlets on the Days aforesaid, at the Hour of Ten in the Forenoon; and the Churchwarden then present who shall be the Senior in Age, if more than One Churchwarden shall be present, shall be the Chairman; and if only One Churchwarden shall be present, then such Churchwarden shall be the Chairman; and in case no Churchwarden shall be present at the Hour of Eleven the Voters then present shall proceed to choose a Chairman from amongst themselves, but no Churchwarden or other Person being a Candidate shall be Chairman; and the Election shall commence at the said Hour of Eleven, and in case of a Poll being demanded, shall continue open until the Hour of Five in the Afternoon, when the same shall be finally closed; and the Election shall be by the Majority of Persons voting; and in case of an Equality of Votes, the Chairman shall, beside his own Vote, have the casting Voice; and the Name of every such Person so elected a Guardian shall be entered in a Book to be provided and kept for that Purpose by each Parish and Hamlet in its public Chest; and the Name or Names of the Person or Persons elected shall within Two Days be certified to the Clerk of the said Guardians by the Chairman: Provided always, that no Person having received Parish Relief at any Time during the Six Months immediately previous to the Day of Election of Guardians shall be entitled to Vote for such Guardians: Provided nevertheless, that no Person shall be entitled to vote in the Election for more than One Parish or Hamlet, notwithstanding he or she may be assessed in more than One Parish or Hamlet; and such Parish or Hamlet for which he or she shall be entitled to vote shall be that in which he or she shall inhabit or dwell; and if he or she shall not inhabit or dwell in any of the said Parishes or Hamlets, but only occupy Houses, Lands, or Tenements in Two or more of the said Parishes and Hamlets, then he or she shall give Notice to the Clerk

Who are to elect Guardians.

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Clerk of the said Guardians of the Parish or Hamlet for which he or she intends to vote Fourteen Days prior to the Election; and provided further, that in case any Two or more Persons shall be jointly assessed in any Parish or Hamlet for or in respect of any Lands or Tenements, such Persons shall be entitled to but One Vote at the Election for such Parish or Hamlet, unless One of such Persons shall be chosen and act as Chairman as aforesaid; and provided further, no Person jointly assessed shall be entitled to vote unless his or her Name shall appear upon the said Rate; and all Bodies Politic, Corporate, and Collegiate, and all Persons, assessed for or in respect of Tenements or Hereditaments held by them in Trust, shall be entitled to vote at such Election for or in respect of such Property in the Name of some Person duly authorized, whose Name shall be set forth upon the Rate or Assessment; and in default of the Name of such Person appearing upon the said Rate, such Body Politic, Corporate, or Collegiate, or Trustee, shall not be entitled to any Vote at such Election: Provided also, that at every such Election every Person who shall be rated or assessed in the Sum of Twenty Pounds or upwards, and not exceeding the Sum of Thirty Pounds, shall be entitled to Two Votes, and that every Person who shall be rated or assessed in the Sum of Thirty Pounds or upwards shall be entitled to Three Votes.

Qualifica-
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IV. Provided also, and be it further enacted, That no Person shall be elected to the Office of Guardian, or shall act as such, unless he shall be a Resident in the said City or County of the same City, and be rated to the Relief of the Poor for or in respect of some Lands or Tenements within the said City or County of the same City in the Sum of Five Pounds at the least, and shall have been so rated for Two Quarters of the Year at the least next preceding such Election, and who shall have paid the Rates assessed or rated Fourteen Days at the least before his Election; and the Mayor, Recorder, Steward, and Aldermen, being Justices of the Peace of the said City, Constables, Alehouse Keepers, and Publicans, shall not be eligible to the Office of Guardian; and in case any Person not being qualified or being ineligible as aforesaid shall act as a Guardian in the Execution of this Act, he shall for every such Offence forfeit and pay the Sum of Ten Pounds to any Person or Persons who shall sue for the same, to be recovered with full Costs of Suit in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster*, by Action of Debt or on the Case, or by Bill, Plaint, or Information, wherein no Essoign, Protection, Wager of Law, or more than Imparlance, shall be allowed; and the Person so sued and prosecuted shall prove that he is qualified and not ineligible as aforesaid, or otherwise shall pay the said Penalty, without any other Proof or Evidence on the Part of the Plaintiff or Prosecutor than that such Person had acted as a Guardian in the Execution of this Act: Provided always, that no Act or Proceeding which shall be done or performed by any such unqualified or ineligible Person previously to his Conviction shall be impeached or thereby rendered nugatory.

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V. And be it further enacted, That no Person holding any Office or Employment or engaged in any Contract under or with the said Guardians,

Guardians, in pursuance of this Act, or being Partner of any Person holding any such Office or Employment or engaged in any such Contract, or being otherwise interested in or concerned, either directly or indirectly, in the furnishing any Article, Matter, or Thing to be purchased by the said Guardians, in pursuance of this Act, shall be capable to act as a Guardian under this Act during the Time of his Continuance in such Place, Office, or Employment, or of his being engaged in any such Contract, or of his being Partner with any other Person holding any such Place, Office, or Employment, or engaged in any such Contract, or of his being so otherwise interested or concerned; nor shall any Person be capable of accepting any Office or taking any Contract under the said Guardians while he shall be such Guardian; and if any Person hereby declared incapable or disqualified to act as a Guardian shall presume so to do, every such Person shall for every such Offence forfeit and pay the Sum of Fifty Pounds to any Person or Persons who shall sue for the same, to be recovered, with full Costs of Suit, in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster*, by Action of Debt or on the Case, wherein no Essoign, Protection, or Wager of Law, nor more than One Imparlance, shall be allowed; and the Person so sued shall prove that he was so qualified at the Time he acted, or otherwise shall pay the said Penalty, without any other Proof or Evidence on the Part of the Prosecutor than that such Person acted as a Guardian in the Execution of this Act: Provided always, that no Person shall act as a Guardian in the Execution of this Act in any Case where he is or shall be personally interested.

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VI. And be it further enacted, That for the Purpose of ascertaining the Persons entitled to vote at any such Election the Clerk to the said Guardians shall send to the Churchwardens of the several Parishes and Hamlets, Three clear Days prior to such Election, a List of Persons assessed in Two or more Parishes or Hamlets, who shall have given Notice to him of the Parish or Hamlet for which he or she shall intend to vote, and shall, upon Demand made by any Person assessed to the Rate for the Relief of the Poor in any Parish or Hamlet, and upon Tender of Sixpence for every Ten Names, deliver to the Person so demanding the same a List of the Persons from whom he shall have received such Notice as aforesaid; and in case Default shall be made in the sending or Delivery of such List, such Clerk shall for every Offence forfeit the Sum of Five Pounds.

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VII. And be it further enacted, That in case any Dispute shall arise as to the Fairness or Validity of any Election of Guardian, a Memorial or Statement, setting forth the Cause of Complaint against such Election, signed by One or more Person or Persons, complaining of such undue Election, shall within Three Days next after the Election be left with the Clerk to the said Guardians at their Office; and such Clerk shall forthwith deliver to the Person elected a Copy of such Memorial or Statement; and such Memorial or Statement shall at the then next General Court, before proceeding upon any other Business, be referred to a Committee, to be chosen out of the said Guardians, to consist of Seven of the Guardians then present, to be selected by Lot, Three of whom to be a Quorum, and which Seven shall be a Committee to determine upon the Validity of the Election or several Elections com-

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plained of; and the Person or Persons who ought to have been returned as Guardian or Guardians; and they shall within Three Days after such Committee shall be appointed proceed to enquire into the same, and shall have full Power to summon before them and to examine any Person or Persons; and cause to be produced before them all Rates, Books, and Writings relating to such Election, as they may judge proper; and the Decision of such Committee shall be final and conclusive, and they shall be the only Persons competent to decide upon such Election or Elections; and in case any Person being duly summoned to attend such Committee or on his attending shall refuse to be examined, or to produce any Books or Writings relating to such Election which he shall have been required to produce, he shall forfeit a Sum not exceeding Five Pounds nor less than Two Pounds; and in case such Committee shall determine any such Election to be void as to One or more Guardian or Guardians, as the Case may be, then the Governor or Deputy Governor shall cause a Notice to be affixed, on the *Sunday* Morning next after such Determination, upon the Door of the Church of the Parish or Hamlet where such Election shall be disputed, of such their Decision; and the Electors for the same Parish or Hamlet shall, on the *Monday* week then next following, proceed to a fresh Election of Guardians, or a Guardian, as the Case may be; and the same Proceedings shall be taken, and the same Persons only be entitled to be elected and to vote, as at General Elections of Guardians.

Guardian returned for Two Parishes to make Selection.

VIII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That in case any Person shall be elected a Guardian for Two or more Parishes or Hamlets, he shall at the then next General Court specify, in Person or by Writing to the said Corporation, for which of the Parishes or Hamlets he elects to act as Guardian, and thereupon the Parish or Hamlet for which such Person shall have declined to act shall proceed to the Election of another Guardian, in the same Manner as hereinbefore directed in the Case of disputed Elections.

When the Guardians shall enter on their Duties, and for what Period continue in Office.

IX. And be it further enacted, That the several Persons first elected Guardians as aforesaid shall enter upon the Office of Guardians upon the *First Tuesday* in the Month next after their Election, and shall continue to be Guardians until the *First Tuesday* in the Month of *July* in the Year next after the passing of this Act; and the several Persons elected in each succeeding Year shall enter upon the Office of Guardian on the *First Tuesday* in the Month of *July* next ensuing their Election, and shall continue Guardians until the *First Tuesday* in the Month of *July* in the Year next after such respective Elections: Provided always, that in case Default shall be made in the Election of a Guardian or Guardians, as hereinbefore provided for, then and in every such Case the other Guardians nominated or appointed by or under the Authority of this Act shall proceed in the Execution of the Duties of their Office, as fully and effectually as if the Elections of all the Guardians hereby directed to be elected had actually taken place.

Election of Guardians

X. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That when and as often as any Guardian or Guardians elected as hereinbefore provided

vided for shall be declared a Bankrupt, and Notice thereof shall appear in the *London Gazette*, or shall become insolvent, of which Insolvency his being in Prison for Debt, or making any Assignment for the general Benefit of his Creditors, shall be sufficient Evidence, or shall die, then and in every such Case it shall and may be lawful to and for the Electors of the Parish or Hamlet, Parishes or Hamlets for which such Guardian or Guardians was or were elected, on the *Monday* Fortnight next after such Bankruptcy, Insolvency, or Death, to elect another Person or Persons in the Room or Stead of the Guardian or Guardians so becoming bankrupt or insolvent, or dying, and so *toties quoties*; and every Person so elected shall have the same Powers and Authorities, until the First *Tuesday* in the Month of *July* next following, as the Person in whose Room or Stead he shall be so elected had or was vested with, and on that Day shall in like Manner cease to be a Guardian or Guardians.

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XI. And be it further enacted, That the Guardians to be elected in manner herein directed shall be a Corporation by the Name of "The Governor, Deputy Governor, and Guardians of the Poor of the City and County of *Norwich* and Liberties of the same," and by that Name shall have perpetual Succession, and shall have a Common Seal, and shall be enabled to sue and be sued in all Courts and Places of Judicature within these Realms, and shall and may from Time to Time, without Licence in Mortmain, purchase any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments for the Purposes of this Act, not exceeding Five Acres in the whole, and take and receive any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, and take and receive the Gift, Alienation, and Devise of any Person or Persons for any Estate or Interest whatsoever, and may and are hereby empowered, under their Common Seal, from Time to Time to convey, assign, release, transfer, or dispose of any such Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, or any other Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments vested in them by this Act, or which may be hereafter purchased for the Purposes of this Act, as there may be occasion.

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XII. And be it further enacted, That an Assembly of the said Corporation shall be holden without Summons upon the First *Tuesday* in every Month in each and every Year (which Assembly shall be called a General Court), the First of such Assemblies to be holden on the First *Tuesday* in the Month next after the Election of Guardians under this Act, at Twelve of the Clock at Noon; and the First Assembly in every Year next after the General Election of Guardians shall also be holden without Summons upon the First *Tuesday* in the Month of *July* at the same Hour; and the Governor, or, in his Absence, the Deputy Governor of the said Corporation, shall also have Power and Authority, at any such other Time or Times as to such Governor or Deputy Governor shall seem meet, to summon, assemble, and hold a Special General Court, upon Two Days Notice or Warning at the least of the Intention to hold such Court, to be left at the Place of Abode of each Guardian, stating the Reason for the holding of such special General Court; and in case any Twelve of the said Guardians shall upon any Emergency signify to the Governor for the Time being of the said Corporation, by any Writing under their Hands, to be left

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left for the said Governor at his usual or last Place of Residence, that it is their Desire that a Special General Court shall be called and held, and shall state the Reasons and Grounds of such their Desire, and the Particulars and Nature of the Business then intended to be brought forward, the said Governor shall and is hereby enjoined and required to call and hold such Spécial General Court for the Purposes in such Requisition expressed, and no other, at such Time as the said Twelve Guardians shall so desire, not being less than Two nor more than Five Days from the Time of such Requisition being left with the said Governor; and on his Refusal or Neglect the said Deputy Governor for the Time being, on such Signification in Writing as aforesaid, left at his last or usual Place of Residence as aforesaid, shall and is hereby likewise enjoined and required to call and hold such Special General Court as aforesaid; and on his Refusal or Neglect any Four of the Guardians signing such Notice shall, upon giving or leaving at the Place of Abode of each Guardian at least Three Days Notice of the Reason for holding the same, have Authority to call and hold such Special General Court; at all which Courts all and every Members, and Member of the said Corporation for the Time being are hereby enjoined to appear and be present, and not to depart from the same without the Licence of the Chairman, on pain to forfeit such reasonable Sum and Sums of Money not exceeding Ten Shillings, to the Use of the said Corporation, as by the Court so to be holden, or any succeeding Court, shall be assessed upon them, unless he or they shall show some reasonable Excuse, to be allowed of by the said Court or some succeeding Court.

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XIII. And be it further enacted, That at the First of the said General Courts to be holden under the Provisions of this Act, and at the General Court to be holden on the First Tuesday in the Month of July in every Year, or at some subsequent Court to be held within One Calendar Month then next ensuing, the said Corporation shall elect and choose from amongst themselves One Governor and One Deputy Governor, who shall enter upon the Duties of their respective Offices on the Day of such Election, or immediately upon the Expiration of the Year for which their Predecessors in the said Offices shall have been elected, and shall also at the same Court or Assembly, or at some subsequent Court or Assembly, appoint a Treasurer or Treasurers, and a Clerk, and all such other Officers and Persons as may be expedient or necessary for the Execution of this Act, who shall continue in their respective Offices for One Year, and also from thence until some other Persons shall be elected and appointed in their Stead: Provided always, that it shall and may be lawful for the said Corporation, at any Special General Court, to remove any such Treasurer or Treasurers, Officers, or Persons respectively, as the said Corporation shall from Time to Time see occasion; and thereupon, as also in the Event of the Death of any Governor or Deputy Governor, or of any such Officer or Officers, at any Special General Court, to appoint others in their Stead; and out of the Monies to be received by virtue of this Act to allow and pay such Salaries, Wages, and Allowances to the Treasurer or Treasurers, Clerk, and other Officers and Persons, as the said Corporation shall from Time to Time think reasonable.

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XIV. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That it shall not be lawful for the said Corporation to appoint the Person who may be appointed to act as their Clerk in the Execution of this Act, or the Partner of any such Clerk, or the Clerk or other Person in the Service or Employ of any such Clerk or of his Partner, the Treasurer for the Purposes of this Act, or to appoint the Person who may be appointed Treasurer, or the Partner of any such Treasurer, or the Clerk or other Person in the Service or Employ of any such Treasurer or of his Partner, the Clerk to the said Corporation; 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, or the Clerk or other Person in the Service or Employ of any such Clerk or of his Partner, shall act as Treasurer, or being the Partner of any such Treasurer, or the Clerk or other Person in the Service or Employ of any such Treasurer or of his Partner, shall act as Clerk in the Execution of this Act, or if any such Treasurer shall hold or accept any Place or Office of Profit or Trust under the said Corporation other than that of Treasurer, every such 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, together with full Costs of Suit, 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, nor more than One Imparlance, shall be allowed.

Office of Clerk and Treasurer not to be held by the same Person.

XV. And be it further enacted, That if any Person or Persons duly elected a Guardian, or Governor or Deputy Governor of the said Corporation, by virtue of the Provisions herein contained, shall refuse or omit, by the Space of Thirty Days next after his Election, to take upon himself or themselves respectively the Trust or Office or Trusts or Offices to which he and they shall be so elected as aforesaid, then and in either of such Cases all and every of such Persons and Person so refusing or neglecting as aforesaid shall respectively forfeit and pay to the Treasurer of the said Corporation the several Sums of Money following; (that is to say,) every such Person who shall have been duly elected Governor of the said Corporation the Sum of Twenty Pounds, every such Person who shall have been duly elected Deputy Governor the Sum of Ten Pounds, and every such Person who shall have been duly elected a Guardian the Sum of Five Pounds; all which said Forfeitures and Penalties, together with reasonable Costs, shall be recovered, levied, and applied in the same Manner as other Penalties and Forfeitures are by this Act directed to be recovered, levied, and applied; and the said Corporation shall at any General or Special General Court proceed to the Election of a new Governor or Deputy Governor in the Place and Stead of the Governor or Deputy Governor refusing or omitting to act, as the Case may require; and the Parish or Hamlet for which such Guardian so refusing or omitting to act shall forthwith proceed to a fresh Election of a Guardian or Guardians: Provided always, that no Person shall be liable to any Penalty for omitting or refusing to take upon himself the Office of Guardian who shall at the Time of his Election to the said Office have attained the Age of Sixty Years.

Persons chosen Governor, Deputy Governor, or Guardians, declining to act, &c. to be fined;

and others to be appointed in their Stead.

Persons of 70 years, or those who have served Office exempted from being re-elected for Three Years.

XVI. And be it further enacted, That no Person who shall be of the Age of Seventy Years, or who shall have been elected or appointed a Guardian, Governor, or Deputy Governor, and shall have executed the Duties of any such Offices during the whole Period for which he shall have been so elected under the Provisions of this Act, shall be liable to be elected into or compelled to take upon himself or to execute the Duties of any such of the said Offices in which he shall have so served within the Period of Three Years next after he shall have so served such Office as aforesaid, or be liable to any Penalty or Forfeiture whatever for refusing or neglecting so to do, within such Period of Three Years, unless he shall consent sooner to take upon himself any such Office.

Corporation may accept Resignation of Governor, &c. on sufficient Cause.

XVII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for the said Corporation at any of their General Courts, upon a reasonable and sufficient Cause or Ground of Excuse being shown by any such Person or Persons refusing or omitting to act in any of the Offices aforesaid, to remit to such Person or Persons One Half of the said Forfeitures or Penalties, or any of them, and also to accept the Resignation of any Person or Persons desirous of resigning his or their Office or Offices of Governor or Deputy Governor, upon sufficient Cause being shown to the Satisfaction of such Court for such Resignation; and thereupon, and also when and as often as any such Governor or Deputy Governor shall die, or become disqualified, or incapable of acting in his Office as aforesaid, to proceed to the Election of a new Governor or Deputy Governor, as the Case may require, in manner prescribed by this Act: Provided nevertheless, that no such Remission of Penalties or Acceptance of Resignation shall be valid or effectual unless Two Thirds in Number of the Guardians present at the General Court wherein the same shall be proposed shall concur therein and agree thereto.

Persons having paid the Fine discharged from serving again for Three Years.

XVIII. Provided also, and be it further enacted, That no Person who shall have paid the Penalty or Fine hereby imposed on his or their Refusal or Neglect to execute any of the Offices aforesaid shall be liable to be re-elected into or compelled to take upon himself or to execute the Duties of the said Offices or any of them, within Three Years after the Period of his Election into such Office, or be liable to any Forfeiture or Penalty whatsoever for refusing or neglecting so to do within such Period of Three Years, unless he shall consent sooner to take upon himself any such Office.

Such Persons to be eligible if willing.

XIX. Provided also, and be it further enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall extend or be construed to extend to render any Person or Persons ineligible to be re-elected to any such Office, if he shall be willing to take upon himself the Performance of the Duties thereof.

First and other Courts where to be held.

XX. And be it further enacted, That the Place for holding the General Courts of the Corporation shall be the present Court Room of the Workhouse in the said City, or some other convenient Place within the said City, and the Time of meeting shall be between the Hours of Eleven in the Forenoon and Seven in the Afternoon, and at

every General Court Twenty-one Guardians at the least shall be present; and at the first Court holden under the Provisions of this Act, and at the General Court to be holden upon the First *Tuesday* in the Month of *July* in each Year, a Chairman shall be appointed to preside at that Court; and at all other Courts of the said Corporation, and at all Meetings of Committees to be holden by virtue of this Act, the Governor for the Time being, if present, shall preside, and in case the Governor shall be absent, the Deputy Governor, if present; and in case the Governor and Deputy Governor shall both be absent at any General Court Half an Hour after, or at any Committee at the Time appointed for the assembling of the same, then such Person as shall be elected and chosen for the Purpose by the major Part in Number of the Members present at such Court or Committee shall preside at such Court or Committee; and at all Courts of the said Corporation, and at all Committees to be held by virtue of this Act, in any Cases where there shall be an equal Number of Votes upon any Question, including the Vote of the Person presiding, such Person presiding shall in all such Cases have an additional or casting Vote, and the Proceedings of such Courts and Committees shall be determined by the Majority of the Votes of the Guardians present: Provided always, that in case Twenty-one Guardians shall not be present at the said first or any future Courts or Assemblies of the said Corporation, it shall be lawful for the Guardian or Guardians who shall be present, or if no Guardian shall be present, then for the Clerk, and they and he are and is hereby respectively required to adjourn such Meeting to any other Day, to be then holden in the Court Room of the said Workhouse or in some other convenient Place within the said City; and Notice in Writing shall be given by the Clerk of the Corporation of such Adjournment to each Guardian not being present at the Time of such Adjournment Three Days at the least before the Time for such adjourned Meeting; and the Business which was to have been entered upon and transacted at such Court shall be entered upon and transacted at the Time to which the same shall have been adjourned, or at any other subsequent General or Special General Court.

Chairman.

Proviso for Adjournment.

XXI. And be it further enacted, That it shall also be lawful for any General Court of the said Corporation to adjourn to any other Day, either in the Court Room of the said Workhouse or some other convenient Place within the said City, and so from Time to Time as often as it shall be thought expedient.

Adjournments.

XXII. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for any General Court from Time to Time to make and appoint a Common Seal or Common Seals for the Use of the said Corporation, and to alter and vary the same, and also from Time to Time to make Rules, Orders, and Regulations for and concerning the Conduct and Government of all and every the Members of the said Corporation in the Execution of this Act, as well at any Court as at any Committee or elsewhere in the Execution of their Duties as Members of the said Corporation, and also for and concerning the Conduct or Government of the Churchwardens and of the Overseers of the Poor in the said City for the Time being respectively, in all Matters relative to the Purposes of this Act, and also for the good Conduct and Behaviour of the

General Courts or Assemblies may appoint a Common Seal, and make Bye Laws.

the several Officers and Servants employed by the said Corporation in the Execution of this Act, and for the better accommodating, maintaining, governing, employing, removing, managing, and regulating the Poor for the Time being, under the Care and Management of the said Corporation, and for all or any other the Purposes of the said Corporation, and likewise from Time to Time to vary, alter, amend, or repeal all or any of such Rules, Orders, and Regulations, and to fix and appoint such reasonable Fines and Penalties for the Breach and Non-performance of any such Rule, Order, or Regulation, or of any Part thereof, or for any Omission, Neglect, or Refusal to perform the Duties imposed on the several Members of the said Corporation by this Act, or by any such Rule, Order, or Regulation as to them shall seem proper or expedient, not exceeding Twenty Shillings for every Default; and all such Rules, Orders, and Regulations, when made, shall be printed, and a Copy thereof kept affixed in some conspicuous Place at the Workhouse of the said City, and shall be good and binding upon all Persons concerned; provided that the same or any Alteration to be made therein from Time to Time be not inconsistent with or repugnant to the Laws of that Part of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain and Ireland* called *England*, or to the Provisions and Directions in this Act contained; and provided also, that no Rule, Order, or Regulation which shall be made by virtue of this Act, or at present existing, or made under or by virtue of the said recited Acts, nor any Resolution which shall be entered into at any one General Court, shall be varied, altered, amended, or repealed, unless Notice of such proposed Variation, Alteration, Amendment, or Repeal be given and entered in the Proceedings of the General Court next immediately preceding the Court at which the same shall be proposed, nor unless Two Thirds of the Persons present at such last-mentioned Court shall concur in and agree to such Variation, Alteration, Amendment, or Repeal.

No Bye Law to be altered without Notice.

Present Bye Laws and Common Seal to continue until others made.

XXIII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That until a Common Seal shall be made or appointed by virtue of the Powers of this Act it shall be lawful for the said Corporation hereby constituted to use the Common Seal used by the present Corporation, and also that the Bye Laws, Rules, Orders, and Regulations of the said present Corporation shall, notwithstanding the Repeal of the said Acts, continue in force, and be as valid and effectual as if the same had been made in pursuance of this Act, until the same shall be altered, amended, or repealed, upon due Notice thereof given as aforesaid by other Bye Laws, Rules, Orders, and Regulations made by virtue of this Act.

Appointment of Committees.

XXIV. And be it further enacted, That it shall also be lawful for any such General Court or Assembly of the said Corporation to appoint any Committee or Committees, to consist of such Number of the Members of the said Corporation as it shall from Time to Time be thought expedient; and the several Powers and Authorities in this Act contained, which by this Act may be executed by the said Corporation (except in Cases where it is otherwise directed or provided by this Act), shall be performed and executed by any Committee of the said Corporation to be appointed as aforesaid.

XXV. And

XXV. And be it further enacted, That the present Workhouse and Infirmary of the said City and County of the same City, and the Ground and Buildings thereunto belonging, and all Messuages, Lands, Tenements, Rents, Rent Charges, and all other Hereditaments and Premises whatsoever and wheresoever, and of what Nature, Tenure, or Kind soever, vested in or belonging to or possessed by the present Corporation constituted under and by virtue of the said recited Acts or some or One of them, and all Goods, Chattels, Monies, Securities for Money and Effects, Stock, Bills of Exchange, Promissory Notes, Debts, Demands, Rights, Remedies, Cause and Causes of Action which at the Time when this Act shall take effect shall belong to the said present Corporation, or which shall be in the Hands, Custody, or Possession of any Person or Persons whomsoever, for the Use or on account of the same, and all Arrears of the Rates and all Arrears of Rents and other Monies which at the same Period shall be due or owing to the said present Corporation, and all other Materials, Articles, or Things which shall have been provided for the Purposes of the said recited Acts, or which shall have been purchased, collected, or provided for the Purposes of this Act, shall be fully and absolutely vested in the Corporation by this Act constituted, for such and the like Estates, Terms, and Interests, and to such and the like Effect in Law, as the same were previously vested in or held or possessed by or for the said present Corporation.

Property of the old Corporation vested in the new Corporation.

XXVI. And be it further enacted, That all and every Person or Persons whosoever who shall have received or who shall have in his or their Custody or Power any Monies collected by virtue of the said several recited Acts or either of them, or any Books, Papers, Deeds, or Writings relating to all or any of the Matters aforesaid, or to the Execution of the said Acts, shall, when thereunto required by Notice in Writing signed by the Governor or Deputy Governor for the Time being of the Corporation by this Act constituted, given to him or them, or left at his or their last or usual Place or Places of Abode, account for and deliver the same to the said Governor or Deputy Governor, or any Person or Persons appointed by them or either of them for that Purpose, in the like Manner and under the like Penalties as is hereinafter directed with respect to any Officer or Person appointed under or by virtue of this Act.

Persons holding Books or Monies under former Acts accountable to the new Corporation.

XXVII. And be it further enacted, That the Corporation by this Act constituted shall be and is hereby made subject and liable to and for all Agreements, Bonds, Covenants, Matters, and Things, to and for which the Corporation constituted by the said recited Acts are or shall be at the Time this Act shall take effect subject and liable, in the same Manner, to all Intents and Purposes, as if such Agreements, Bonds, Covenants, Matters, and Things had been made, entered into, or given or done under the Powers or Provisions of this Act.

New Corporation made liable to the Obligations of the old.

XXVIII. And be it further enacted, That a Book or Books shall be provided by the said Corporation by this Act constituted; in which Book or Books fair and regular Entries shall be made of all the Rules, Orders, and Regulations, Acts, Directions, and Proceedings of the said Guardians relative to the Execution of this Act, and the Names

Books of Proceedings to be kept, which may be made Evidence.

of the Governor, Deputy Governor, and Guardians who shall be present at the respective Courts or Committees, and the same shall be subscribed by the Chairman of the respective Courts or Committees; and all such Entries, being so signed, shall be deemed Originals, and shall be allowed to be read in Evidence in all Courts whatsoever, in all Cases, Suits, and Actions touching any thing done in pursuance of this Act; and such Book and Books shall be kept by the Clerk to the said Corporation for the Time being in such secure Place or Places as the Governor, Deputy Governor, and Guardians shall from Time to Time direct, and shall at every such Court or Committee, and at all other reasonable Times, be open and subject to the Inspections of the said Governor, Deputy Governor, and Guardians; and all such Book and Books, and also all and every Book and Books in which any Entry or Entries of any Proceeding or Proceedings of the present Corporation acting by or under the Authority of the said recited Acts doth or shall appear recorded, (such Entry or Entries being made in such Book or Books according to or consistently with the Directions or Provisions of the said Acts,) shall be and be deemed to be good and sufficient Evidence of such Proceedings in any Court whatsoever; any thing herein contained to the contrary thereof notwithstanding.

Corporation
to have the
Care of the
Poor.

XXIX. And be it further enacted, That the said Corporation hereby constituted shall have the Care of and provide for the Maintenance of all the poor, lame, impotent, old, and blind Inhabitants of the said Parishes and Hamlets, and of the other Inhabitants of the said Parishes and Hamlets, being poor, and not able to work or to obtain Work, (except such as shall be sufficiently provided for by charitable Gifts of other Persons, or in Hospitals or Almshouses within the said City,) and in order thereto shall have full Power to examine, search, and see what poor Persons there are come into, inhabiting, or residing within the said Parishes and Hamlets, or any of them, and shall have Power to receive all such poor Persons into any Workhouse belonging or to belong to the said Corporation.

Power to
employ the
Poor.

XXX. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Corporation, or any Committee or Committees of the said Corporation, to cause any Person who shall be received into any such Workhouse to be employed in any Work, Trade, Manufacture, or Employment or otherwise as they shall think proper, during the Time he or she shall continue in any such Workhouse; and shall and may, in case they shall think proper, purchase and provide a sufficient Stock of Flax, Hemp, Silk, Wool, Cotton, Thread, Iron, Wood, Stone, Leather, or other Materials of what Nature or Kind soever, for the Employment of the Poor and other Persons received into any such Workhouse; and for that Purpose only may set up, use, and occupy any Trade, Mystery, or Occupation whatsoever in any such Workhouse or other Building used therewith for the Purposes of this Act; and for the Purposes of this Act may sell and dispose of such Goods, Wares, and Merchandizes which shall be manufactured or made by such Poor or other Persons in any such Workhouse or other Building, any Usage or Privilege to the contrary notwithstanding; and out of the Profits arising from any Work which shall be done by such
Persons

Persons such Gratuities or Rewards shall be distributed to the industrious and skilful, according to the Quality and Perfection of their Work and of the Industry and good Conduct of the Persons executing the same, as to the said Corporation, or any Committee or Committees of the same, shall appear reasonable and proper; and the Remainder of the Profits shall be applied by the said Corporation to the Purposes of this Act.

XXXI. And be it further enacted, That the said Corporation hereby constituted, and their Successors, shall be and they are hereby declared to be vested with and shall and are hereby required to exercise all and every the Powers and Authorities with which Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor, or any of them, by any Laws made or to be made, in all or any Cases touching or concerning the apprenticing, Maintenance, Relief, Management, Removal, or Employment of the Poor, or the Application of any of the Rates made for their Use or Maintenance, are or shall be invested (except as herein otherwise provided); and the said Corporation, or the Governor or Deputy Governor for the Time being, or any Person appointed by or on behalf of the said Corporation, are and is hereby authorized and empowered to do and perform all and every such Acts or Act as Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor, or any of them, are or may be enabled to do and perform (except as herein otherwise provided), in all or any such Cases; and the said Corporation, or the Governor or Deputy Governor for the Time being on behalf of the said Corporation, shall and may institute and defend any Appeal against any Rate, or any Order of Removal, or for the Maintenance of Bastard Children, or any other Order relating to the Poor of the said City, or in anywise relating to or affecting the Objects or Purposes of this Act, and issue or receive any Notice respecting the same, in the same Manner as Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor respectively by any Law made or to be made are empowered or required to do, and shall and may take any legal Securities or Indemnification in Trust for the Inhabitants of the said City, or of any Parish or Hamlet of the same, which they shall deem necessary or prudent to be taken for the Purposes of this Act, in any Case or Cases whatsoever; and all Assignments and Transfers of Pensions or other Monies to which any poor Person or Persons chargeable to and seeking Relief from the Funds of the said Corporation shall be entitled, and which shall be assignable or transferrable to any Churchwardens or Overseers of the Poor by any Law now in force or hereafter to be enacted, shall be assigned and transferred to the Treasurer or Treasurers for the Time being of the said Corporation, and be by him or them received for the Use of the said Corporation, and his or their Receipt shall be a full Discharge therefrom.

Investing the Corporation with the Power of Overseers.

XXXII. And be it further enacted, That in all Cases not herein otherwise provided for, in which One or more Justice or Justices of the Peace is or are empowered by any Law now or hereafter to be made to proceed on the Complaint of the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor, or any of them, it shall and may be lawful for such Justice or Justices, and he and they is and are hereby required, to proceed on the Complaint of the said Governor or Deputy Governor, or the Clerk of

Justices to proceed on Complaints made by Guardians, the same as if made by Overseers.

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of the said Corporation for the Time being, or other Person or Persons appointed by the said Corporation, in such and the like Manner, to all Intents and Purposes, as if such Complaint had been made by any Churchwardens and Overseers of any of the said Parishes or Hamlets, or any of them; and all Orders for the Removal of any poor, lame, blind, or impotent Person chargeable to any of the said Parishes or Hamlets shall be made upon the Complaint of the said Governor or Deputy Governor, or some Person appointed on behalf of the said Corporation, and every such Removal shall, upon the Order of Removal, be stated to be made upon the Complaint of the Governor, Deputy Governor, and Guardians of the Poor of the City and County of *Norwich* and Liberties of the same.

Power to take Security.

XXXIII. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for the said Corporation, and they are hereby fully authorized, to take, accept, and receive any Bond or Security, or any Sum or Sums of Money by way of Indemnity, from any Person or Persons, for defraying the Costs, Charges, and Expences of the Maintenance previous to and during the Lying-in of any pregnant single Woman in any Parish, Hamlet, or Liberty of the said City, and the Maintenance and support of any Bastard Child or Children respectively born or to be born therein.

Corporation to ascertain, quarterly or otherwise, what Sums are necessary for the Relief of the Poor.

XXXIV. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for the said Corporation, at any of their General Courts, from Time to Time to set down and ascertain, quarterly or otherwise, what Sum or Sums will be needful for the Relief and Maintenance and setting to work of the Poor of the said Parishes and Hamlets under the Care and Management of the said Corporation, together with all such Arrears or Sum or Sums of Money as shall from Time to Time remain uncollected on any preceding Rate or Rates made under the Authority of this Act or the said recited Acts, either by reason of any Property rated being unoccupied, or by reason of the Insolvency or Removal of any of the Persons rated, or by the Person or Persons rated being relieved from the Payment of the Rates on the Ground of Poverty or otherwise, or which shall have been lost by reason of the Insolvency of any Person or Persons appointed to collect and receive the same, or be lost or left uncollected by any other Means whatsoever, and also all such Sum or Sums of Money as shall or may be expended by the said Corporation in and about the Prosecution of all or any of the Remedies by this Act given for the Recovery of all Monies which from Time to Time shall be in the Hands of the said Overseers, or of the Collectors appointed under this Act, or of any of them, or of any other Person or Persons whomsoever, or otherwise in and about the Execution of this Act; and the said Corporation shall assess and apportion the Share to be paid by each Parish and Hamlet in the said City and County; and the Sum so assessed and apportioned shall be certified to the Churchwardens and Overseers of each Parish, Hamlet, Liberty, or Place, or other Person or Persons appointed to assess and levy the same, by Writing signed by the said Governor or Deputy Governor, and which Writing shall also state the Time at which such several Sums of Money are to be paid to the Treasurer of the said Corporation; and the said Corporation shall alone have the Power of

directing what Sums of Money shall be raised and levied for the Relief and Maintenance of the Poor of the said several Parishes and Hamlets.

XXXV. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Corporation, at the General Court at which the Sum to be paid by each Parish, Hamlet, Liberty, or Place shall be assessed, and so from Time to Time as often as it shall be deemed necessary, to nominate and appoint the Churchwardens and Overseers of the several Parishes and Hamlets, or such other Person or Persons as they shall think expedient, to rate and assess among the Inhabitants of the said several Parishes and Hamlets the Sum or Sums necessary for the Purposes of this Act directed to be raised by each Parish, Hamlet, Liberty, or Place, and which Churchwardens and Overseers, or such other Person or Persons, shall have full Power to assess and levy the same upon such Persons and in such Manner as now are or shall be by Law directed for the Assessment of Rates for the Relief of the Poor, and shall have and may exercise, for the Recovery of the Sums by them rated and assessed, all and every the Powers, Authorities, and Remedies contained in this Act for that Purpose; and in case any Churchwarden or Overseer, or other Person or Persons appointed to assess and levy the same, shall omit or neglect to collect and get in the said Monies, or shall not use their or his best and utmost Diligence in collecting and getting in the same, or so much thereof as can be collected and gotten in, or to pay the Money thereby directed to be levied, to the Treasurer of the said Corporation, within Seven Days after the Time directed by such Certificate as aforesaid, it shall and may be lawful to and for any Committee of the said Corporation appointed for that Purpose to summon such Churchwardens or Churchwarden, Overseers or Overseer, or other Persons or Person, before them, to shew cause why they or he have or hath not collected the said Rate or Rates, and paid the same as aforesaid; and in case such Churchwardens or Churchwarden, Overseers or Overseer, or other Persons or Person, shall not appear, or appearing shall not show sufficient Cause to the Satisfaction of the said Committee, it shall be lawful for any Two Justices of the Peace for the said City of *Norwich* and County of the same City, upon the Complaint of the Clerk of the said Corporation, or any Person authorized by them, to set and impose a Fine on every such Churchwarden or Overseer, or other Person or Persons, not exceeding Twenty Pounds *per Centum* upon the Amount of the Rate not collected or levied, or remaining unpaid to the Treasurer of the said Corporation by such Churchwardens or Churchwarden, Overseers or Overseer, or other Persons or Person; and the said Corporation shall then appoint any other Person or Persons whom they may think fit to assess, levy, and raise such Rate or Rates, who shall have the same and the like Powers and Authorities in assessing and levying the same as any Churchwarden or Overseer of the Poor: Provided nevertheless, that if any such Churchwarden or Overseer, or other Person or Persons appointed as aforesaid, shall prove to such Two Justices that they or he have been unable to recover and receive all or any of the Sums of Money directed to be assessed and levied by them or him, by reason of the said Guardians having, in apportioning the Rate or Assessment made by them upon such Parish, Hamlet,

Guardians to appoint the Churchwardens and Overseers, or such other Persons as they may think proper, to assess the Rates.

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Liberty, or Place assessed, any Property which was unoccupied, then the Sums of Money assessed by the said Guardians upon the Property so unoccupied shall be allowed to such Churchwardens and Overseers, or other Person or Persons, in reduction of the Sum to be levied by them or him: Provided nevertheless, that no Person, not being a Churchwarden or Overseer of the Poor, shall, unless he consent thereto, be appointed oftener than once in Three Years to assess and collect the said Rates.

Corporation required to take Security from Treasurer and Officers.

XXXVI. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That the said Corporation shall and they are hereby required to take sufficient Security from each and every Treasurer to be appointed by virtue of this Act, for the due and faithful Execution of his Office, by the Bond or Bonds of the Person or Persons who shall be so appointed, and of Two or more other Persons as his or their Sureties respectively, to be approved of by the said Corporation, before any such Treasurer shall enter upon his Office, and, if they shall so think proper, shall and may also take Security from the Clerk and any other Officer to be appointed or continued under or by virtue of this Act.

Overseers to collect Arrears after their Offices are expired.

XXXVII. And be it further enacted, That the respective Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of and for the several Parishes and Hamlets now being or hereafter to be appointed shall, during the Space of Two Calendar Months next after the Appointment of other Churchwardens or Overseers in their respective Places, have and use the like Powers, Means, and Authority for levying and collecting the Arrears and Deficiencies of the several Assessments due and not provided for when their Offices expired, as they respectively had and used, or might have had and used, during the Continuance of their respective Offices.

Guardians empowered to cause a Survey and Valuation of the Parishes and Hamlets.

XXXVIII. And in order to better enable the said Corporation, and the Churchwardens and Overseers, to apportion and assess the Sum and Sums of Money so to be raised and assessed as aforesaid, and to ascertain the annual yearly Value of all Houses, Lands, Tenements, Tithes, and Hereditaments within the said Parishes and Hamlets; be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Corporation to cause any Books of Assessments of any Rates or Taxes, Parliamentary or Parochial, of any Property liable to be assessed to the Relief of the Poor, to be laid before them or any Committee appointed for that Purpose, and also to summon before them or any such Committee any Person competent to give Evidence of the Value of any such Property; and upon such Person coming before or being before them or any such Committee, to examine such Person touching the Value or Rental of any Tenements or Hereditaments liable to be assessed to the Relief of the Poor of the said City and County; and in case any Person being required so to do shall refuse to produce any such Books of Assessments, or to appear before the said Guardians or any such Committee, or, being present, to be examined as aforesaid, such Person or Persons shall forfeit and pay any Sum not less than Two Pounds and not more than Ten Pounds; and also for the said Governor, Deputy Governor, and Guardians to cause a Survey and Valuation to be made of all Houses, Lands, Tenements,

Tenements, and Hereditaments within the said Parishes and Hamlets, and for that Purpose to employ any Surveyor or Surveyors, or other Person or Persons whom they shall deem competent, to estimate and ascertain the annual Value of all or any Houses, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments within the said Parishes and Hamlets, and out of any Monies received or receivable by virtue of this Act to pay such Sum or Sums of Money to every such Surveyor or Surveyors, or other competent Person or Persons, so to be employed as aforesaid, for his or their Trouble therein, as shall be reasonable and proper, or shall be agreed upon between the said Corporation and such Person or Persons respectively.

XXXIX. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That no such Survey and Valuation shall be repeated or made oftener than once in Seven Years from the Time of making the first Survey and Valuation under the Authority of this Act, nor shall any such Valuation be made without the Consent of Two Thirds of the Guardians present at some Special General Court to be summoned for that Purpose in manner aforesaid.

Survey not to be made oftener than once in Seven Years.

XL. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That every such Survey and Valuation to be made as aforesaid shall be made and remain in the Custody of the said Corporation, to be kept by them in some safe and secure Place in the Workhouse of the said City, for the Use and Reference of the said Corporation, and the Churchwardens and Overseers or other Person or Persons empowered to make Rates and Assessments for the Time being; and the Clerk of the said Corporation shall and is hereby required to attend all and every Meetings and Meeting of the said Churchwardens and Overseers, or other Person or Persons empowered as aforesaid, held for the Purposes of this Act, with such Survey and Valuation, whenever requested by them so to do.

Survey and Valuation to be lodged at the Workhouse in Custody of the Guardians.

XLI. And whereas by the said first-recited Act it was enacted, that the Money thereby directed to be raised for the Relief of the Poor of the respective Parishes, Towns, Hamlets, Precincts, or Liberties within the said City of *Norwich* and County of the same, or for any other of the Purposes of the last-mentioned Act, should be rated and assessed on the respective Inhabitants, and on every Parson and Vicar, and on all and every the Occupiers of Lands, Houses, Tenements, Tithes Improprate, Appropriation of Tithes, and on all Persons having and using Stocks and Personal Estates in the said respective Parishes, Towns, Hamlets, or Precincts within the said City and County and Liberties of the same, or having Money out at Interest, in equal Proportion as near as might be according to their several and respective Values and Estates: And whereas from the Nature of Stocks and Personal Estates, and the Difficulty of ascertaining the Value thereof, and of discovering what Persons have Money out at Interest, and the Amount thereof, it has been found impracticable to make a just and equal Assessment in respect of Stocks and Personal Estate, and Money out at Interest, and the Endeavours to effect the same have been productive of much Dispute, Litigation, and Expence, and the Amount assessed is and has been in consequence very inconsiderable;

For abolishing the Assessment of Personal Estates.

siderable ; and it is desirable that no Assessment in respect of Stocks and Personal Estates, and Money out at Interest, should be made : be it therefore further enacted, That no Rate or Assessment shall be made for the Relief of the Poor of the said City and County, or for any other of the Purposes of this Act, upon any Person or Persons having and using Stocks and Personal Estates in the said respective Parishes, Towns, Hamlets, or Precincts within the said City and County, and Liberties of the same, or having Money out at Interest, as far as respects such Stocks and Personal Estates, and Money out at Interest.

Assessments
of Property
within the
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XLII. And be it further enacted, That the Guardians, in fixing and determining the Proportion of the Monies to be raised for the Relief of the Poor by the several Parishes, Hamlets, Liberties, and Places within the said City and County of the said City, shall calculate the same upon the whole annual Value of the Messuages, Lands, Tithes, Tenements, and Hereditaments within the said City, except any Land without the Walls of the said City occupied for the Purpose of Agriculture or Market Gardening, which shall be taken upon Five Sixth Parts of the annual Value thereof ; and the said Guardians shall calculate the same upon Five Sixth Parts of the annual Value of the Messuages, Lands, Tenements, Tithes, and Hereditaments within the said respective Hamlets.

Duplicates
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to be depo-
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the Clerk.

XLIII. And be it further enacted, That a Copy or Duplicate of the Account of the annual Value of the Messuages, Lands, Tenements, Tithes, and Hereditaments within the respective Parishes, Hamlets, Liberties, and Places of the said City and County, by which the said Corporation shall ascertain the Proportions, Parts, and Shares of the Sums of Money necessary to be raised, and every Rate, Levy, or Assessment made by the said Corporation, or by any Person or Persons appointed by them, shall be deposited with the Clerk to the said Corporation, who shall permit any Churchwarden or Overseer of any of the said Parishes or Hamlets, or other Person or Persons appointed as aforesaid, or any Person or Persons assessed or rated in any such Account, Rate, Levy, or Assessment, or any Person on his, her, or their Behalf, to inspect the same, and to take Copies thereof or of any Part thereof, at all seasonable Times, paying the Sum of One Shilling and no more for every such Inspection ; and the said Clerk shall, upon Demand, forthwith give Copies of the same or any Part thereof, upon being paid at the Rate of Sixpence for every Twenty Names, and so in proportion for a less Number.

Accounts of
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out yearly,
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the Clerk.

XLIV. And be it further enacted, That in the Month of *March* in every Year a true Account shall be made and stated of all Money received and paid by the said Corporation during the preceding Year ending upon the last Day of *December*, by virtue of the said recited Acts and this Act, or any of them, and stating from whom the same have been received, and to whom paid, and for what Purposes ; and such Account, together with all Vouchers relating thereto, shall be deposited with the Clerk to the said Corporation, who shall permit any Person or Persons who shall have paid any Rate or Assessment levied and collected for the Relief of the Poor of the said City and County during the preceding Year, or any Person

his, her, or their Behalf, to inspect the same, and to take Copies thereof, at all seasonable Times, paying the Sum of One Shilling and no more for every such Inspection; and the said Clerk shall, upon Demand, forthwith give Copies of the same or any Part thereof, upon being paid at the Rate of Two-pence for every Seventy-two Words, and so in proportion for a less Number of Words; and an Abstract of such yearly Accounts shall be yearly printed, and One Copy thereof sent to each of the said Guardians, and to each of the Churchwardens and Overseers of the respective Parishes, Hamlets, or Places, for the Inspection and Perusal of the Persons rated to the Relief of the Poor of the said Parishes, Hamlets, or Places.

XLV. And be it further enacted, That in case the Clerk to the said Corporation shall not permit the Copy or Duplicate of every Account made by the said Corporation of the annual Value of the several Messuages, Lands, Tenements, Tithes, and Hereditaments, and of every Rate, Levy, or Assessment made by them or by any Person or Persons appointed by them, or the Account of the Monies received and paid during the preceding Year by virtue of this Act, or the Vouchers relating thereto, to be inspected by any Person or Persons assessed or rated to any Rate, Levy, or Assessment for the Relief of the Poor in any Parish, Hamlet, Liberty, or Place in the said City and County of the same City, or by any Person or Persons on his, her, or their Behalf, at all seasonable Times, or shall neglect or refuse to give Copies of any such Accounts of the annual Value of the said Messuages, Lands, Tithes, and Hereditaments, or of any such Rates, Levies, or Assessments, Accounts, and Vouchers deposited as hereinbefore provided for, then and for every such Offence such Clerk shall forfeit and pay to the Party aggrieved any Sum not exceeding Five Pounds, to be levied and recovered in such and the like Manner as any Penalty or Forfeiture may be recovered by this Act.

Penalty on Clerk for not permitting Inspection, or not giving Copies of Rates and Accounts.

XLVI. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Corporation to compound, if they shall think proper, with the Landlord or Landlords, Owner or Owners of any House, Buildings, or Premises within the said Parishes and Hamlets, the yearly Rent of which respectively shall not exceed Eight Pounds, for the Payment of the said Rates or Assessments at such a reduced Rental as the said Corporation shall think reasonable, and to be paid and payable whether the same be occupied or not.

Landlords may compound with Guardians for Rates.

XLVII. And for the better and more effectually raising and levying the Rates and Assessments authorized and directed to be made by this Act, be it further enacted, That if any Person or Persons who shall be liable to be and shall be rated or assessed in any of the said Parishes, Hamlets, Liberties, or Places, by the Churchwardens and Overseers thereof, or by any Person or Persons making the Rate or Assessment for the said Parish, Hamlet, Liberty, or Place, shall refuse or neglect to pay any Rate or Assessment which shall be made, laid, or assessed upon him, her, or them, under and by virtue of this Act, or any Arrear or Arrears due thereon, or who shall be liable to pay any former Rate or Assessment, Rates or Assessments, made under the Authority of any of the said recited Acts, it shall and may be lawful

Payment of Rates to be enforced by Summons before One Justice and by Warrant of Distress.

to and for any One or more of the Justices of the Peace of and for the said City and County, and he and they is and are hereby authorized and required, upon Oath being made before him or them by any Officer of the said Corporation, or by any Churchwarden or Overseer, or Person to be appointed as aforesaid, and authorized to collect the same, of his or their having attended upon or at the Dwelling House or last or usual Place of Abode within the said City or County of the Person or Persons then intended to be summoned, or at the Premises for which such Rate or Assessment or Arrears shall remain due, and having demanded the same, and of such Person or Persons having neglected or refused to pay the same, to summon, by Writing under his or their Hand or Hands, all and every Person or Persons who shall have refused or neglected to pay as aforesaid to appear before any Two or more Justices of the Peace of and for the said City and County at the Time and Place to be mentioned in such Summons; and it shall and may be lawful to and for any Officer of the said Corporation, or for any Churchwarden or Overseer, or Person authorized as aforesaid, as the Case may be, or for any of the Constables of the said City or County, or any One or more of them, or other the Person or Persons to whom the same shall be severally addressed, to serve all and every such Summons and Summonses upon all and every Person and Persons refusing or neglecting to assess and levy, and to pay as aforesaid, as the Case may be, either by delivering the same to the Person or Persons thereby intended to be summoned, or by leaving the same at his, her, or their last or usual Place or Places of Abode, or at the Premises for which the Rate or Assessment 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, then upon due Proof of Service of the Summons, and that such Rate or Assessment remains due and unpaid, or if he, she, or they shall attend, and shall not show good and sufficient Cause to such Justices why he, she, or they is or are not chargeable with such Rate or Assessment, Rates or Assessments, or why the same should not be paid, then and in every such Case it shall be lawful for such Justices to order and adjudge all and every Person or Persons who shall have been so summoned to pay the Rate or Assessment in respect of which such Summons shall have been issued, and to grant a Warrant or Warrants under their Hands and Seals, authorizing and directing any Constable or Constables of the said City or County, or any One or more of them, to collect and levy such Rate or Assessment, and all Arrears thereof, and the Expence of the Summons and Warrant, by Distress of the Goods and Chattels of the Party so neglecting or refusing, which shall be found either within the said City or County, or elsewhere, if removed therefrom; and if within Five Days next after any such Distress shall be made, the said Rate or Assessment, with all Arrears due, shall not be paid, together with the reasonable Charges of the said Summons and Warrant, and of making such Distress and keeping such Goods and Chattels, the said Constable or Constables, or any One or more of them, shall cause the said Goods to be appraised by One or more Appraiser or Appraisers, and the same, or such Part or Parts thereof as shall be sufficient, to be sold by Auction or Private Contract, and thereout to pay the said Rate or Assessment, together with all Arrears due, and the reasonable Charges aforesaid,

aforesaid, and the Charges of keeping, appraising, and selling the same, returning the Overplus (if any) to the Owner or Owners of such Goods and Chattels respectively, upon Demand thereof made by him, her, or them; and if no sufficient Distress can be found, then it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Justices to commit such Person or Persons so offending or neglecting to pay such Rate or Assessment to the Common Gaol or House of Correction for the said City and County, there to remain without Bail or Mainprize until such Time as such Person or Persons so committed shall have paid the Sum or Sums so rated or assessed upon him, her, or them, and such Charges as aforesaid, or during so long a Time as the Justices making such Commitment shall think reasonable, unless he, she, or they shall sooner pay the same; provided that no such Person or Persons shall be confined or detained in Prison for Want of such Distress for any longer Space of Time than Three Calendar Months.

XLVIII. And be it further enacted, That every Warrant of Distress for the Non-payment of any Rate or Assessment to be made by virtue of this Act by any Churchwardens and Overseers, or such Person or Persons as aforesaid, shall be to the Effect following; (*videlicet,*)

Form of
Warrant of
Distress.

‘ City and County of } To
‘ the City of *Norwich* } the Churchwardens and
‘ to wit. } Overseers of, &c. [*or the Person or Persons*]
‘ appointed by virtue of the Powers of an Act passed in the
‘ Second Year of the Reign of His Majesty King *William*
‘ the Fourth, intituled [*here insert the Title of this Act*],
‘ and to all Constables and other Peace Officers of the same
‘ City and County :

‘ WHEREAS the under-mentioned Persons, now or late Inhabitants,
‘ Holders, Landlords, Tenants, Occupiers, or Enjoyers of Lands,
‘ Houses, Buildings, Tenements, Tithes, or Hereditaments, or other
‘ rateable Property in the Parish [*or Hamlet, as the Case may be,*]
‘ of within the said City and County, were
‘ and are duly rated and assessed and liable to pay the Rate and
‘ Rates made by virtue of the above-mentioned Act: And whereas
‘ the said Persons have refused or neglected to pay the several Sums
‘ of Money at and against their Names hereunto respectively set
‘ down, due from them respectively for or towards the Purposes
‘ mentioned in the said Act; and the said several Sums are still
‘ remaining due, in arrear, and unpaid, as appeareth upon Oath [*or*
‘ Affirmation, *if a Quaker,*] to us
‘ of His Majesty’s Justices of the Peace of and for the said City and
‘ County thereof; and the said several Persons, having been sum-
‘ moned to appear before to answer the
‘ Premises, as also appeareth to us the said Justices upon Oath,
‘ [*or Affirmation, if a Quaker,*] have not, or hath either of them,
‘ shown any sufficient Cause why such Sum or Sums of Money
‘ should not be paid; These are therefore in His Majesty’s Name
‘ to will and require you, any or either of you, forthwith to levy the
‘ said several Sums due from the said Persons, and hereunder set
‘ opposite to their Names respectively, by Distress and Sale of their
‘ respective Goods and Chattels, (such Goods and Chattels being kept
‘ for the Space of Three Days before the same are sold,) rendering to
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‘ them respectively the Overplus (if any be), the reasonable Charges
 ‘ of such Summons, Warrants, Distress, Sale, and Keeping being
 ‘ first deducted; and if no sufficient Distress can be had or taken,
 ‘ that then you certify the same to us, to the end that such
 ‘ further Proceedings may be had therein as by Law directed: And
 ‘ we do hereby strictly charge and command all and singular the
 ‘ Constables and other His Majesty’s Peace Officers for the said
 ‘ City and County to be aiding and assisting in all Things relating to
 ‘ the Premises. Given under our Hands and Seals, this
 ‘ Day of _____ in the Year of our Lord One thousand
 ‘ eight hundred and _____

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‘ A. B.	
‘ C. D.	
‘ E. F.	
‘ G. H.	
‘ I. K.	

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XLIX. And be it further enacted, That in case any Person or Per-
 sons shall remove out of or from or quit the Possession of any Land,
 House, Building, Tenement, or Hereditament within the said City or
 County, before the Rate or Assessment charged thereon by virtue of
 this Act shall be paid and discharged, or if any Person shall enter
 into the Occupation of any Land, House, Building, Tenement, or
 Hereditaments in any of the said Parishes, Hamlets, Liberties, or Places
 out of or from which any other Person or Persons shall have so re-
 moved, before Payment of the Rate or Assessment, then the Person
 or Persons so removing out of or from or quitting the Possession of,
 and the Person or Persons entering into the Occupation of, any such
 Land, House, Building, Tenement, or Hereditament, shall be respec-
 tively liable to the Payment of such Rate or Assessment in proportion
 to the Time such Person or Persons respectively possessed or occu-
 pied the same, in the like Manner as if the Person or Persons so
 removing or quitting as aforesaid had remained in the Possession or
 Occupation of such Land, House, Building, Tenement, or Heredita-
 ment, or the Person or Persons so entering into the Possession or
 Occupation thereof had been originally rated or assessed to such
 Rate or Assessment; which Portion, in case of Dispute, shall be ascer-
 tained by any Two or more of His Majesty’s Justices of the Peace of
 and for the said City and County thereof, on the Application of any
 Churchwarden or Overseer or Person as aforesaid; and in case any
 Person or Persons shall come into the Occupation of any such Land,
 House, Building, Tenement, or Hereditament, by renting or taking
 the same from the last immediate Occupier, then and in such
 Case the Person or Persons so coming into the Occupation shall
 be subject and liable to the Rate and Assessment in arrear for
 any Period not exceeding Three Calendar Months preceding such
 his Occupation, as if he, she, or they had been originally rated or
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L. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That each and every
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 Assessment, already rated and assessed, or ordered and directed to be
 levied,

levied, assessed, and collected by and under the Authority of the said recited Acts or any of them, or which shall be made under the Authority of the said recited Acts or any of them, at any Time or Times before this Act shall come into effect, shall and may be levied, assessed, and collected by such Person or Persons, in such and the same Ways, by such Means, and under such and the same Powers, Restrictions, and Regulations, as any Rate or Assessment, or Arrears of any Rate or Assessment, ordered and directed to be levied, assessed, and collected by virtue of this Act, can or may be raised, levied, and collected, and shall and may be paid and applied by the Person or Persons hereby authorized to be appointed to collect and receive the same in the like Manner and for the like Purposes as any other Rate or Assessment is hereby directed to be paid and applied.

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this Act.

LI. And be it further enacted, That all Monies which shall have arisen under the said recited Acts or any of them, or shall arise by or from the Rates or Assessments hereby granted for the Purposes of this Act, or which shall be levied or received from Time to Time by virtue of this Act (except such Monies as are herein directed to be otherwise disposed of), shall be paid to the said Corporation or their Treasurer, or to such Person or Persons as the said Corporation shall appoint to receive the same, and shall be applied and disposed of, in the first place, in defraying the Costs, Charges, and Expences which shall have been incurred in or shall be incident to and attend the obtaining and passing this Act; and in the next place in discharge of the Charges and Expences of carrying the several Purposes of this Act into execution; and all Costs, Charges, and Expences which the said Corporation or any of their Officers may sustain or be put unto in carrying this Act into execution, or in prosecuting any Indictments, Actions, or Suits in anywise relating to or concerning any of the Monies granted or arising by virtue of this Act, or any other the Purposes of this Act, or in any Manner relating to the Execution thereof, and for such other Uses and Purposes as are herein expressed, and for no other Use, Intent, or Purpose whatsoever.

Application
of Monies
raised under
recited Acts
and this Act.

LII. And be it further enacted, That in case the said Corporation assembled at any of their General Courts shall consider it expedient to enlarge the present Workhouse and Infirmary, or either of them, and Buildings belonging thereunto respectively, or to erect and build another Workhouse or Infirmary in lieu thereof, the said Governor or Deputy Governor shall cause Notice in Writing to be given to all the Members of the said Corporation, or to be left at their respective Dwelling Houses, within Three Days after the holding of such General Court, signifying the Opinion of the Court as to such Expediency, and that a Special General Court will be held upon a certain Day to be appointed in such Notice in order to take the same into consideration (One Calendar Month at the least intervening between the Day so appointed and the Day of the Date of such Notice); and in case Two-third Parts of the Guardians so assembled shall agree and resolve upon the Expediency of enlarging the present Workhouse and Infirmary, or either of them, and Buildings belonging thereunto respectively, or of erecting and building another Workhouse and Infirmary in lieu thereof, then and in such Case it shall and may

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be lawful for the said Corporation to enlarge the present Workhouse and Infirmary, or either of them, and any of the Buildings respectively thereunto belonging, or to provide or purchase, or erect and build, another Workhouse and Infirmary, or either of them, in lieu thereof, in any other Part of the said City or County, and also any other Place or Places for receiving, maintaining, and setting to work the Poor under their Care and Management, or to dispose of the present Workhouse and Infirmary, or either of them, and the Buildings and Ground thereunto respectively belonging, and to purchase other Ground for and to build thereupon a more commodious Workhouse and Infirmary, or either of them, with proper and suitable Offices, for the Use of the said Corporation, and for receiving, maintaining, lodging, and employing the Poor under their Care and Management.

Corporation may enter into Contracts for making such Alterations, or for building new Workhouse.

LIII. And be it further enacted, That upon and after such Alterations and Improvements shall have been determined and agreed upon in manner hereinbefore mentioned, it shall and may be lawful for the said Corporation, if they shall see fit, to contract and agree with any Person or Persons for enlarging the said present Workhouse and Infirmary, or either of them, and the Buildings and Ground thereunto respectively belonging, or for pulling down and rebuilding the same, or any Part or Parts thereof, on an enlarged Scale, and erecting such Offices and Outbuildings as may be deemed necessary for maintaining and employing the Poor of the said City and County, or for erecting and building any new Workhouse and Infirmary, or either of them, with such requisite Offices and Outbuildings as aforesaid, upon any other Site or Ground within the said City or County, or for performing any Part or Parts of such Works as aforesaid, or for providing Materials for any Part or Parts thereof, upon such Terms as the said Corporation shall deem expedient.

Notice to be given of Contracts.

LIV. And be it further enacted, That before any Contract or Contracts shall be entered into Twenty-one Days Notice at the least shall be given in One or more of the *Norwich* Newspapers of the Intention of the said Corporation to enter into such Contract or Contracts, expressing therein the general Nature and Objects of such Contract or Contracts, in order that any Person or Persons willing to undertake the same may make Proposals for that Purpose, to be offered and presented to the said Corporation at a certain Time and Place to be mentioned in such Notice; and all and every Person and Persons who shall enter into any such Contract shall give Security to the said Corporation for the due Performance thereof; and Copies of all Contracts made in pursuance of this Act shall be entered in a Book or Books to be kept by the said Corporation for that Purpose.

Power to compound for Breach of Contracts.

LV. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Corporation, from Time to Time and at all Times hereafter, if it shall be so determined at any of their Courts to be held for that Purpose, to compound and agree with any Person or Persons on account of any Breach or Non-performance of such Contract or Contracts, for such Sum or Sums of Money as they shall think proper, so as the Sum or Sums of Money so compounded and agreed for be not less than the Injury or Damage sustained by the Breach or Non-performance of such

such Contract or Contracts, and all Costs, Charges, and Expences which shall be occasioned thereby.

LVI. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Corporation to treat, contract, and agree with the Owner or Owners of and Person or Persons interested in any Freehold or Copyhold Lands, Houses, Buildings, Tenements, Hereditaments, and Premises within the said City or County, which it may be necessary to purchase for the Purpose of erecting and providing a Workhouse and Infirmary, or either of them, and other Buildings and Offices, Yards and Gardens, for the Reception, Lodging, Accommodation, Employment, and Maintenance of the Poor of the said City, for the absolute Purchase thereof, and to purchase the same, not exceeding in the whole Five Acres; and it shall be lawful for all Bodies Politic, Corporate, or Collegiate, Corporations Aggregate or Sole, Tenants in Tail, Tenants for Life, or for any Term or Number of Years determinable with any Life or Lives, or for any Term of Years absolute, of which Twenty-one Years shall at the Time of such Contract be unexpired, Husbands, Guardians, Trustees, Feoffees in Trust, Committees, Executors, Administrators, and all other Trustees whatsoever, not only for and on behalf of themselves, their Heirs and Successors, but also for and on behalf of the Person or Persons entitled in Reversion, Remainder, or Expectancy after them, and for and on behalf of their Cestuique Trusts, whether Femes Covert, Infants, or Issue unborn, Lunatics, Idiots, or other Person or Persons whomsoever, under any Disability of acting for themselves, and to and for all Femes Covert who are or shall be seised of or interested in any such Lands, Houses, Buildings, Tenements, Hereditaments, or Premises, to contract with the said Corporation for the Sale thereof, or for the Satisfaction to be made for the same, and to sell and convey, by Conveyance, Lease and Release, or Bargain and Sales enrolled, unto the said Corporation, all or any such Lands, Houses, Buildings, Tenements, Hereditaments, or Premises, or any Part thereof, for the Purposes aforesaid; and it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Corporation to hold such Lands, Houses, Buildings, Tenements, Hereditaments, or Premises so purchased without incurring or being subject to any of the Penalties or Forfeitures of the Statutes of Mortmain, or of any other Law or Statute whatsoever; and all Contracts, Agreements, Bargains, Sales, and Conveyances which shall be so made by virtue and in pursuance of this Act, shall, without any Fine or Fines, Recovery or Recoveries, or other Conveyances or Assurances in the Law whatsoever, be good, valid, and effectual, to and for such End, Intents, and Purposes, not only to convey the Estate and Interest of the Person or Persons conveying, but also to convey all Estate, Right, Interest, Use, Property, Claim, and Demand whatsoever of the said several and respective Cestuique Trusts, and all Persons claiming or to claim by, from, or under them, and of all Persons entitled in Remainder or Reversion expectant on any particular Estate, and the same shall be deemed and considered to bar the Dower and Dowry of such Person or Persons, and all Estates Tail and other Estates, in Possession, Reversion, Remainder, or Expectancy, any Law, Statute, Usage, or any other Matter or Thing whatsoever to the contrary thereof in anywise notwithstanding; and all such Bodies Politic,

Corporation empowered to purchase, and Bodies Politic, &c. enabled to sell and convey, Lands, &c.

Politic, Corporate, or Collegiate, Corporations, whether Aggregate or Sole, Spiritual or Lay, Tenants in Tail or for Life or Lives, and all Feoffees in Trust, Executors, Administrators, Husbands, Guardians, Committees, Trustees, and other Persons, are and shall be hereby indemnified for what they shall do by virtue and in pursuance of this Act as aforesaid.

Not to purchase more than Five Acres from incapacitated Persons.

LVII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That it shall not be lawful for the said Corporation to purchase from any such Body or Bodies Politic, Corporate, or Collegiate, Corporations Aggregate or Sole, Tenants in Tail, for Life, or for Years determinable or absolute as aforesaid, Husbands, Guardians, Trustees, Feoffees in Trust, whatsoever, more than Five Statute Acres; and in case the said Corporation shall afterwards sell the Whole or any Part of such Five Statute Acres so purchased, it shall not be lawful for the said Corporation to purchase, or for the same or any other Body or Bodies Politic, Corporate, or Collegiate, Corporations Aggregate or Sole, Tenants in Tail, for Life, or for Years determinable or absolute as aforesaid, Husbands, Guardians, Trustees, Feoffees in Trust, Committees, Executors, Administrators, or other Trustees whatsoever, to sell to the said Corporation, any other Lands, Houses, Buildings, Tenements, Hereditaments, or Premises in lieu of or instead of those Five Statute Acres, or any Part thereof, so sold or disposed of by the said Corporation.

To whom Purchase Money to be paid.

LVIII. And be it further enacted, That every Sum of Money or Recompence to be agreed for as aforesaid shall be paid, out of any Monies by this Act authorized to be raised, to the Party or Parties or Person or Persons respectively entitled thereto, or to their Agents, or into the Bank of *England*, in manner by this Act directed, as the Case may be; and upon such Payment to such Party or Parties or Persons, or their Agents, or into the Bank of *England*, and after Three Calendar Months Notice thereof given to such Party or Persons, or to their Agents, or left at their respective usual Places of Abode, or with the Tenant or Tenants in Possession of such Lands, Houses, Buildings, Tenements, Hereditaments, or Premises, then such Lands, Houses, Buildings, Tenements, Hereditaments, and Premises shall and may be taken and used for the Purposes of this Act, and all Parties and Persons, whomsoever shall be divested of all Right and Title to such Lands and Hereditaments, and all the Estate, Right, Title, Use, Trust, Property, Claim, and Demand in Law or Equity of the Person or Persons respectively to whose Use such Payments shall be made, in, to, or out of such Lands, Houses, Buildings, Tenements, Hereditaments, and Premises, shall vest in the said Corporation and their Successors for ever, for the Use and Purposes of this Act.

Application of Purchase Money when amounting to 200*l*.

LIX. And be it further enacted, That if any Money shall be paid, or agreed or awarded to be paid, for the Purchase of any Lands, Houses, Buildings, Tenements, or Hereditaments to be purchased, taken, or used by virtue of the Powers of this Act for the Purposes thereof, which shall belong to any Body Politic, Corporate, or Collegiate, Tenant in Tail, for Life, or for Years determinable or absolute as aforesaid, or to any Feoffees in Trust, Executors, Administrators, Husband, Guardian, Committee, or other Trustee, for or on behalf of any Infant, Lunatic,

Lunatic, Idiot, Feme Covert, or other Cestuique Trust, or to any Person whose Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments are limited in strict or other Settlement, or to any Person under any other Disability or Incapability whatsoever, such Money shall, in case the same shall amount to or exceed the Sum of Two hundred Pounds, with all convenient Speed be paid into the Bank of *England*, in the Name and with the Privity of the Accountant General of the Court of Exchequer, to be placed to his Account there *ex parte* the Governor, Deputy Governor, and Guardians of the Poor of the City and County of *Norwich*, pursuant to the Method prescribed by an Act passed in the First Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Fourth, intituled *An Act for the better securing Monies and Effects paid into the Court of Exchequer at Westminster on account of the Suitors of the said Court, and for the Appointment of an Accountant General and Two Masters of the said Court, and for other Purposes*, and the General Orders of the said Court, and without Fee or Reward; and shall when so paid in there remain until the same shall, by Order of the said Court made upon Petition to be preferred to the said Court in a summary Way by the Person or Persons who would have been entitled to the Rents and Profits of the said Lands, Houses, Buildings, Tenements, or Hereditaments, be applied either in the Purchase or Redemption of the Land Tax, or in or towards the Payment or Discharge of any Debt or Debts, or other Incumbrances, affecting the same Lands, Houses, Buildings, Tenements, Hereditaments, and Premises, or affecting other Lands, Houses, Buildings, Tenements, Hereditaments, or Premises standing settled therewith, or to the same or the like Uses, Trusts, Intents, or Purposes as the said Court of Exchequer shall authorize to be purchased, redeemed, paid, or discharged, or such Part thereof as shall be necessary, or until the same shall upon the like Application be laid out in a summary Way, by Order of the said Court, in the Purchase of other Lands, Houses, Buildings, Tenements, Hereditaments, and Premises, which shall be conveyed, limited, and settled to, for, and upon such and the like Uses, Trusts, Intents, and Purposes, and in the like Manner, as the Lands, Houses, Buildings, Tenements, Hereditaments, and Premises which shall be so purchased, taken, or used as aforesaid stood settled or limited, or such of them as at the Time of making such Conveyance or Settlement shall be existing undetermined or capable of taking effect; and in the meantime, and until such Order can be made, the said Money may, by Order of the said Court upon Application thereto, be invested by the said Accountant General in his Name in the Purchase of Three Pounds *per Centum* Consolidated or Three Pounds *per Centum* Reduced Bank Annuities, or in Government or Real Securities; and in the meantime, and until such Bank Annuities or Government or Real Securities shall be ordered by the said Court to be sold for the Purposes aforesaid, the Dividends and annual Produce of the said Consolidated or Reduced Bank Annuities, or Government or Real Securities, shall from Time to Time be paid, by Order of the said Court, to the Person or Persons who would for the Time being have been entitled to the Rents and Profits of such Lands, Houses, Buildings, Tenements, Hereditaments, and Premises so hereby authorized to be purchased, conveyed, and settled.

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LX. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That if any Money so agreed or awarded to be paid for any Lands, Houses, Buildings, Tenements, Hereditaments, and Premises to be purchased, taken, or used for the Purposes aforesaid, and belonging to any Corporation, or to any Person or Persons under any Disability or Incapacity as aforesaid, shall be less than the Sum of Two hundred Pounds, and shall amount to or exceed the Sum of Twenty Pounds, then and in all such Cases the same shall, at the Option of the Person or Persons for the Time being entitled to the Rents and Profits of the Lands, Houses, Buildings, Tenements, Hereditaments, and Premises so purchased, taken, or used, or of his, her, or their Guardian or Guardians, Committee or Committees, in case of Infancy, Idiocy, or Lunacy, or other Incapacity, with the Approbation of the said Governor and Deputy Governor, to be signified in Writing under their respective Hands, be paid into the Bank of *England*, in the Name and with the Privity of the said Accountant General of the Court of Exchequer, and be placed to his Account as aforesaid, in order to be applied in manner hereinbefore directed; or otherwise the same may be paid, at the like Option and with the like Approbation, to Two Trustees, to be nominated by the Person or Persons who for the Time being would be entitled to the Rents and Profits of the Lands, Houses, Buildings, Tenements, Hereditaments, and Premises so to be purchased and settled, such Nomination to be approved of by the said Corporation; and such Nomination and Approbation to be signified in Writing under the Hands of the Parties nominating such Trustees, and under the Common Seal of the said Corporation; and the Money so paid to such Trustees, and the Dividends arising thereon, shall be by them applied in like Manner as is hereinbefore directed with respect to the Money so to be paid into the Bank, in the Name of the Accountant General of the Court of Exchequer, but without obtaining or being required to obtain any Order of the said Court touching the Application thereof.

When less than 20*l.*

LXI. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That where such Money so agreed or awarded to be paid as next before mentioned shall be less than Twenty Pounds, then and in all such Cases the same shall be paid to the Person or Persons who would for the Time being have been entitled to the Rents and Profits of the Lands, Houses, Buildings, Tenements, Hereditaments, and Premises so purchased, taken, or used for the Purposes of this Act, for his, her, or their own Use and Benefit, or in case of Infancy, Idiocy, Lunacy, or other Incapacity, then such Money shall be paid to his, her, or their Guardian or Guardians, Committee or Committees, to and for the Use and Benefit of such Person or Persons so entitled respectively.

As to Payment of Purchase Money where Questions may arise upon Titles.

LXII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That where any Question shall arise touching the Title of any Person or Persons to any Money to be paid into the Bank of *England* in the Name and with the Privity of the Accountant General of the said Court of Exchequer, in pursuance of this Act, for the Purchase of any Lands, Houses, Buildings, Tenements, Hereditaments, and Premises, or of any Estate, Right, Title, or Interest in any Lands, Houses, Buildings, Tenements,

Tenements, Hereditaments, and Premises to be purchased in pursuance of this Act for the Purposes aforesaid, or to any Bank Annuities, or Government or Real Securities, the Person or Persons who shall have been in Possession of such Lands, Houses, Buildings, Tenements, Hereditaments, and Premises respectively at the Time of such Purchase, and all Persons claiming under such Person or Persons, or under the Possession of such Person or Persons, shall be deemed and taken to have been lawfully entitled to such Lands, Houses, Buildings, Tenements, Hereditaments, and Premises respectively, according to such Possession, until the contrary shall be shown to the Satisfaction of the said Court; and the Dividends or Interest of the Bank Annuities, or Government or Real Securities, to be purchased with such Money, and also the Capital of such Bank Annuities or Government or Real Securities, shall be paid, applied, and disposed of accordingly, unless it shall be made appear to the said Court that such Possession was a wrongful Possession, and that some other Person or Persons was or were lawfully entitled to such Lands, Houses, Buildings, Tenements, Hereditaments, or Premises, or to some Estate or Interest therein.

LXIII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That where, by reason of any Disability or Incapacity of the Person or Persons, or Corporation, entitled to any Lands, Houses, Buildings, Tenements, Hereditaments, or Premises to be purchased, taken, or used under the Authority of this Act, the Purchase Money for the same shall be required to be paid into the said Court of Exchequer, or be applied in the Purchase of other Lands, Houses, Buildings, Tenements, Hereditaments, and Premises, to be settled to the like Uses, in pursuance of this Act, it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Court to order the Expences of all Purchases from Time to Time to be made in pursuance of this Act, or so much of such Expences as the said Court shall deem reasonable, together with the necessary Costs and Charges of obtaining such Order, to be paid by the said Corporation out of the Monies to be received by virtue of this Act, who shall from Time to Time pay such Sums of Money for such Purposes as the said Court shall direct.

Court of Exchequer may order reasonable Expences to be paid by the Guardians.

LXIV. And be it further enacted, That every Mortgagee of any Lands, Houses, Buildings, Tenements, Hereditaments, and Premises which shall be so contracted for and purchased as aforesaid, in pursuance of this Act, his, her, or their Heirs, Executors, Administrators, and Assigns respectively, on having Two Calendar Months Notice in Writing given to him, her, or them from the Governor and Deputy Governor or any Committee of the said Corporation, for paying off the Principal Money and Interest which shall be then due on such Mortgages respectively, shall, at the Expiration of the said Two Calendar Months after such Notice, upon Payment or Tender of the Principal Money and Interest which shall be then due, convey and assign his, her, and their respective Estates and Interests in and to the said mortgaged Premises to the said Corporation and their Successors, for the Uses or Purposes of this Act, or to such Person or Persons as the said Corporation shall nominate or appoint in Trust for the said Corporation and their Successors, for the Uses

Mortgagees to convey.

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and Purposes of this Act; and if any such Mortgagee, his, her, or their Heirs, Executors, Administrators, or Assigns, shall refuse so to do, then all Interest on every such Mortgage from the Expiration of the said Two Calendar Months after any such Notice shall cease and determine, any Law or Custom to the contrary notwithstanding.

Power to
dispose of
the old
Workhouse.

LXV. And be it further enacted, That if the said Corporation shall under the Powers of this Act erect a new Workhouse and Infirmary, or either of them, on another Site, as herein-before mentioned, or in case the said Corporation shall, under the Provisions of this Act, purchase any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, Part of which may not be necessary for the Purposes of this Act, it shall and may be lawful for the said Corporation, and any Persons or Person in whom any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments so purchased under this Act shall be vested, and they and he and she are and is hereby authorized and required, either by Public Auction or Private Contract, to sell and dispose of, and by Indenture or Indentures under their Common Seal to grant and convey, by way of absolute Sale in Fee Simple, or for such Estate and Interest as they shall then have therein, all or any Part or Parts of the present Workhouse and Buildings thereunto belonging, and of the Site or Sites thereof, and the Ground thereunto belonging, and also all or any Part or Parts of any other Messuage, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, or other Hereditaments which did or shall belong to or which were or shall be vested in the said Corporation, constituted by the said recited Acts, or which have heretofore been purchased by the said last-mentioned Corporation, out of the Money raised for the Relief of the Poor under their Care and Management, or the Rents and Profits whereof have been hitherto applied towards the Relief and Maintenance of such Poor, subject to such Leases or other Incumbrances as may affect the same Premises respectively, and also all or any Part of such Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments as shall or may be purchased under the Powers of this Act, or as shall belong to or be vested in the Corporation constituted by virtue of this Act, and as shall not be necessary or wanted to be retained for the Purposes thereof, as the said Corporation at a Special General Court shall deem expedient, to such Person or Persons as shall be willing to treat for the same, to such Uses, upon such Trusts, and in such Manner and upon such Terms, and for such Considerations, as the said Corporation shall judge advantageous and convenient; and upon Payment of the Money which shall arise by or from the Sale of such Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, or any Part or Parts thereof, it shall and may be lawful for the Treasurer for the Time being of the said Corporation to sign and give Receipts for the Monies for which the same shall be sold; which Receipts shall be sufficient Discharges to any Person or Persons for the Purchase Money for which such Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments shall be so sold, or for so much thereof as in such Receipts shall be expressed or acknowledged to be received; and such Person or Persons shall not afterwards be answerable or accountable for any Losses, Misapplication, or Nonapplication of such Purchase Money or any Part thereof.

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LXVI. And be it further enacted, That the Money arising from the Sale of such Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, shall be applied and disposed of by the said Corporation in or towards defraying the Expences of and attending the purchasing Land, and the rebuilding of the said Workhouse and Infirmary, or either of them, or the Erection of a New Workhouse and Infirmary, or either of them, on another Site, and for the General Purposes of this Act.

Monies received from Sales to be applied in building new Workhouse.

LXVII. And be it further enacted, That in case the Monies to arise by the Sales aforesaid, or any of them, shall be insufficient to defray the Expence of repairing or rebuilding the said Workhouse, or erecting a new Workhouse, it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Corporation from Time to Time to borrow and take up at Interest such Sum or Sums of Money not exceeding in the whole the Sum of Twenty-five thousand Pounds, as they shall judge necessary to supply such Deficiency on the Credit of the Rates or Assessments to be made, levied, and collected by virtue of this Act, and by Writing under their Common Seal to assign all or any Part of the said Rates or Assessments to such Person or Persons as shall lend or advance any Money thereon, or to his, her, or their Trustee or Trustees, as a Security for the Repayment of the Principal Money to be advanced, with lawful Interest for the same; and the Charges and Expences of such Assignment (to be made as hereinafter mentioned) shall be from Time to Time defrayed by the said Governor, Deputy Governor, and Guardians, out of the Money so borrowed; and every such Assignment shall be in the Words or to the Effect following; (that is to say,)

Power to borrow Money on the Rates.

WE, the Governor, Deputy Governor, and Guardians acting in pursuance of an Act made in the Second Year of the Reign of King *William* the Fourth, intituled [*here set forth the Title of this Act*], in consideration of the Sum of _____ advanced and lent by _____ of _____ in the County of _____ upon the Credit and for the Purposes of the said Act, do hereby grant and assign unto the said _____ [or to his Trustee or Trustees, *as the Case may be,*] his [or her] Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, such Portion of the Rates or Assessments to be raised, levied, and collected by virtue of the same as the said Sum of _____ doth or shall bear to the whole Sum which may at any Time be borrowed or become due and owing or be charged upon the Credit of the said Rates or Assessments; to be had and holden from this _____ Day of _____ until the said Sum of _____ with Interest after the Rate of _____ *per Centum per Annum* for the same, shall be fully paid and satisfied. In witness whereof we, the said Governor, Deputy Governor, and Guardians, have hereunto caused our Common Seal to be set and affixed, this _____ Day of _____ in the Year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and _____.

Form of Assignment.

And all such Assignments shall be numbered, commencing with Number One, and so proceeding in an Arithmetical Progression ascending whereof the common Excess or Difference shall always be One, in respect of every One hundred Pounds so advanced as aforesaid; and every such Security shall be good, valid, and effectual in the Law, and shall entitle the Person or Persons to whom the same shall be

Assignments to be numbered.

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made, his, her, or their Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, to the Payment thereof, and to all Interest or Advantage thereof, according to the true Intent and Meaning of this Act; and all Interest which shall become due thereon shall be paid half-yearly by the said Corporation at the Workhouse for the Time being, or in such other convenient Place as the Corporation shall appoint for the Purpose.

Money may
be raised by
Annuity.

LXVIII. And be it further enacted, That in case the said Corporation at any General Court shall think it advisable to raise all or any Part of the Monies necessary for the Purposes aforesaid by granting Annuities for Lives instead of Assignments as aforesaid, then and in such Case they are hereby authorized and empowered, by Writing under their Common Seal, to grant an Annuity or Annuities to any Person or Persons who shall contribute, advance, and pay into the Hands of the Treasurer or Treasurers of the said Corporation any Sum or Sums of Money for the absolute Purchase of an Annuity or Annuities to be paid and payable during the natural Life of every such Contributor, or during the natural Lives of any Two such Contributors, and the Life of the Survivor, or the natural Life of such Person, or the natural Lives of Two such Persons, and the Life of the Survivor, as shall be nominated by or on the Behalf of such Contributor at the Time of the Payment of his or her Contribution or Purchase Money; and the Expence of the Grant of every such Annuity shall be paid by the said Corporation out of the Monies so contributed; and the Grant of every such Annuity shall be in the Words or to the Effect following; (that is to say,)

Form of
Grant of
Annuity.

WE, the Governor, Deputy Governor, and Guardians acting in pursuance of an Act passed in the Second Year of the Reign of King *William* the Fourth, intituled [~~here set forth the Title of this Act~~], in consideration of the Sum of _____ paid by _____ to the Treasurer appointed in pursuance of the said Act, do hereby grant unto the said _____ an Annuity or yearly Sum of _____ to be paid out of the Rates or Assessments to be raised, levied, and collected by virtue of the said Act; which Annuity or yearly Sum of _____ shall be paid to the said _____ his [*or her*] Assigns, during the Term of his [*or her*] natural Life [*or, as the Case may be,*] to the said _____, his [*or her*] Executors, Administrators, or Assigns, during the natural Life of _____, [*or during the natural Lives of _____ and _____, and the Life of the Survivor,*] upon the _____ Day of _____, the _____ Day of _____, the _____ Day of _____, and the _____ Day of _____ in every Year, during the natural Life or Lives of him, her, or them the said _____ at the _____, the first quarterly Payment thereof to be made upon the _____ Day of _____ next ensuing the Date hereof, together with a proportionable Part of such Annuity, from the last quarterly Day of Payment to the Day of the Death of the Annuitant, or his or their Cestuique vie. In witness whereof we the said Governor, Deputy Governor, and _____ Guardians

‘ Guardians have caused our Common Seal to be hereunto set and
 ‘ affixed, the Day of in the Year
 ‘ of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and .

And every such Grant shall be good, valid, and effectual in the Law.

LXIX. And be it further enacted, That all and every the Contri-
 butor or Contributors of any Money upon the Credit of this Act, duly
 paying the Consideration or Purchase Money for any such Annuity or
 Annuities, or other Security as aforesaid, or such Person or Persons as
 he, she, or they shall appoint, for his, her, or their respective Execu-
 tors, Administrators, or Assigns, shall receive and enjoy, and be en-
 titled by virtue of this Act to have, receive, and enjoy, the respective
 Annuity or Annuities so to be purchased, or the Interest of such
 Assignment or other Security, out of the said Rate or Rates by this
 Act charged therewith; and all and every such Purchaser and Pur-
 chasers of all and every such Annuity or Annuities, Assignment or
 Assignments, or other Security, and his, her, and their respective
 Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, shall have a good, sure, abso-
 lute, and indefeasible Estate, Right, and Interest in and to the said
 Annuities, Assignments, or other Security to be by them respectively
 purchased as aforesaid, according to the Tenor and Meaning of this
 Act.

Right to
 Annuities
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 tors.

LXX. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful
 to and for the Persons entitled to any of the Securities for the Money
 to be borrowed on legal Interest as aforesaid, or to be raised by grant-
 ing of Annuities as aforesaid, and their respective Executors, Admi-
 nistrators, and Assigns, (as the Case may be,) at any Time, by Writing
 under their Hands and Seals, to transfer such Securities to any Person
 or Persons whomsoever; and every such Transfer may be in the Words
 or to the Effect following; (that is to say,)

Form of
 Assignment
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 ties.

‘ [A. B. being entitled to the Sum of
 ‘ [or an Annuity of] secured to
 ‘ , and his Assigns, [or her or their
 ‘ Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, as the Case may be,] by
 ‘ virtue of an Assignment or Grant of an Annuity bearing Date the
 ‘ Day of , under the Common Seal of
 ‘ the Governor, Deputy Governor, and Guardians acting in the
 ‘ Execution of an Act made and passed in the Second Year of the
 ‘ Reign of King *William* the Fourth, intituled [*here set forth the Title*
 ‘ *of this Act*], upon the Credit of the Rates or Assessments granted
 ‘ or payable by the said Act, do hereby transfer all my Right and
 ‘ Interest in and to the same Sum [or Annuity], and all Interest and
 ‘ other Money due and arising therefrom, unto
 ‘ his or her Executors, Administrators, and Assigns. Dated the
 ‘ Day of .’

And a Copy of such Security or Assignment, and of every Grant
 of Annuity which shall be made in pursuance of this Act, and an
 Extract or Memorial of every Transfer thereof respectively, shall be
 entered in a Book to be kept for that Purpose by the Clerk of the said
 Corporation; which Extract or Memorial shall specify and contain the
 Dates, Names of the Parties, and Sums of Money thereby transferred,

to which Book any Person interested shall at all seasonable Times have Access, and shall have free Liberty to inspect the same without Fee or Reward; and for the entering of every such Transfer the Clerk shall be paid by the Person to whom such Transfer shall be made the Sum of Ten Shillings and no more; and every such Transfer, after Entry thereof as aforesaid, shall entitle the Person to whom the Transfer shall be made, and his or her Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, to the Benefit of the Security thereby transferred.

For the Recovery of Interest and Annuities.

LXXI. And be it further enacted, That if the Interest of any of the Monies so to be advanced or lent, or the Annuity or Annuities so to be granted as aforesaid, or any Part or Parts thereof respectively, shall be behind, in arrear, and unpaid by the Space of Fourteen Days next after the same shall become due and payable, then and in either of such Cases it shall be lawful for the Person or Persons entitled to such Interest or Annuities, having first demanded of the Treasurer of the said Corporation the Payment of such Interest or Annuity so in arrear, to commence and prosecute an Action at Law against the said Corporation for the Recovery of the said Interest or Annuity so in arrear; and in such Action no Essoign, Privilege, Protection, or Wager of Law, or more than One Imparlance, shall be allowed; and upon every such Default of Payment the Rate or Rates, Assessment or Assessments to be made by Authority of this Act shall be vested in such Creditors or Annuitants until the same Interest and Annuities, together with legal Interest on the Sum or Sums which shall be so in arrear, and all Costs and Charges occasioned by the Nonpayment thereof, shall be fully paid and satisfied.

Proof of Life of Annuitant to be made before Payment.

LXXII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That no Annuity or Annuities to be granted and secured under this Act shall be paid or recoverable, unless the Person for whose Life or One of the Persons for whose Lives the same shall have been granted shall personally appear before the said Governor or Deputy Governor for the Time being, or a Certificate or Certificates shall be produced to the Governor or Deputy Governor under the Hand or respective Hands of the Officiating Minister and One of the Churchwardens of the Parish or Place where such Person or Persons shall respectively reside, certifying that such Person or Persons was or were living on or after the Day such Payment became due, or such other sufficient Proof of the Fact shall be produced as shall be satisfactory to the said Corporation.

Rates of Annuities to be made according to Acts 48 & 52 G. 3.

LXXIII. And for preventing any improvident Grant of Annuities, be it further enacted, That the Amount of every Annuity to be granted by virtue of this Act shall be regulated according to the Price of the Three Pounds *per Centum* Consolidated Bank Annuities at the Time of granting the same, and according to the Rate prescribed by Two several Acts; one made in the Forty-eighth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King George the Third, intituled *An Act to enable the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt to grant Life Annuities*; and the other made in the Fifty-second Year of His said Majesty, intituled *An Act for amending Two Acts passed in the Forty-eighth and Forty-ninth Years of His present Majesty, for enabling the Commissioners*

Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt to grant Life Annuities.

LXXIV. And in order that no Preference may be given to any of the Persons who shall have advanced and lent Money upon the Credit of the said Rates or Assessments, be it further enacted, That the said Corporation (if there shall be more Creditors than One) shall cause the Number or Numbers of all Assignments or Securities granted, in case more than the Sum of One hundred Pounds shall be lent and advanced upon any such Assignment or Security as aforesaid, and then in force for securing the Principal Monies lent and advanced upon the Credit of the said Rates or Assessments, of which Part shall be then intended to be paid off, to be written on distinct Pieces of Paper of an equal Size, each Piece of Paper to contain only One Number in respect of every One hundred Pounds so borrowed as aforesaid; and all such Papers shall be rolled up in the same Form, as near as may be, and put into a Box or Wheel, and the Number or Numbers of the said Assignment or Securities shall be drawn separately out of the said Box or Wheel by the Clerk to the said Corporation; and after every such Ballot the said Corporation shall cause Notice signed by their said Clerk to be given 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, either in full or in part Payment of their respective Assignments or Securities as aforesaid, pursuant to such Ballot, and where there is only One Creditor, to give Six Calendar Months Notice to such Creditor of the Intention of the said Corporation 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 Six Calendar 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 and after the Day so specified cease and be no longer paid or payable, unless such Money shall be demanded of the Treasurer of the said Corporation 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; but nothing herein contained shall extend or be construed to extend so as to require the said Corporation to pay off and discharge any Monies lent on the Credit of the said Rates or Assessments by way of Annuity until all other the Creditors on the said Rates or Assessments shall be paid off and discharged, and the several Parties so lending Money by way of Annuity shall agree to accept the Sum or Sums of Money offered by the said Corporation for the Repurchase of his, her, or their Annuity or Annuities.

LXXV. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That in case the said Corporation can at any Time borrow or take up any Sum or Sums of Money at a lower Rate of Interest than the Assignments or Securities which shall be then in force shall bear, it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Corporation from Time to Time to charge the said Rates or Assessments in manner aforesaid with such Sum or Sums of Money as they shall think proper, and the Interest thereof

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thereof at such lower Rate of Interest as aforesaid, and therewith to pay off and discharge the Assignments or Securities bearing a higher Rate of Interest, according to the Directions and Regulations herein prescribed for paying off Assignments or Securities.

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Liquors not
to be intro-
duced into
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LXXVI. And be it further enacted, That no Spirituous Liquors shall be conveyed into the said Workhouse or Infirmary without the Permission of the said Corporation or by the Order of the Apothecary or other Medical Man appointed to attend such Workhouse; and every Person who shall offend, and be convicted thereof before One or more Justice or Justices of the Peace of and for the said City and County thereof, shall forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Five Pounds; one Moiety of which Penalty shall be paid to the Informer or Informers, and the other Moiety to the said Corporation, to be applied to the Purposes of this Act.

Treasurer
and other
Officers to
account.

LXXVII. And be it further enacted, That all and every Treasurer or Treasurers, Officer or Officers, and other Person or Persons who shall be appointed or continued by virtue of this Act or the said recited Acts, and also all and every other Person and Persons to whom the Collection and Receipt of the Rates hereby authorized to be made shall under the Provisions herein contained belong, or to whom any Monies shall be issued or paid by or on account of the said Corporation hereby constituted, for the Purposes of the said Corporation or of this Act, shall from Time to Time, whenever thereunto required by the Governor or Deputy Governor for the Time being of the said Corporation, or by Order of any Court or Assembly respectively, make out and deliver to the said Governor or Deputy Governor, or the Clerk or Clerks of the said Corporation, a true and perfect Account in Writing under his or their Hand or Hands, of all Monies which shall have been by him or them had, collected, or received, for or on account or for the Use of the said Corporation or for the Purposes of this Act, and how, and to whom, and for what Purpose the same and every Part thereof hath been disposed of, together with the Vouchers and Receipts for all such Payments, Disbursements, and Dispositions which shall have been or shall be alleged to have been made thereof; and every such Treasurer, Collector, Officer, and Person respectively shall and is hereby required to pay to the said Governor or Deputy Governor, or such other Person as the said Corporation shall at any General Court appoint to receive the same, all such Monies as upon the Balance of such Account shall appear to be due and owing from him or them on account of the Monies ordered to be raised for the Purposes of this Act or the said recited Acts, to the said Corporation; and if any such Treasurer, Officer, or Person shall refuse or neglect to render and deliver such Account as aforesaid, or to produce and deliver up the Vouchers and Receipts relating to the same, or to pay the Balance thereof when thereunto required, or shall neglect or refuse to deliver to the said Governor or Deputy Governor, or to such Person or Persons as the said Corporation shall in manner aforesaid appoint, within Ten Days after being thereunto required by the said Governor or Deputy Governor, or by any Order of a General Court, all Books, Papers, and Writings in his or their Custody or Power
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belonging to the said Corporation, relating to the Execution of this Act, then and in every such Case, Complaint being made by the said Governor or Deputy Governor, or by any other Person or Persons on the behalf of the said Corporation, to any Two Justices of the Peace for the County, Riding, City, Town, or Place where such Treasurer, Officer, or Person so neglecting or refusing shall live or reside, or carry on Trade or Business, such Justices are hereby authorized and required, by Warrant under their Hands and Seals, to cause such Treasurer, Officer, or Person to be brought before them or any other Two Justices of the same County, Riding, City, Town, or Place; and such Justices are hereby authorized and required, upon his or their appearing, or not being to be found, to hear and determine the Matter of such Complaint in a summary Way, and settle the said Account, if produced, in such Manner as the said Corporation might have done; and if upon the Confession of such Treasurer, Officer, or Person against whom such Complaint shall be made, or by the Account, if produced, it shall appear to any such Justices that any of the Monies which shall have been collected or received shall be in the Hands of or owing from such Treasurer, Officer, or Person, such Justices of the same County, Riding, City, Town, or Place may and are hereby authorized, upon Nonpayment thereof, by Warrant under their Hands and Seals to cause such Money to be levied by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of such Treasurer, Officer, or Person respectively; and if no Goods or Chattels can be found sufficient to answer or satisfy the said Monies, and the Charges of taking and making such Distress, and of selling the same, or if such Treasurer, Officer, or Person shall not appear (without sufficient Excuse), or if appearing shall neglect or refuse to make out and deliver to the said Justices such Account in Writing as aforesaid, or to produce and deliver to the said Justices the several Vouchers and Receipts, or to deliver up as aforesaid all such Books, Papers, and Writings as aforesaid, then and in any of the Cases aforesaid the said Justices, or any Two other Justices of the same County, Riding, City, Town, or Place, are hereby authorized and required, by Warrant under their Hands and Seals, to commit such Treasurer, Officer, or Person to the Common Gaol or House of Correction of the County, Riding, City, Town, or Place where he or they shall live or reside, or carry on Trade or Business as aforesaid, there to remain without Bail or Mainprize until he or they shall have delivered up the Vouchers and Receipts relating thereto, and shall have paid all the Money which shall appear to be in the Hands of or owing from him or them, and the reasonable Charges of such Distress and Sale (if any) as shall in that respect have been made, or until he or they shall have compounded with the said Corporation, and paid the Composition Money to the said Corporation, or to such Person or Persons as they shall appoint to receive the same (and which Composition the said Corporation are hereby empowered to make), and shall have delivered up as aforesaid such Books, Papers, and Writings as aforesaid, or have given Satisfaction in respect thereof to the said Corporation: Provided always, that no such Person who shall be committed for Want of a sufficient Distress only shall be detained in Prison by virtue of this Act for any longer Time than Six Calendar Months.

LXXVIII. And

Executors of deceased Officers to deliver up Books and pay Balance.

LXXVIII. And be it further enacted, That if any Treasurer, Collector, Officer, or other Person appointed, employed, or authorized to receive, collect, or recover any of the Rates or Sums of Money hereby authorized to be raised, any or either of them, shall die before the Expiration of his Office, or before he shall have fully accounted for, paid, and satisfied all the Monies by him received, then and in every such Case his Executors or Administrators or other legal Representative or Representatives shall, within Twenty-one Days after his Decease, deliver over all Things concerning his Office to such Person or Persons as the Governor or Deputy Governor for the Time being, or the said Corporation, at any General Court or Assembly respectively, shall direct or appoint to receive the same.

Removal or Prosecution of any Officer not to discharge Securities.

LXXIX. And be it further enacted, That neither the Removal, Prosecution, or Commitment of any Treasurer, Collector, or Officer appointed by virtue of this Act, or any Proceedings against his or their Executors or Administrators, shall acquit or discharge any Security or Surety that shall or may have been taken by or given to the said Corporation for the due and faithful Execution of the Office of such Treasurer, Collector, or other Officer, or the Payment of the Money to be received by him as aforesaid; but such Security or Surety shall be discharged when the Terms or Conditions of such Security shall have been fulfilled or satisfied.

Persons rated not to be deemed incompetent Witnesses.

LXXX. And be it further enacted, That in all Actions, Prosecutions, Informations, Causes, Appeals, and Proceedings whatsoever relating to or concerning any Rate to be made by virtue of this Act, or in anywise relating to the Settlement, Relief, or Maintenance of the Poor of the said several Parishes and Hamlets, or under the Care of the said Corporation, or in any Manner relating to or concerning the Execution of this Act or the said recited Acts, no Inhabitant of any of the said Parishes, Hamlets, or Places, nor any Churchwarden or Overseer, nor any Officer of the said Corporation of Guardians, shall be deemed incompetent to give Evidence by reason of his or her being rated or assessed by virtue of this Act or the said recited Acts, or by reason of his holding such Office as aforesaid; any Law, Custom, or Usage to the contrary notwithstanding.

Justices may proceed by Summons in Recovery of Penalties.

LXXXI. And be it further enacted, That, in all Cases in which by this Act any Penalty or Forfeiture is made recoverable by Information before any Justice of the Peace, it shall be lawful for the Justice of the Peace before whom Complaint shall be made for any Offence committed against this Act, to summon the Party complained against before him, and on such Summons to hear and determine the Matter of such Complaint, and on Proof of the Offence to convict the Offender, and to adjudge him to pay the Penalty or Forfeiture incurred, and to proceed in the Recovery of the same, although no Information in Writing shall have been exhibited or taken before such Justice; and all such Proceedings by Summons without Information in Writing shall be as good, valid, and effectual to all Intents and Purposes as if an Information in Writing had been exhibited.

LXXXII. And be it further enacted, That where any Distress shall be made for any Sum or Sums of Money to be levied by virtue of this Act, the Distress itself shall not be deemed unlawful, nor the Party or Parties making the same be deemed a Trespasser or Trespassers, on account of any Defect or Want of Form in any Proceedings relating thereto, nor shall the Party or Parties be deemed a Trespasser or Trespassers *ab initio* on account of any Irregularity which shall be afterwards committed or 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 upon the Case, but subject to such Regulations and Restrictions as are by this Act hereinafter provided touching any Action to be brought for or in respect of any Matter or Thing done by colour or in performance of this Act.

Distress not to be unlawful for Want of Form.

LXXXIII. And be it further enacted, That all Fines, Penalties, Forfeitures, and Sums of Money, whether inflicted or imposed by the said Corporation of Guardians, or by any Committee appointed as hereinbefore provided, for or by any Justice or Justices of the Peace for the said City and County, or which may be inflicted or recoverable by or in pursuance of this Act or the said recited Acts, or any or either of them, and which shall have been incurred and remain unpaid at the Time of the Commencement of this Act, or by any Bye Law, Rule, Order, or Regulation made in pursuance of the said recited Acts, or any or either of them, or of this Act, (the Manner of levying or recovering whereof is not otherwise hereinbefore particularly provided for,) may, in case of Nonpayment thereof, be recovered in a summary Way, by Order and Adjudication of Two or more Justices of the Peace of and for the said City and County thereof, on Complaint to them for that Purpose made; and such Justices, or any Two other Justices of and for the said City and County thereof, are hereby authorized and required to summon the Party or Parties against whom such Complaint shall be made, by Notice in Writing given to him, her, or them; or left at his, her, or their usual or last Place or Places of Abode, and to summon and examine any Witness or Witnesses upon Oath, or Affirmation in case such Witness or Witnesses shall be of the People called *Quakers*, of and concerning such Offences, Matters, and Things, and to hear and determine the same, and to award Costs, in their Discretion, to the Parties complaining or complained against; and such Fines, Penalties, Forfeitures, Costs, and Sums of Money shall and may afterwards be levied on Non-payment, as well as the Costs of such Proceedings, by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of the Offender or respective Offenders, or Person or Persons liable to pay the same, by Warrant under the Hands and Seals of any Two such Justices; and the Overplus (if any) of the Money so levied or recovered, after discharging the Fine, Penalty, or Forfeiture for which such Warrant shall be issued, and the Costs and Expences of recovering and levying the same, shall be returned to the Owner or Owners of the Goods or Chattels so seized or distrained; and in case such Fines, Penalties, Forfeitures, and Sums of Money shall not be paid forthwith upon Conviction, then it shall and may be lawful for any Two such Justices to order the Offender or Offenders so convicted to be detained in safe Custody until Return shall be conveniently made to such War-

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any Offender or Offenders against this Act shall be vacated or quashed for Want of Form only, 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*, nor shall any other Order made, nor any other Matter or Thing to be done or transacted in or relating to the Execution of this Act, be vacated or quashed for Want of Form only; any Law or Statute to the contrary in anywise notwithstanding.

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LXXXVI. And be it further enacted, That in all Cases where any Body or Bodies Politic, Corporate, or Collegiate, or any Persons or Person, shall think themselves, himself, or herself aggrieved by any Rate or Assessment, or by any Order or Conviction, or other Matter or Thing which shall be made, had, or done in pursuance of this Act or of the said recited Acts, either by the said Guardians or by any Churchwardens or Overseers, Churchwarden or Overseer, or Person or Persons authorized to levy and assess any Rate or Assessment upon the said several Parishes, Hamlets, Liberties, and Places, or any of them, or any Inhabitants or Inhabitant thereof, or by any Justice or Justices of the Peace, it shall and may be lawful for such Body or Bodies Politic, Corporate, or Collegiate, Persons or Person, to appeal to the Justices of the Peace for the City and County of *Norwich* at their General or Quarter Sessions of the Peace which shall be holden next after the Demand first made of every such Rate or Assessment, or next after any such Order, Conviction, Matter, or Thing being made, had, done or committed, (as the Case may be,) such Appellant or Appellants first giving or causing to be given Fourteen Days Notice at the least in Writing of his, her, or their Intention to bring such Appeal, and of the Matter and Ground thereof, as well to the said Corporation (by leaving such Notice addressed to them with the Clerk of the said Corporation for the Time being) and to such other Person or Persons as shall be intended to be affected by such Appeal as also (in the Case of every Appeal against any Conviction or other Proceeding had, made, or done by or before any Justice or Justices of the Peace,) to the Justice or Justices of the Peace by or before whom such Conviction or Proceedings shall have been, had, made, or done; and it shall be lawful for the said Justices, and they are hereby authorized, at such Quarter Sessions, or at some Adjournment thereof, upon due Proof of such Notice as before directed having been given, to hear and finally determine the Causes and Matters of every such Appeal in a summary Way, and to award such Restitution, Damages, and Costs to the Appellant or Appellants, Respondent or Respondents, not exceeding the Amount of the Sum or Sums of Money, Charges and Expences, which shall have been actually recovered and received by any Person or Persons in pursuance of this Act, together with such reasonable Costs, Charges, and Expences of prosecuting or defending such Appeal, or as the said Justices shall think proper; which Determination of the said Justices at such General or Quarter Sessions, or Adjournment thereof, as aforesaid, shall be final, binding, and conclusive to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever: Provided always, that in case there shall not be Time to give the said Fourteen Days Notice before the holding of such next General or Quarter Sessions of the Peace as aforesaid, then such Appeal shall and may be made to and heard and determined at the first

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first General or Quarter Sessions prior to the holding of which there shall have been Time to give such Notice as aforesaid; provided nevertheless, that all Appeals which may be instituted or prosecuted at the Suit of the Mayor, Sheriffs, Citizens, and Commonalty of the said City of *Norwich* shall be made to the General Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the County of *Norfolk*.

Inhabitants may require Parish Officers to appeal.

LXXXVII. And be it further enacted, That in case the Majority of the Inhabitants of any Parish or Hamlet in the said City and County of *Norwich*, in Vestry assembled, shall think such Parish or Hamlet aggrieved by the Proportion of any Rate or Assessment made by virtue of the Powers of this Act upon such Parish or Hamlet, the Parish Officers of such Parish or Hamlet, or the Majority of them shall and are hereby required to enter and prosecute an Appeal against such Rate in respect of such Proportion so made upon such Parish or Hamlet to the Justices of the Peace for the County of *Norfolk* at their General or Quarter Sessions of the Peace, to be holden next after Demand shall have been made of the Payment of such Proportion; and such Appeal shall be subject to the same Limitations and Regulations as to Notice thereof, and as to the awarding of Costs, as are hereinbefore directed in respect of Appeals to the Justices of the City and County of *Norwich*.

Appeals as to Removals.

LXXXVIII. Provided nevertheless, and be it further enacted, That Appeals against Orders for the Removal of poor Persons from any Parish, Hamlet, Liberty, or Place within the said City and County of the same City, to any Parish, Hamlet, Liberty, or Place not being in the said City and County of the same City, shall be made to the General Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the County of *Norfolk* to be holden within Four Calendar Months next after the Cause of such Appeal shall have arisen, and on giving Eight Days Notice of such Appeal to the Governor or Deputy Governor, or to the Clerk of the said Guardians for the Time being; and the Justices for the said County of *Norfolk* at such Sessions shall have the same Powers and Authorities in hearing and determining such Appeal, and awarding Costs to be paid by either of the Parties to the other of them, as if such Removal had been made from any Parish, Hamlet, Liberty, or Place within the said County of *Norfolk*.

Rates may be amended on Appeal.

LXXXIX. And be it further enacted, That in Cases of any Appeal against or relating to any Rate or Assessment made under or by virtue of this Act the said Justices upon hearing such Appeal, where they shall see just Cause of Relief, shall and are hereby empowered to correct, alter, and amend such Rate or Assessment in such Manner only as shall be necessary for giving Relief to the Person or Persons so appealing, without quashing or wholly setting aside the same Rate or Rates respectively: Provided always, that if the Court shall think it proper and necessary for giving such Relief to Persons appealing, that the Rate should be wholly quashed, then and in such Case the Court may wholly quash the same.

Rates to be levied notwithstanding Appeal.

XC. Provided always nevertheless, and be it further enacted, That in case an Appeal shall be instituted against any Rate directed by the said Corporation to be raised as hereinbefore mentioned, or against any

any Rate made by any Churchwardens or Overseers, or any other Person or Persons appointed by the said Corporation to assess and levy the Rate upon any of the said Parishes or Hamlets, such Appeal shall not prevent the raising or levying of the Rate or Rates appealed against by Distress or otherwise; but the Sum or Sums of Money levied or raised shall be taken by the said Corporation, or by the Churchwardens or Overseers, as the Case may be, to abide the Decision of any such Appeal, and shall be repaid to the Person or Persons paying the same, or upon whom the same shall have been levied, either altogether or in part, as the Court determining the Appeal shall order and direct; and in case the Rate or Rates on account of which such Sum or Sums of Money shall have been paid or levied shall be wholly quashed, all and every Sum or Sums of Money which shall have been levied or recovered upon or by virtue of the same shall be taken as Payment on account of the next effective Rate made for the same Parish or Hamlet.

XCI. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for any Justice or Justices who is and are hereby made competent, empowered, and required to hear and determine any Complaint, under or by virtue of this Act, to issue a Summons under his or their Hand and Seal or Hands and Seals to any Person or Persons whomsoever, to attend as a Witness or Witnesses, and to give Evidence upon Oath or solemn Affirmation before any such Justice or Justices of the Peace touching any Matter of Fact contained in any Information or Complaint for any Offence against this Act, or against any Rule or Order made in pursuance thereof, whether on the Part of the Prosecutors or of the Person or Persons complained of, and which Summons such Justice or Justices as aforesaid is and are hereby required to issue, if thereunto required; and if such Person or Persons so summoned as aforesaid, upon being paid or tendered a reasonable Sum for his, her, or their Costs and Charges, Trouble and Attendance, shall refuse or neglect to appear at the Time and Place to be for that Purpose appointed, without a reasonable Excuse for such his, her, or their Refusal or Neglect, to be approved of by such Justice or Justices, or appearing shall refuse to be examined on Oath or solemn Affirmation, and give Evidence before such Justice or Justices, then and in every such Case every such Person shall forfeit and pay for every such Offence any Sum not exceeding Five Pounds.

Justices may require Persons to attend as Witnesses.

XCII. And be it further enacted, That all Notices and Summonses which are directed and required to be given by this Act, or which are or may be directed or required to be given by any Rule or Order to be made in pursuance of this Act, or which shall or may be necessary for carrying into execution any of the Powers of this Act, or any or either of such Rules or Orders of which the Manner of serving the same is not particularly directed by this Act, shall be printed or written, and shall or may be served, either by delivering the same personally to the Person or Persons to whom such Notices respectively are to be given, or by leaving the same at his, her, or their usual or last known Place or Places of Abode, and with respect to the said Corporation, by leaving the same at the Workhouse in or belonging to the said City; and being so respectively given or left, shall

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Limitation of
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XCIII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That no Action or Suit shall be brought against any Person or Persons for any thing done under colour or in pursuance of this Act, except it be brought within Six Calendar Months next after the Cause of such Action shall have arisen; and every such Action shall be laid and brought in the County or Place where the Cause of Action shall have arisen, and not elsewhere: Provided also, that no Plaintiff or Plaintiffs shall recover in any Action for any Irregularity, Trespass, or other Proceeding, unless Notice in Writing shall have been given to the Person or Persons against whom the same is intended to be brought, or left at his, her, or their last or usual Place of Abode, Ten Days before such Action shall be commenced, signed by the Attorney for the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs, specifying the Cause of such Action; nor shall the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs recover in such Action if Tender of sufficient Amends shall be made by or on the Behalf of the Party or Parties against whom such Action shall be brought; and in case no such Tender shall have been made, it shall and may be lawful for the Defendant or Defendants in any such Action to pay into Court such Sum of Money as he, she, or they shall think fit, whereupon such Proceeding or Order and Judgment shall be had, made, or given in and by such Court as in other Actions where the Defendant is allowed to pay Money into Court; provided also, that the Defendant or Defendants in all and every such Action or Actions may plead the General Issue, and give this Act and the Special Matter in Evidence, at any Trial to be had thereupon, and that the same was done in pursuance of and by Authority of this Act; and if upon the Trial of such Action or Actions it shall appear to have been so done, or that such Action or Actions shall have been brought before the Expiration of Twenty-one Days next after such Notice shall have been given as aforesaid, or after a sufficient Satisfaction made, tendered, or paid into Court as aforesaid, or after the Time limited for bringing such Action as aforesaid, then and in such Case the Jury shall find for the Defendant or Defendants; and if the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs shall become nonsuited, or discontinue his, her, or their Action or Actions, or if a Verdict shall be found against the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs, or if upon Demurrer Judgment shall be given against the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs, then and in every such Case the Defendant or Defendants shall and may recover Treble Costs, and have the like Remedy for the same as any Defendant or Defendants hath or have for Costs of Suit in other Cases of Law.

Poor Children inhabiting out of the City not to be taken as Apprentices to Journey-men Weavers.

XCIV. And be it further enacted, That no poor Child or Children inhabiting out of the said City and County, or Liberties thereof, and who do not legally belong to the same, shall be bound or taken as an Apprentice or Apprentices to or by any Journeyman Weaver of the Inhabitants of the said City and County, or Liberties thereof, without the Licence and Consent of the Governor or Deputy Governor of the said Corporation; and in case any such poor Child or Children shall be bound or taken as an Apprentice by any Indenture or Covenant to or by any Inhabitant of the said City and County, or Liberties

Liberties thereof, contrary to the true Meaning hereof, all such Indentures, Covenants, and Contracts shall be and are hereby declared absolutely null and void to all Intents and Purposes; and the Mayor and Justices of the Peace of the said City and County, or Liberties, or any Two of them, shall and hereby have full Power and Authority, by any Warrant or Order under their Hands and Seals, to remove and convey all such Apprentice and Apprentices or poor Children to the several and respective Parish or Parishes, Towns or Places where they were last legally settled before their being so bound Apprentices, and to cause them to be delivered to the Churchwardens or Overseers or head Officer of such Towns or Parishes respectively, who are hereby enjoined and required to receive take and provide for them accordingly; any Thing to the contrary in anywise notwithstanding.

XCV. Provided always, and be it enacted, That nothing in this Act contained, shall extend or be construed to extend to the Limits of the Palace of the Bishop of *Norwich*, or any of the Precincts of the Cathedral Church of *Norwich*.

Act not to extend to Palace or Cathedral Precinct.

XCVI. And be it further enacted, That upon Complaint made upon Oath to any Three or more Justices of the Peace acting in and for the said City and County of *Norwich*, by or on behalf of any poor Inhabitant of any Parish or Hamlet within the said City and County, that Application hath been made to the said Corporation, or to any Committee appointed for the Relief of the Poor of the said City and County, by or on the Behalf of such poor Inhabitant, for Relief, and that the same hath been refused, it shall and may be lawful for such Three Justices to issue their Summons directed to the said Corporation (and for which Summons no Charge shall be made), calling upon the said Corporation to shew cause why such Relief hath been refused; and in case no good Cause shall be shewn to the contrary, such Three Justices shall and may order such weekly Sum so to be paid to the poor Inhabitant so applying as they may see fit, or that he or she shall be received and taken into the Workhouse for the said City and County of the said City; but such Relief shall not be for a longer Period at any One Time than Twenty-one Days from the Time of granting thereof; and the Order so made the Treasurer, Master of the Workhouse, and other Officers of the said Corporation shall be compelled to obey.

If Guardians refuse Relief to any poor Inhabitant, Justices may order it.

XCVII. 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.

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XCVIII. And be it further enacted, That this Act shall, as to the Election of Guardians, come into force on the *Monday* Fortnight next after the passing thereof, and as to all the other Provisions herein contained, on the First *Tuesday* of the Month next after the Election of such Guardians.

Commencement of Act.

