

Recited Act
repealed.

the same should be repealed, and further and more effectual Powers granted instead thereof; but the Purposes aforesaid cannot be effected without the Aid and Authority of Parliament: May it therefore please Your Majesty that it may be enacted; and be it enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That the said recited Act of the Fourth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Third shall be and is hereby declared to be repealed: Provided always, that nothing herein contained shall extend to prejudice any Act or Acts, or other Proceedings, which may, hath, or have been performed by virtue of the said recited Act.

Guardians of
the Poor
incorporated.

II. And in order to carry this Act into execution, be it further enacted, That from and after the passing of this Act all and every Person and Persons who now is or are and from Time to Time hereafter shall become seised in his, her, or their own Right (or in the Right of his or their Wife or Wives) of Messuages, Lands, Tenements, Tithes, or other Hereditaments within the said Hundred of *Bosmere* and *Claydon*, rated to the Poor's Rates at the yearly Value of Thirty Pounds, and also all Rectors and Vicars for the Time being of the several Rectories and Vicarages within the said Hundred, and also all and every Person and Persons who now is or are and from Time to Time hereafter shall be rated to the Poor's Rate in One or more Parish or Parishes, Hamlet or Hamlets, within the said Hundred, for any Lands, Tenements, Tithes, or other Hereditaments occupied and enjoyed by him, her, or them, at the Value of Sixty Pounds *per Annum*, shall be and are hereby incorporated by the Name of and shall be called "The Guardians of the Poor within the Hundred of *Bosmere* and *Claydon* in the County of *Suffolk*," and shall for ever hereafter, in Name and in Fact, be deemed and taken to be One Body Politic and Corporate in Law to all Intents and Purposes, and shall have perpetual Succession and a Common Seal, and shall be enabled to sue and plead and to be sued in that Name in all Courts and Places whatsoever, and by that Name shall and may purchase, take, and receive any Goods and Chattels whatsoever to or for the Use of the said Corporation.

Women to
act by
Proxy.

III. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That all Women who shall be seised or possessed of Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, or be rated to the Poor's Rates respectively as aforesaid, shall be and are hereby authorized to act as Guardians, for all the Purposes of this Act, by Proxy appointed under their Hands; and the Persons appointing such Proxies may from Time to Time revoke such Appointment, and may appoint new ones in their Stead; and such Proxies shall be granted to such Persons only as shall be Guardians, but no more than One such Proxy shall be granted to or received by any One Guardian whatsoever.

Corporation
not to take
or hold
Lands, &c.
for a longer

IV. Provided also, and be it further enacted, That the said Corporation shall not be capable of taking or holding any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments (except as herein-after mentioned) for a longer Term than Five Years, but shall within that Time sell, and by

by Writing under their Common Seal convey, to Persons willing to purchase the same, all such Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments as may be granted or given to them for the Use or Benefit of the Poor of the said Hundred, and that the Money arising by such Sale, and the Rents and Profits of the Premises until Sale thereof, shall be paid to the Treasurer for the Time being, for the Use of the said Corporation.

Term than
Five Years,
&c.

V. And be it further enacted, That the said House of Industry and all other Buildings erected as aforesaid, and all Lands purchased or taken, and also all Furniture, Goods, Implements, Materials, and other Things purchased or provided, and the Benefit of all existing Contracts entered into by the Guardians of the Poor, by virtue of the said recited Act of the Fourth Year of the Reign of King *George* the Third, and which immediately before the Commencement of this Act were vested in them, shall be and are hereby vested in the Guardians of the Poor incorporated by virtue of this Act, who are hereby empowered to take, hold, and keep, and enforce and carry into execution the same, for the Uses and Purposes herein-after mentioned; and that all poor Persons in the said House or Houses at the Commencement of this Act, and also all poor Persons who now do or at any Time hereafter shall belong to any Parish, Hamlet, or Place within the said Hundred, who are or shall be incapable of providing for themselves, and who shall apply for Relief, shall from henceforth be deemed and taken to be under the Government and Management of the Guardians incorporated by this Act; and such poor Persons as are not already in the said House or Houses shall from Time to Time be received into the same, and together with the poor Persons already in the said House or Houses shall be provided for by the same Guardians, and be under their Government, according to the Directions and true Intent and Meaning of this Act; and that all poor Children who at any Time shall be maintained by the said Guardians shall, so long as they remain chargeable to any Parish within the said Hundred, be and remain under their Government, the Males till they shall arrive at the Age of Eighteen Years and the Females till they shall arrive at the Age of Sixteen Years respectively; and after such Boys shall have attained the Age of Eighteen Years, and such Girls the Age of Sixteen Years respectively, they shall be discharged from the Rule and Government of the said Guardians, and be at their own Disposal, unless he, she, or they shall be then apprenticed by virtue of the Power herein-after contained.

House of
Industry, &c.
to be vested
in Guardians.

VI. 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 herein-before recited Act at the Time of the passing of this Act is 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, given, or done under the Powers or Provisions of this Act.

New Corpo-
ration made
liable to the
Obligations
of the former.

VII. And

Directors,
acting Guar-
dians, and
other Officers
to continue
in Office till
others ap-
pointed, &c.

VII. And be it further enacted, That the several Persons who shall be Directors immediately before the passing of this Act shall continue to be the Directors for such Period as they respectively would have held that Office in case the said recited Act had not been repealed; and that the several Persons who shall be acting Guardians immediately before the passing of this Act shall continue to be acting Guardians until the *Thursday* in the Week following the passing of this Act; and that the several other Persons respectively who immediately before the passing of this Act shall hold, exercise, or enjoy any Office, Place, Employment, or Occupation under or by virtue of the said recited Act shall, immediately after the passing of this Act, continue to hold, exercise, and enjoy the same Office, Place, Employment, or Occupation, and exercise and perform the several Duties, Functions, and Powers attached thereto respectively, for such Period only as he, she, or they respectively would have held, exercised, or enjoyed the same respectively in case the said recited Act had not been repealed.

Money in
hand under
former Act
to be applied
to this Act.

VIII. And be it further enacted, That immediately after the passing of this Act all Rates, Books, Papers, and Writings relating to the said Poor which shall be in the Hands of the said Directors and acting Guardians by virtue of the said recited Act of the Fourth Year of the Reign of King *George* the Third, or in the Hands of any Person or Persons who have acted under them in the Execution of the said Act, shall be retained by and continued in the Hands of the same Person or Persons respectively, and be applied by him, her, or them respectively to the Purposes of this Act.

Quarterly
Meetings.

IX. And be it further enacted, That Four General Quarterly Meetings shall be held by the Directors and acting Guardians for the Time being, with Power to adjourn the same from Time to Time in each and every Year; (that is to say,) One of such Meetings shall be held annually on the *Thursday* next after the Twenty-fifth Day of *March* in every Year, to be called "The Annual Meeting," and the Three others respectively at the Times following; (that is to say,) on the *Thursday* next after the Twenty-fourth Day of *June*, the *Thursday* next after the Twenty-ninth Day of *September*, and the *Thursday* next after the Twenty-fifth Day of *December* in every Year; the first of such Meetings to be held at *Barham House* aforesaid on the *Thursday* in the Week following the passing of this Act, and the subsequent Meetings at such Place or Places as the Directors and acting Guardians for the Time being present at the preceding General Quarterly Meeting shall direct and appoint, and at the Times herein-after appointed; and at the said First Meeting after the passing of this Act the then Directors and acting Guardians shall by Ballot elect One or more fit Person or Persons from amongst all the Guardians to be a Director or Directors with the then continuing Director or Directors, so as to complete the Directors to the Number of Twenty-four; and shall by Ballot proceed to choose Thirty-six of the Guardians, Twelve of whom at least shall not have been acting Guardians for the preceding Year or any Part thereof, to be acting Guardians, together with the said Twenty-four Directors for the following

lowing Year, (that is to say,) until the first *Thursday* after the Twenty-fifth Day of *March* which shall be in the ensuing Year; and at all such Annual Meetings on the *Thursday* after the Twenty-fifth Day of *March* the then Directors and acting Guardians shall by Ballot fill up any Vacancies that may have happened in the Twenty-four Directors by Death, Removal, or Refusal to act, or otherwise, and shall by Ballot proceed to choose Thirty-six of the Guardians, Twelve of whom at least shall not have been acting Guardians for the preceding Year or any Part thereof, to be acting Guardians, together with the said Twenty-four Directors for the then ensuing Year; and at the said General Meeting on the *Thursday* in the Week following the passing of this Act the Directors and acting Guardians then present shall examine and audit the Treasurer's Accounts, and then shall by Ballot re-elect the same Person, or elect any other Person, to be Treasurer for the following Year, and so from Year to Year on every succeeding *Thursday* after the Twenty-fifth Day of *March* for ever.

X. And be it further enacted, That at any other of the General Quarterly Meetings herein-before directed to be held the Directors and acting Guardians present at such Meetings shall and may fill up any Vacancy or Vacancies that may have happened within the Year in the Twenty-four Directors and Thirty-six acting Guardians, by Death or otherwise, by way of Ballot as aforesaid, provided that Notice of such Vacancy or Vacancies shall have been given at the last preceding General Quarterly Meeting, but not otherwise.

Vacancies to be filled up at any Quarterly Meeting.

XI. And be it further enacted, That at every Quarterly Meeting the said Directors and acting Guardians for the preceding Quarter shall settle their Accounts, and cause the same to be laid before Two Justices of the Peace at the then next Petty Sessions to be holden within the said Hundred of *Bosmere* and *Claydon*; and Two Justices at such Sessions shall examine, and if they think proper pass and allow, the said Account, for which a Fee of Two Shillings and Sixpence and no more shall be paid to the Clerk of such Justices.

Accounts to be settled at Quarterly Meetings.

XII. And be it further enacted, That all Bye Laws, Rules, Orders, Regulations, and Constitutions which have been made by virtue of the said recited Act of the Fourth Year of the Reign of His Majesty King *George* the Third, and which immediately before the Commencement of this Act were in force, shall be and continue in force in like Manner as if the same had been made by virtue of this Act; and the said Directors and acting Guardians shall and they are hereby authorized and empowered from Time to Time, at any of their Quarterly Meetings, to make any new Bye Laws, Rules, Orders, Regulations, and Constitutions, as well for the better governing of the said Corporation, for the better managing, governing, and employing and supporting the poor Persons in the said Hundred, and for the carrying on of any Trade or Occupation that may be set on foot for the Employment of the said Poor, and for other the Intents and Purposes of this Act, and from Time to Time afterwards, at any such Meeting, to repeal, alter, or amend any such Bye Laws, Rules, Orders, and Regulations, and Constitutions, made or to be made as

Bye Laws.

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aforesaid, as to the said Directors and acting Guardians shall seem meet, provided the same be not repugnant to the Laws of this Realm.

Appoint-
ment of
Treasurer,
Clerk, &c.

XIII. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for the said Directors and acting Guardians from Time to Time, whenever they shall deem it expedient, at any of their General Quarterly Meetings, and also at any Special Meeting to be holden pursuant to Notice to be given in some one of the *Suffolk* Papers for Two successive Weeks, (and which Special Meetings the said Directors and acting Guardians, or any Nine of them, Three of whom at least to be Directors, are hereby authorized to call and hold accordingly, and to adjourn from Time to Time as they shall think fit,) to choose by Ballot One proper and substantial Person to be Treasurer, and One other sufficient Person to be Clerk, to the said Directors and acting Guardians, which Clerk shall from Time to Time enter all their Proceedings in a Book or Books to be kept for that Purpose.

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

XIV. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That notwithstanding any thing herein-before contained it shall not be lawful for the said Directors and acting Guardians to continue or to appoint any Person or Persons who may be continued or appointed 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, to be the Treasurer of the said Directors and acting Guardians for the Purposes of this Act, or to continue or appoint any Person or Persons who may be continued or appointed a Treasurer for the Purposes of this Act, or the Partner of any such Treasurer, the Clerk to the said Directors and acting Guardians for the Purposes of this Act; and if any Person shall accept both the Offices of Clerk and Treasurer of the said Directors and acting Guardians for the Purposes of this Act, or if any Person, being the Partner of any such Clerk, or the Clerk or any Person in the Service or Employ of any such Clerk, shall accept the Office of Treasurer, or shall act as Deputy of the Treasurer, or in any Manner officiate for the Treasurer, or being a Partner of any such Treasurer shall accept the Office of Clerk in the Execution of this Act, or shall act as Deputy of such Clerk, or in any Manner officiate for such Clerk, or if any such Treasurer shall hold any Place or Office of Profit or Trust under this Act other than that of Treasurer, every Person so offending shall for every such Offence forfeit and pay the Sum of One hundred Pounds to any Person or Persons who shall sue for the same, to be recovered, 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, Wager of Law, nor more than One Impar lance, shall be allowed.

For appoint-
ing a Con-
stable.

XV. And be it further enacted, That the Directors and acting Guardians shall or may from Time to Time, at any General Quarterly or Special Meeting, appoint some proper Person or Persons, willing to accept and execute the Office, to be a Constable or Constables for the Purposes of this Act within the said Hundred; and every such Constable, having taken the usual Oath required to be taken by
Constables,

Constables, (which Oath any Justice of Peace for the said County is hereby empowered to administer,) shall and is hereby empowered to act as a Constable within the said Hundred in all Cases relating to the Execution of this Act, as fully as any Petty Constable within the said Hundred can or may do in any other Case in his respective Parish or Parishes, Hamlet or Hamlets; and all reasonable Charges and Expences which such Constable or Constables shall be put to on account of his or their acting as Constable or Constables in the Execution of this Act shall be borne and paid out of the Funds of the said Hundred of *Bosmere* and *Claydon*.

XVI. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Directors and acting Guardians, at any of the said General Quarterly or Special Meetings, from Time to Time to appoint a Governor or Steward to oversee and inspect the Persons so maintained in such House or Houses, who shall be a Member of the Church of *England*, well recommended for Sobriety, Honesty, and Diligence, and who shall be capable of reading, writing, and casting Accounts; and also any Woman or Women who shall be maintained by the said Guardians, or any other Woman or Women, as to the said Directors and acting Guardians shall seem most expedient, as a Matron or Matrons to attend or superintend the Poor in such House or Houses, under the Direction of such Governor or Steward of the Poor in such House or Houses; and such Governor or Steward shall have the Care and Management of the Poor maintained in such House or Houses, and shall from Time to Time make Reports to the Directors and acting Guardians of the Behaviour of such poor Persons who shall be there maintained.

XVII. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Directors and acting Guardians, at any General Quarterly or Special Meeting, to appoint some Clergyman of the Church of *England* to instruct such Persons as shall be maintained in such House or Houses in the Principles of the Christian Religion, and the Children in the Church Catechism, and also to visit the sick, baptize the Children, bury the dead, and perform other Offices of his Profession in such House or Houses; and also to appoint a Schoolmaster and Schoolmistress, as Occasion shall require, for the Purpose of teaching the poor Children maintained in such House or Houses to read and write, and also to teach them the Church Catechism, which the said Schoolmaster and Schoolmistress respectively, or the said Governor or Steward, shall once at least in every Week hear such Children repeat; and also to appoint some experienced Surgeon or Surgeons, Apothecary or Apothecaries, to reside in or attend the said House or Houses, and to attend any other poor Person or Persons within the said Hundred, and to make a Report to the Weekly Committee hereinafter appointed to be made of the State of such Poor as are sick; and likewise to appoint such other Officer or Officers, Servant or Servants, as the said Directors and acting Guardians shall deem necessary for the Execution of this Act.

XVIII. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Directors and acting Guardians, at any General Quarterly or Special

Governor or Steward.

Matrons.

Appointment of Clergyman.

Schoolmaster, &c.

Surgeons and other Officers.

Salaries and Allowances to Officers.

Special Meeting, to make such Allowance to such Treasurer, Clerk, Constable or Constables, Governor or Steward, Matron or Matrons, Clergyman, Schoolmaster, Schoolmistress, Surgeon or Surgeons, Apothecary or Apothecaries, and other Officers and Servants, for his, her, and their Pains, Care, and Trouble in their respective Offices and Employments, as to the said Directors and acting Guardians at any such Meeting assembled shall appear reasonable, and also to pay such Allowances out of the Money to be raised by virtue of this Act.

Security to
to be taken
from the Go-
vernor, &c.

XIX. And be it further enacted, That the Directors and acting Guardians of the Poor for the Time being shall and they are hereby required, at their First or other Meeting after the passing of this Act, to take Security, in sufficient Sums and with sufficient Sureties, from the Governor, Steward, Clerk, and Treasurer respectively now appointed or to be appointed from Time to Time, to secure the due Performance and Discharge of the Duties appertaining to their respective Offices, and also the proper Payment and Appropriation of all Sums of Money which may come into their Hands as such Officers respectively.

Gratuities to
Governor
and Matron.

XX. And for inciting the Governor or Steward, and Matron or Matrons, or any other Officers of such House or Houses, to discharge the Duty of their Offices with Diligence and Fidelity, be it further enacted, That over and above such Salaries as shall be assigned to them by the Order of the said Directors and acting Guardians, it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Directors and acting Guardians to give to the said Governor or Steward, and Matron or Matrons, and other Officer or Officers, out of the General Fund of the said Hundred, such Rewards and Gratuities as the said Directors and acting Guardians, at a General Quarterly or Special Meeting assembled, shall judge proper.

Removal of
Officers.

XXI. And be it further enacted, That the said Treasurer, Clerk, and any other Officer, Servant, or Person as aforesaid, shall continue in his, her, or their Office or Offices or Employment only during the Pleasure of the said Directors and acting Guardians; and that it shall and may be lawful for the said Directors and acting Guardians, at any General Quarterly or Special Meeting, by Ballot to displace them or any or either of them, and, upon his, her, or their Removal, Death, or Resignation, to choose another or others in his, her, or their Stead, with such Salaries and Allowances, and under such Securities, as the said Directors and acting Guardians shall think proper.

Penalty on
Officers
purloining
Goods, &c.

XXII. And be it further enacted, That if any Governor or Steward, or other Officer appointed, or Matron, Servant, or other Person whatsoever employed by the Guardians or Directors and acting Guardians, shall purloin, embezzle, or wilfully misapply any of the Monies, or shall purloin, embezzle, or wilfully destroy or damage any of the Materials or Implements of Work, Utensils, Goods, or Chattels belonging to the said Corporation, every such Offender shall not only be discharged from his or her Office, but shall also forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding the Sum of Ten Pounds, and also Treble the Value of such Monies, Materials, or Implements of Work, Utensils,

Utensils, Goods, and Chattels which shall be purloined, embezzled, or misapplied, destroyed or damaged, to be levied by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of such Offender in such Manner as the Penalties and Forfeitures by this Act imposed upon Overseers of the Poor are directed to be levied, and to be applied to the Use of the Poor in the said House or Houses; and in every such Case it shall and may be lawful to and for any One Justice of the Peace for the said County to commit such Offender to the Common Gaol for the said County, there to remain, without Bail or Mainprize, for any Space not exceeding Six Calendar Months nor less than One Month.

XXIII. And be it further enacted, That the said Directors and acting Guardians shall, at the said Meeting to be held on the *Thursday* in the Week following the passing of this Act, and on the *Thursday* next after the Twenty-fifth Day of *March* in every succeeding Year, appoint Fifteen Directors and acting Guardians together (whereof Six at least to be Directors) for each Quarter of the succeeding Year, to inspect, direct, manage, and provide for the said poor People in such respective House or Houses; and for that Purpose the said Fifteen Directors and acting Guardians, or any Three or more of them (whereof One to be a Director), shall, in the respective Quarters of the Year for which they shall be appointed as aforesaid, meet at the said House of Industry built for the Reception of the Poor aforesaid every *Tuesday* Morning, or oftener if it shall be thought necessary, together with the Clerk for the Time being, and such of them as shall be there present shall and may give such Directions as they shall think proper for the Employment, Maintenance, Management, and Relief of the Poor in such House or Houses, and for carrying into execution such Rules, Orders, Regulations, and Constitutions, and such Powers and Authorities, as shall be from Time to Time made and granted by the said Directors and acting Guardians as aforesaid.

Committees
to be ap-
pointed for
each Quarter.

XXIV. And be it further enacted, That the said Fifteen Directors and acting Guardians so to be from Time to Time appointed as aforesaid for each and every Quarter in the Year may and they are hereby authorized, by Agreement amongst themselves, to divide themselves into Committees of Five, whereof Two shall be Directors, to act for each Month in each Quarter, but so as not to preclude any of such Fifteen from being present or voting at such weekly or other Meeting aforesaid; and if there shall not be present at any Weekly Meeting so appointed to be held Three Directors and acting Guardians together (One whereof shall be a Director), every Director who by any such Agreement as aforesaid ought to have attended, and shall be absent, shall for every such Offence forfeit the Sum of Twenty Shillings, and every Guardian who by any such Agreement as aforesaid ought to have attended, and shall be absent, shall for every such Offence forfeit the Sum of Ten Shillings, unless reasonable Cause be shown for such Absence, or unless such Director shall have procured some other Director, or acting Guardian shall have procured some other acting Guardian respectively to attend in his Stead, such Forfeit respectively to be levied by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of such Director or acting Guardian in manner herein-after mentioned;

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and such Forfeiture shall be paid to the Treasurer of the said Guardians, and added by him to the common Stock for the Use of the Poor; provided that nothing in this Act contained shall be construed to prohibit or prevent the other Directors or acting Guardians for the Time being, or any or either of them, from attending the said General Quarterly Meetings or any or either of them, or from taking Part in the Business of and voting at such General Quarterly Meetings or any or either of them.

Number of
Guardians to
be present at
Meetings.

XXV. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That no Act, Order, or Proceeding of any Yearly, Quarterly, or Special Meeting of the said Directors and acting Guardians shall be valid unless Nine Directors and acting Guardians (whereof Three at least to be Directors) be present, and unless the major Part of such Directors and acting Guardians present at any such Yearly, Quarterly, or Special Meeting (of which major Part Three at least to be Directors) shall concur therein.

Guardians to
defray their
own Ex-
pences.

XXVI. And be it further enacted, That the Guardians, Directors, and acting Guardians shall, at all and every Meeting and Meetings, defray their own Charges and Expences.

Penalty for
neglecting to
hold any
Quarterly
or Annual
Meeting.

XXVII. And be it further enacted, That if the Directors and acting Guardians shall neglect or refuse to hold any such Quarterly or Annual Meeting or Meetings, every Director and acting Guardian failing in his Duty therein shall for every such Default forfeit the Sum of Five Pounds, to be levied by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of such Director or acting Guardian, by Order of the next General Quarter Sessions for the said County of *Suffolk* to be held at *Ipswich*, unless a sufficient Reason shall be given on the Behalf of such Director or acting Guardian, to be allowed by such Sessions; and if there shall not appear a sufficient Number of Directors and acting Guardians at any of such Quarterly or Annual Meetings, any of the Directors then present shall adjourn the Meeting for any Time not exceeding Ten Days; and if the said Directors and acting Guardians shall not meet pursuant to Adjournment, then such necessary Rate shall be ordered to be made by any Two Justices of the Peace for the said County; and in case no such Order shall be made within One Month from the Time such Quarterly Meeting should have been held, the same Proportion shall be rated, assessed, and raised in such respective Parishes, Hamlets, and Places by the respective Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor for the ensuing Quarter as was raised in the preceding Quarter for the Relief and Support of the Poor, and shall be collected and recovered in like Manner as any other Rates to be made by virtue of this Act can or may be collected and recovered, and shall be paid to the said Treasurer in such Manner as is herein-before mentioned with respect to the taxing, assessing, collecting, recovering, and paying of the Sums assessed by the said Directors and acting Guardians.

Power to
apprentice
Children.

XXVIII. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Directors and acting Guardians present at any Quarterly, Special, or Weekly Meeting, or for the Clerk for the Time being of the said Directors

Directors and acting Guardians, at any Time or Times, being thereunto duly authorized by an Order of the said Directors and acting Guardians present at any such Quarterly, Special, or Weekly Meeting, (such Order to be in Writing, and entered in the Book or Books hereinbefore directed to be kept for the Purpose of entering the Proceedings of the said Directors and acting Guardians,) with the Consent of any Two Justices of the Peace for the said County, to bind by Indenture, under the Common Seal of the said Corporation, any poor Child or Children maintained in the said House or Houses, and also any poor Child or Children belonging to any Parish, Hamlet, or Place within the said Hundred whose Parents the said Directors and acting Guardians shall judge incapable of maintaining them, to be Apprentices for any Term not less than Three Years nor more than Seven Years (except where the Child or Children, being a Male or Males, shall be above the Age of Eighteen Years, or, being a Female or Females, above the Age of Fifteen Years, at the Time of such binding; and no such Child shall in any Case be bound or continued an Apprentice after the Age of Twenty-one Years, being a Male, or after the Age of Eighteen, being a Female,) to any Person or Persons occupying Lands or Tenements or using any Trade in any Parish, Hamlet, or Place within the said Hundred whom the said Directors and acting Guardians shall think proper Persons to take Apprentices (whether such Person or Persons be resident within the said Hundred or elsewhere), due Regard being had to apportion the Number of Children which shall be bound Apprentices according to the Annual Sum at which the Person or Persons to whom he, she, or they are hereby directed to be bound shall respectively be assessed by a Pound Rate to the Relief of the Poor in any Parish, Hamlet, or Place within the said Hundred, or in like Manner as Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor, with the Assent of Two Justices of the Peace, are by the Laws in being empowered to bind poor Children whose Parents are not able to maintain them, to bind any such Child or Children Apprentice or Apprentices to the Governor or Steward of the said House, and his Successors in such Office, or to any other proper Person or Persons willing to take such Apprentice or Apprentices, or to bind any such Male Child or Children Apprentice or Apprentices to any Captain, Master, or Owner of any Ship or Vessel in the Sea Service willing to take such Apprentice or Apprentices; and the Person or Persons to whom such Child or Children shall, by the Directors and acting Guardians (with such Consent of Two Justices of the Peace as aforesaid), be appointed to be bound Apprentice or Apprentices, shall be obliged to receive and provide for such Apprentice or Apprentices, and to execute a Counterpart of the Indentures of Apprenticeship in like Manner and under the like Penalties as Persons are now obliged by the Laws in being to provide for an Apprentice or Apprentices appointed by Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor, with the Assent of Two Justices of the Peace; and no Apprentice so bound as aforesaid shall (except with the Consent of the Directors and acting Guardians under their Common Seal) be assigned or turned over to any other Person or Persons whomsoever; and all and every Person and Persons to whom such Apprentice or Apprentices shall be assigned or turned over with such Consent shall be obliged to receive and provide for him, her, or them,

them, and to execute a Counterpart of the Assignment, in like Manner as the Person or Persons to whom he, she, or they was or were first bound as aforesaid was or were obliged to receive and provide for him, her, or them, and to execute a Counterpart of the original Indentures of Apprenticeship.

Assignment
over of Ap-
prentices.

XXIX. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That in all Cases where any Master or Mistress to whom any Apprentice or Apprentices shall be bound shall during the Time of such Apprenticeship quit the Occupation of the Farm he or she then holds, and remove into any other Parish, it shall be lawful for such Master or Mistress to assign over in the Manner before directed any such Apprentice or Apprentices to the Person or Persons who shall succeed him or her in the Occupation of the said Farm, which Person or Persons shall and is and are hereby required to receive and provide for such Apprentice or Apprentices in like Manner as the Master or Mistress to whom he, she, or they were before bound was obliged to receive and provide for him, her, or them; and the Person or Persons to whom any such Apprentice or Apprentices shall be so assigned is and are hereby required to execute a Counterpart of the Assignment in the Manner before directed for making Assignments of an Apprentice or Apprentices.

Children
apprenticed
under former
Act to be
considered as
such under
this Act.

XXX. And be it further enacted, That all and every Child and Children who have or hath been bound Apprentice or Apprentices by virtue of the said recited Act of the Fourth Year of the Reign of King *George* the Third, and the Term or Terms of whose Apprenticeship or Apprenticeships is or are unexpired, shall for the Remainder of such Term or Terms be deemed and taken to be an Apprentice or Apprentices bound in pursuance of this Act.

Production
of Indentures
under Cor-
poration Seal
good Evi-
dence.

XXXI. And be it further enacted, That the Production of any such Indenture or Assignment under the Common Seal of the said Corporation shall be sufficient Proof of the due Execution thereof; and that the Production of the Book or Books aforesaid to be kept for the Purpose of entering the Proceedings of the said Directors and acting Guardians, in which shall be contained any Order or Orders authorizing the Clerk for the Time being of the said Directors and acting Guardians to bind out any such poor Child or Children, shall be sufficient Proof of such Order or Orders in any Court of Justice whatsoever, without calling any Witness or Witnesses to prove the sealing or Execution of any such Indenture or Assignment, or without calling any Witness or Witnesses to prove any such Order or Orders as aforesaid.

For prevent-
ing Children
being ill-
treated.

XXXII. And be it further enacted, That in case any of the poor Children who shall be bound Apprentice as aforesaid shall be ill-treated by his, her, or their Master or Mistress respectively, any Two Justices of the Peace, upon Complaint thereof made to them, may discharge any such Child or Children from his, her, or their Apprenticeship, and may (if they see Cause) order and direct the Master or Mistress of such Child or Children respectively to pay such Sum of Money to the Treasurer of the said Guardians as they shall think proper,

proper, not exceeding Ten Pounds, and, if necessary, to be levied by Distress in manner herein-after mentioned.

XXXIII. And be it further enacted, That no Child who shall be apprenticed to the Governor or Steward of the said House shall acquire a Settlement by virtue of the Apprenticeship, but shall be considered as settled in the Parish, Hamlet, or Place to which such Child was legally settled immediately preceding such binding.

Children ap-
prenticed to
the Governor
or Steward
not to acquire
a Settlement.

XXXIV. And be it further enacted, That the said Directors and acting Guardians may let out to Hire any poor Child or Children or other poor Person or Persons maintained in the said House or Houses to be employed in Harvest Work, Hop-gathering, or any other Work suitable to his, her, or their Strength and Ability, for such Time and at such Wages as shall be agreed upon by the said Directors and acting Guardians, taking care that such poor Child or Children, Person or Persons, is or are properly maintained, lodged, and provided for during the Time of his, her, or their being so hired, which Wages shall be paid to the Governor or Steward of the House for the Time being, to be by him applied in the Maintenance and Clothing of such poor Person or Persons as far as the same will go; and if the same shall happen to exceed the Money expended in such Maintenance, to account for the Surplus, which shall afterwards within One Calendar Month be given to such poor Person or Persons who shall have earned such Money, if no further Expences shall be then incurred on his or her Account to exhaust the same; and if any Difference shall arise between the said Directors and acting Guardians or any poor Child or Children, Person or Persons, so let out to Hire, and the Person or Persons, touching the Payment of his, her, or their Wages, any Justice of the Peace for the said County, upon Application to him for that Purpose, shall settle such Dispute, and give such Redress as Justices of the Peace are now empowered to do by Law between Masters and Servants in Husbandry.

Power to let
out Poor to
Harvest
Work, &c.

XXXV. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Directors and acting Guardians, at a General Quarterly or Special Meeting assembled, from Time to Time to contract, if they shall think it expedient so to do, with any Person or Persons for employing all the poor People in the said House or Houses, upon such Terms and Conditions as the said Directors and acting Guardians shall think proper, such Contracts or Contractors being subject to such Rules and Regulations as are herein-before prescribed for the Ease and Benefit of the said poor People, and to receive the Profits of their Labour (deducting thereout the Gratuities payable to such poor People in manner in this Act mentioned) in part or in full Payment and Satisfaction for the Service to be performed by virtue of such Contract, so as no such Contract shall subsist or be in force for a longer Space than One Year.

Power to let
out all the
Poor in the
House.

XXXVI. And be it further enacted, That the Profits arising from the Work or Labour of the said poor People in the said House or Houses shall be applied in aid of the said Rates and Assessments towards the Maintenance of the Poor within the said Hundred.

Application
of Profits of
the Work of
Poor.

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XXXVII. And

Gratuities
may be made
to the Indus-
trious.

XXXVII. And to the end that all the poor People in the said House or Houses may be encouraged to apply themselves to such Tasks as they shall be employed in with Diligence and Humility ; be it further enacted, That out of the Profits arising to the said Corporation from the Work which shall be done by such poor People, such Rewards shall be distributed to the industrious and skilful, in proportion to the Quantity, Quality, and Perfection of their Work, as to the said Directors and acting Guardians assembled at any General Quarterly Meeting shall appear reasonable, so as no Part of the Money paid in such Gratuities be expended in the Purchase of Spirituous Liquors, the drinking of which the Governor or Steward and Matron or Matrons are hereby strictly enjoined to prohibit and prevent, except under the Sanction and Restrictions herein-after mentioned.

Penalty for
purloining or
making away
with Ap-
parel, &c.

XXXVIII. And be it further enacted, That the Apparel with which any of the Poor who shall be maintained by the said Guardians shall be supplied shall be, remain, continue, and be deemed and taken to be the Property of the said Corporation ; and in case any of the Poor maintained by the said Guardians shall purloin, sell, or pawn, embezzle, or wilfully waste, any of the Goods, Materials, or Implements of Work intrusted to them, and belonging to the said Corporation, or shall sell or pawn any of the Apparel with which he, she, or they shall be clothed at the Expence of the said Corporation, or in case any Person or Persons shall run away from any such House or Houses with the Clothes or Apparel provided by or belonging to the said Corporation, without the Leave of the major Part of the Directors or acting Guardians present at a weekly Meeting to be held in pursuance of this Act, upon Complaint being made thereof before any Justice of the Peace for the said County by any of the said Guardians, or by the Governor or Steward, such Justice of the Peace is hereby required to hear the same and the Party accused ; and such Justice is hereby authorized, upon Conviction, to commit such Offender to the House of Correction, there to be kept to hard Labour for any Time not exceeding Six Calendar Months nor less than Two Calendar Months, as the said Justice shall think fit and direct.

Penalty for
buying or
receiving
into pawn
Apparel, &c.

XXXIX. And be it further enacted, That if any Person or Persons shall knowingly buy, receive into pawn, or secrete any of the Wearing Apparel, or other Things, of or belonging to any of the poor Persons maintained in the said House or Houses of Industry, or any of the Goods, Materials, or Implements of Work carried into the said House to be wrought up, manufactured, or used by the Poor therein, or any of the Goods or Furniture of the said House or Houses or other Buildings aforesaid, or buy or receive any of the Provisions provided for the Poor in the said House or Houses or other Buildings, every Person so offending shall forfeit for every such Offence any Sum not exceeding Ten Pounds nor less than Twenty Shillings, to be levied, if necessary, by Distress in manner herein-after mentioned, whereof One Moiety shall be paid to the Informer.

No Strong
Liquors to be
brought into
the House.

XL. And be it further enacted, That if any Person or Persons shall clandestinely, and without the Permission of the Governor or Steward or Medical Officer of the said Corporation, convey or endeavour

deavour to convey any Spirituous or Strong Liquors into any House or Houses, Building or Buildings, erected or to be erected by virtue of the said recited Act or of this Act, such Person or Persons shall be, and he, she, and they is and are hereby declared to be, subject to such and the like Pains and Penalties as are by the Laws now in being directed to be inflicted on Persons conveying Spirituous Liquors into Prisons or Gaols.

XLI. And whereas it frequently happens that Persons following Trades or occupying Lands within the said Hundred neglect or refuse to employ poor Persons, who are willing and able to work, belonging to the Parish, Hamlet, or Place in which such Persons carry on their Trades or occupy Lands, and employ others whose Settlements are not within such Parish, Hamlet, or Place, to the great Injury and Discouragement of their own industrious Poor; be it therefore further enacted, That whenever any poor Person whose Settlement is in any Parish, Hamlet, or Place within the said Hundred, who is able and willing to be employed in any Service or Work at the usual Rates and Prices payable in the said Hundred, shall apply for Relief to the said Directors and acting Guardians at a weekly or other Meeting, and shall make Complaint that he or she has applied to a Churchwarden or Overseer of the Poor of the Parish or Hamlet to which he or she belongs, in order to be employed in some Service or Work, and that such Churchwarden or Overseer hath not procured him or her such Service or Work within Three Days after such Application so made, it shall be lawful for any Weekly Committee, by Writing under the Hand of the Chairman of the said Meeting, to summon the said Churchwarden or Overseer of the Poor to appear at the then next Weekly Committee Meeting to be held at the said House of Industry, and to examine into the Matter of the said Complaint, and, if the said Committee shall think proper, to order and direct that the said Churchwarden and Overseer shall immediately find and procure for such poor Person some Employment in such Service or Work as such poor Person is able to perform, at a fair, reasonable, and customary Recompence, or to afford such temporary or weekly Relief or Allowance to such poor Person for his or her Maintenance and Support as to the said Committee shall seem meet; and in case such Overseer or Churchwarden shall fail to provide such Employment, or to afford such Relief, or make such Allowance as aforesaid, within Two Days after such Order, or in case it shall appear to the Satisfaction of any Justice of the Peace of the County that the said Directors and Guardians have not ordered adequate Relief to the Person so applying, then it shall be lawful for such Justice of the Peace, upon Complaint made to him, to summon the Overseers of the Poor or any of them to appear before any Two of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace to answer the Complaint; and if, upon the hearing thereof, it shall be proved on Oath to the Satisfaction of the Justices who shall hear the same, that the Party complaining, or on whose Behalf the Complaint shall be made, is in need of Relief, and that adequate Relief hath been refused by the said Churchwardens and Overseers, and by the said Directors and Guardians, then it shall be lawful for such Justices to make an Order under their Hands and Seals upon the Churchwardens and Overseers

Able-bodied
Paupers to be
employed.

seers of the Parish to which the Party complaining shall belong for such Relief as they in their just and proper Discretion shall think necessary, (Reference being also had by such Justices to the Character and Conduct of the Applicant,) provided that in every such Order the special Cause of granting the Relief thereby directed shall be expressly stated, and no such Order shall be given for or extend to any longer Time than One Calendar Month from the Date thereof: Provided always, that it shall be lawful for any Justice to make an Order for Relief in any Case of urgent Necessity, to be specified in such Order, so as such Order shall remain in force only until the assembling of the Committee of the Directors and Guardians as aforesaid; and the Money so directed to be paid shall be reimbursed and paid to such Churchwarden and Overseer of the Poor of such Parish, Hamlet, or Place out of the Funds of such Parish, Hamlet, or Place, and not out of the common Stock of the said Hundred; and the said Money shall and may be levied and raised in the same Manner and in the same Proportion as the other Rates are authorized or directed to be levied and raised, over and above all Sum and Sums of Money directed by this Act to be raised; but in case such Churchwarden or Overseer shall refuse or neglect to obey such Order of the said Weekly Committee or Justices respectively, then such Sum or Sums of Money as shall be considered necessary by the said Weekly Committee or Justices respectively for such Allowance to such poor Person shall and may be levied for the Use of such poor Person by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of the Offender or Offenders, or of any or either of them, by Warrant under the Hand and Seal of any one Justice of the Peace for the said County of *Suffolk*, and so from Time to Time as often as Occasion shall be and require: Provided always, that nothing in this Act contained shall be construed to prevent the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of any and every Parish in the said Hundred from adopting the Provisions of any Act already passed, or hereafter to be passed, for the Employment of the able-bodied Labourers in their respective Parishes.

Justices to
proceed on
Complaint of
Directors
and Guar-
dians or Go-
vernors, &c.

XLII. And be it further enacted, That in all Cases when One or more Justice or Justices of the Peace is or are empowered by the Laws now in being to proceed on the Complaint of the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of any Parish or Parishes, Hamlet or Hamlets, or of any of them, it shall and may be lawful for such Justice or Justices of the Peace, and he and they is and are hereby required to proceed on the Complaint of any of the said Directors or acting Guardians, or of the said Governor or Steward for the Time being, in such and the like Manner to all Intents and Purposes as if such Complaint had been made by such Churchwardens and Overseers or any of them.

Warrants
how to be
directed.

XLIII. And be it further enacted, That all Warrants to be issued by any Justice or Justices of the Peace in pursuance of this Act, or anywise respecting the Government or Management of the Poor within the said Hundred of *Bosmere* and *Claydon*, shall and may be directed by such Justice or Justices of the Peace, either to the said Governor or Steward for the Time being, or the Constable or Constables,
or

or other Peace Officer or Peace Officers of the Parish, Hamlet, or Place where the same are respectively to be executed, or the Person or Persons who shall accept and execute the Office of Constable or Constables for the Purposes of this Act, all of whom respectively are hereby authorized and required to execute any such Warrants so directed to him or them accordingly; and all Persons are hereby required to be aiding and assisting to such Governor or Steward and other Person or Persons to whom such Warrant or Warrants shall be directed in the Execution thereof, in the same Manner as if such Warrant or Warrants had been executed by a Constable or other Peace Officer.

XLIV. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Directors and acting Guardians, at any Quarterly or Special Meeting to be holden as herein-before is mentioned, from Time to Time, as they shall think requisite, to give Orders and Directions for the altering or enlarging of the said House of Industry and other Buildings erected as aforesaid, and to cause to be erected and fitted up from Time to Time, in a plain and durable Manner, on the Land so purchased as aforesaid, such other Building or Buildings as the said Directors or acting Guardians shall deem necessary or proper for executing the Purposes of this Act, and from Time to Time to repair, enlarge, alter, and support the same, as they shall deem necessary or convenient; and that the Expence of erecting or repairing such House or Houses or Buildings, and of keeping the same in repair, shall be defrayed out of the Money borrowed or obtained by virtue of the said recited Act of the Fourth Year of the Reign of King *George* the Third, or to be borrowed, or otherwise to arise by virtue of this Act.

Power to build and keep in repair old and new Buildings.

XLV. And be it further enacted, That the said Directors and acting Guardians shall and may from Time to Time provide and furnish the same House or Houses, and Buildings, already erected or to be erected, with all necessary Furniture, Household Goods and Utensils, and shall also from Time to Time provide a convenient Stock of Flax, Hemp, Wool, Cotton, Thread, Iron, Stone, Wood, Leather, or other Materials, for the Employment of the Poor received into such House or Houses and Buildings, and for that Purpose only may set up, use, and conduct any Trade, Mystery, or Occupation whatsoever into such House or Houses and Buildings.

Furniture and Materials to be provided.

XLVI. And be it further enacted, That the Rates to be made by virtue of this Act shall be a Security for the Money borrowed and now due as aforesaid, and all Interest due and to grow due for the same, and shall be subject and liable to the Payment thereof; and the several Assignments or Mortgages made for the Security thereof by virtue of the said recited Act of the Fourth Year of the Reign of King *George* the Third shall be deemed and taken to be an Assignment or Mortgage or Assignments or Mortgages of the Rates to be made by virtue of this Act; and the same shall be and continue in full Force and Effect until the Principal Money thereby secured, and the Interest thereof now due and henceforth to become due for the same, shall be fully paid off and discharged.

Rates to be Security for Money borrowed.

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XLVII. And

Power to
borrow more
Money, and
to mortgage
Rates as a
Security.

XLVII. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Directors and acting Guardians, at any Quarterly or Special Meeting to be holden by virtue of this Act, and they are hereby authorized and empowered, to borrow and take up (in addition to the Sum now due and owing as aforesaid), at Interest not exceeding Five Pounds *per Centum per Annum*, such Sum or Sums of Money as they shall think necessary for the Purposes of this Act, so that the whole Principal Sum which shall at any Time be due on the Credit of this Act do not exceed in the whole the Sum of Ten thousand Pounds, and to assign over and mortgage the Rates directed to be made as herein-after mentioned, or any Part thereof, to the Person or Persons who shall advance and lend such Money, or his, her, or their Trustee or Trustees, as a Security for the Money to be borrowed, together with the Interest for the same; which Assignments or Mortgages shall be under the Common Seal of the said Corporation, in the Words or to the Effect following; (that is to say,)

Form of
Mortgage.

‘ BY virtue of an Act passed in the Third Year of the Reign of
‘ King *William* the Fourth, intituled [*here insert the Title of this*
‘ *Act*], we, the Guardians of the Poor within the said Hundred
‘ incorporated by the said Act, in consideration of the Sum of
‘ now advanced and paid to the Treasurer
‘ appointed by virtue of the said Act by
‘ do hereby assign unto the said
‘ Executors, Administrators, and Assigns
‘ being the Proportion of the Rates to be made by virtue of the said
‘ Act, which the said Sum of bears to
‘ the whole Money secured or to be advanced on the Credit of the
‘ said Rates, to hold unto the said Executors,
‘ Administrators, and Assigns, from this Day of
‘ until the said Sum of with Interest for the
‘ same at the Rate of *per Centum per Annum*, shall be
‘ repaid and satisfied. In witness whereof we have hereunto affixed
‘ our Common Seal, this Day of in
‘ the Year of our Lord .’

And every such Assignment or Mortgage shall be good, valid, and effectual in the Law; and it shall be lawful for the Person or Persons entitled to any of the Securities for the Money borrowed by virtue of the before-recited Act of the Fourth Year of the Reign of King *George* the Third, and now due as aforesaid, and also for the Money to be borrowed by virtue of this Act, either by Indorsement on such Security, or by a separate Instrument, without Stamps, under their Hands and Seals, to transfer and assign such Security or Securities to any Person or Persons; and such Transfers or Assignments shall entitle the Person or Persons to whom the same shall be made to all Principal Monies and Interest due and to grow due upon such Securities; and the said Assignments or Transfers may be in the Words or to the Effect following; (that is to say)

Form of
Transfer of
Mortgage.

‘ I do hereby transfer the within Mort-
‘ gage [*if by Indorsement*] or a certain Mortgage [*if by a separate*
‘ *Instrument*], made to Executors,
‘ Administrators, and Assigns, bearing Date the
‘ Day

‘ Day of of the Rates arising by virtue of an Act passed
 ‘ in the Third Year of the Reign of King *William* the Fourth, inti-
 ‘ tuled [*here insert the Title of this Act*], and all my Right and Title
 ‘ to the Money thereby secured, unto
 ‘ Executors, Administrators, and Assigns. Dated this
 ‘ Day of .

And Copies of all such Mortgages and Extracts, or Memorials of such Transfers, shall be entered in a Book by the Clerk to the said Directors and acting Guardians, which Extracts or Memorials shall specify and contain the Dates, Names of the Parties, and the Sums of Money secured by the Mortgages so transferred, and the said Clerk shall subscribe his Name to every such Copy and other Entry, and for the Entry of every Extract or Memorial shall be paid by the Person or Persons to whom any such Transfer shall be made the Sum of One Shilling and no more; and all Persons interested shall, at all seasonable Times, have free Access to the said Book, and Liberty to inspect the same, on Payment of the like Sum of One Shilling; and it shall not be in the Power of the Person or Persons who shall have made any such Transfer to make void, release, or discharge the same, or any Money due or to become due on the Security so transferred; and all Persons to whom any such Mortgages are or shall be made, and who shall be entitled to the Money thereby secured, shall be Creditors upon the said Rates in equal Degree one with another, and no Preference shall be given to such Creditors in respect of the Priority of advancing their Money, or the Dates of their Securities.

XLVIII. And be it further enacted, That whenever the major Part of the Directors and acting Guardians present at any of their Quarterly or Special Meetings (of which Majority Seven at least shall be Directors) shall determine that any Part of the said Principal Money shall be paid off, then and in that Case they shall cause at least Six Calendar Months Notice thereof to be sent to the Person or Persons entitled to the Mortgage or Mortgages intended to be paid off; and if any Person or Persons entitled to any such Mortgage or Mortgages shall neglect or refuse to attend in Person, or by some Person or Persons properly authorized to receive the Money secured and due thereon, at the Time and Place to be mentioned in such Notice, or shall not then deliver up the Security or Securities for such Money, or give or execute a full Discharge for the same to the Satisfaction of the said Directors and acting Guardians, then no further Interest shall become due or be paid from the Day specified in the said Notice for paying off the Money secured by such Mortgage or Mortgages.

As to paying
off Mort-
gages.

XLIX. And be it further enacted, That in case any Mortgagee or Mortgagees, his, her, or their Executors, Administrators, or Assigns, who may have advanced or may hereafter advance any Sum or Sums of Money on Mortgage of the Rates and Assessments of the said Hundred by virtue of the said recited Act of the Fourth Year of the Reign of King *George* the Third, or by virtue of this Act, at a less Rate of Interest than Five Pounds *per Centum per Annum*, and shall be desirous of obtaining Repayment of his, her, or their Principal and

Power to
Directors
and Guar-
dians to pay
additional
Rate of In-
terest, not
exceeding
5l. per Cent.,
on Mortgage
and of Rates.

and Interest, and of such his, her, or their Intention shall give Six previous Calendar Months Notice in Writing to the said Directors and acting Guardians, or to their Clerk or Steward for the Time being, and the said Directors and acting Guardians shall omit or neglect or be unable to pay the same or any Part thereof respectively, then and so often as the same may happen the said Directors and acting Guardians do and shall pay to such Mortgagee or Mortgagees, his, her, or their Executors, Administrators, or Assigns, in case he, she, or they shall be willing to accept the same, an advanced Rate of Interest not exceeding the Rate of Five Pounds *per Centum per Annum* on the whole of the said Mortgage Money, or such Part thereof respectively as may from Time to Time remain undischarged, until the whole of the said Mortgage Money and all Interest thereon shall be fully paid off and discharged: Provided always, that nothing in this Act contained shall interfere with, prejudice, or affect any Rights or Remedies to which such Mortgagee or Mortgagees, his, her, or their Executors, Administrators, or Assigns, would be entitled in case this Act had not been passed.

Assessments
to be made.

L. And be it further enacted, That at the said First Meeting after the passing of this Act, and at every subsequent Yearly and General Quarterly Meetings, the said Directors and acting Guardians may and they are hereby empowered to assess such Sum and Sums of Money, not exceeding the respective Rates and Proportions hereinafter mentioned, upon the several Parishes, Hamlets, and Places within the said Hundred, as they the said Directors and acting Guardians shall judge necessary for supporting and maintaining the Poor for the current Quarter of the Year, and for paying the Interest of the Money borrowed and due by virtue of the said recited Act of the Fourth Year of the Reign of King *George* the Third as aforesaid, and of any Money which shall be borrowed by virtue of this Act, and for paying off the Principal Money borrowed and to be borrowed as aforesaid; and such Assessments being laid before the next Petty Sessions to be held within the said Hundred, and being allowed by Two Justices of the Peace at such Sessions assembled, (for which Delivery and Allowance no Fee or Reward whatsoever shall be had, received, or taken by any Person or Persons whomsoever,) the said Directors and acting Guardians for the Time being, or any Three or more of them (whereof One to be a Director), shall be and they are hereby empowered to issue Warrants under the Seal of the said Corporation to the Churchwardens or Overseers of the Poor in all and every of the several Parishes, Hamlets, and Places within the said Hundred, requiring them to pay, at some particular Time and Place to be specified in the said Warrants, the Sums so assessed upon the said several Parishes, Hamlets, and Places respectively, to the Treasurer of the said Guardians for the Time being, whose Receipt for the same shall be a legal Discharge to such Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor; and for raising the Sums so assessed by the said Directors and acting Guardians such respective Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor shall from Time to Time and they are hereby required, with as much Equality and Indifference as possible, to raise, by Taxation of every Inhabitant, Parson, Vicar, and others, and of every Occupier of Lands, Houses, Tithes Improprate, Propriations of
Tithes,

LI. And whereas great Inconvenience has occasionally arisen from the Neglect of the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor to raise and levy the Sums assessed upon their respective Parishes, and great Inconvenience has also arisen from their Neglect to pay the same when raised at the Time or Place appointed for that Purpose by such Warrant or Warrants; for Remedy whereof be it enacted, That in such Cases, and when and as often as the Sum or Sums so assessed on any of the Parishes, Hamlets, or Places respectively shall remain unpaid in whole or in part after the Day fixed by such Warrant or Warrants for the Payment thereof, Interest on the same Sum or Sums, or on so much thereof as shall be left unpaid, at the Rate of Five Pounds *per Centum per Annum*, to be computed from the Day on which such Payment ought to have been made, shall be charged to the Account of such Parish, Hamlet, or Place so making default; and if such Sum or Sums so assessed, or any Part thereof, or any Interest so charged thereon as aforesaid and in addition thereto, shall not be fully paid and satisfied on or before the Day of holding the then next Quarterly Meeting, then the Sum so left unpaid, together with the Interest charged thereon, shall be added to the Assessment then to be set for the following Quarter on such Parish, Hamlet, or Place, and shall be raised and levied and paid together with such subsequent Assessment, and so from Time to Time, with Interest on Interest, as often as the same Default shall happen; and all such Rates and Arrears of any former Rates and Assessments as aforesaid, and also such Re-assessments and Interest as aforesaid, shall be levied and recovered in such and the like Manner as Money assessed for the Relief of the Poor is by the Laws now in being to be levied and recovered, and with the same Power of Appeal to any Person or Persons who may think himself, herself, or themselves aggrieved by any such Assessments or Rates: Provided always, that nothing herein contained shall be construed to relieve or exempt any Parish Officer or Officers from the Infliction or Payment of any Fine or other Penalty to which he or they may be liable by virtue of this Act.

**Penalty for
Neglect in
levying
Rates, and in
paying them
when levied.**

Present Averages to continue until 25th March 1834.

March in the Year One thousand eight hundred and thirty-four the whole Amount of Monies which the Directors and acting Guardians shall judge necessary for supporting and maintaining the Poor, and for paying the Interest of the Money borrowed and due by virtue of the said recited Act, and of any Money which shall be borrowed by virtue of this Act, and for paying off the Principal Money borrowed and to be borrowed as aforesaid, shall be assessed on the several incorporated Parishes, Hamlets, or Places, in proportion and according to the Average existing at the Time of the passing of this Act.

Accounts of
Expences to
be kept,
divided into
Two Classes.

First Class.

Second Class.

Amount of
1st Class
shall be
deemed the
Assessment,
which may

LIII. And be it further enacted, That from and after the *Thursday* in the Week following the passing of this Act, and until the *Thursday* after the Twenty-fifth Day of *March* in the following Year, an accurate Account shall be kept by the Governor or Clerk of the said House of Industry of the whole Expence incurred by each of the incorporated Parishes, Hamlets, or Places respectively within the said Hundred during that Period, as well of the Poor relieved belonging to each such Parish, Hamlet, or Place respectively, and maintained in the House or Houses, as of the necessary Relief granted to those not resident in the House or Houses, and that the whole Expences shall be divided into Two Classes; and that the First Class or Division shall consist of the Costs of Maintenance, and shall comprise the Expence of Maintenance, Clothing, and other Relief to Paupers resident in the said House or Houses, including therein unmanufactured and manufactured Goods, Firing, Burial of Paupers who die in the House or Houses, Rewards to industrious Poor in the House or Houses, and all Sum and Sums of Money and all other Allowances to be from Time to Time paid or allowed for the Relief or Support of poor Persons belonging to any of the incorporated Parishes, Hamlets, or Places, and not resident in the House or Houses, and whether resident in the Hundred or not, and also all Sum and Sums of Money and other Allowances to be from Time to Time paid or allowed for or on account of Bastards born in any of the incorporated Parishes, Hamlets, or Places; and that the Second Class shall be taken as the Cost of the Establishment, and comprise all Charges for Buildings and Repairs, Rent, Taxes, Working Tools, Machinery, Tithes, Insurances, Money borrowed and to be borrowed, and the Interest thereof respectively, Salary and Wages of Officers and Servants, with occasional Gratuities to Surgeons and Medical Attendants, Law Expences, (to include such Expences only as relate to the general Interests of the Hundred, it being intended that Expences relating to the Interests of the individual Parishes or Hamlets only, such as Examinations of Paupers, and other Expences incidental to the Removals from one Parish, Hamlet, or Place to another Parish, Hamlet, or Place within the Hundred, or Appeals to such Removals, shall be borne by those Parishes, Hamlets, or Places respectively,) Expences of Governors Journeys, Stationery, Stamps, and all other Expences not included in the First Class or Division of Expences; and the Amount so taken as of the First Class shall be deemed to be the Assessment to be levied on each Parish, Hamlet, or Place during the then following Year by Quarterly Payments, and so on from Year to Year: Provided always, that it shall be lawful for the said Directors and

and Guardians at any of their said General Quarterly Meetings to increase or diminish the same Assessment, but only in the same Proportions; and the whole Amount of Expences under the Second Class shall be assessed on the several incorporated Parishes, Hamlets, or Places in proportion and according to the Averages existing at the Time of the passing of this Act.

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nished.

LIV. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That if any of the said incorporated Parishes, Hamlets, or Places shall think themselves aggrieved by any such Assessment to be hereafter made, then it shall be lawful for the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of every such Parish, Hamlet, or Place, and they are hereby required, upon the Request in Writing of the Majority in Value of the Occupiers of Estates within such Parish, Hamlet, or Place, (such Value to be ascertained from the Assessment to the Poor Rate in such Parish, Hamlet, or Place,) to appeal to the General Quarter Sessions of the Peace to be holden at *Ipswich* in and for the County of *Suffolk*, within Four Months next after such Assessment shall have been so made, which Court shall in their Discretion amend or confirm such Assessment, and give such Relief as the Case may require, in such and the same Manner, and by such or the like Proceedings, Ways, and Means, as are allowed in other Cases by the Laws now in being respecting Parochial Assessments for the Relief of the Poor; and the Determination of the said Court shall be altogether binding, final, and conclusive upon the several Parties interested therein, without any further or other Appeal; and in case, on the hearing of such Appeal, the same shall be allowed, and Judgment given in favour of the Appellants, then it shall be lawful for the said Court and they are hereby required to award to such Appellants their reasonable Costs, which shall be borne and paid by and out of the general Funds of the Corporation; but in case the Assessment appealed against shall be confirmed by the said Court, or the said Appellants shall fail in their said Appeal, then it shall be lawful for the said Court and they are hereby required to award to the Respondents in such Appeal their reasonable Costs, which shall be borne and paid by the said Appellants, to be taxed by the Clerk or proper Officer of the Court.

Power given
to Parishes
to object to
Assessment.

LV. And be it further enacted, That the Money which shall be assessed by the Directors and acting Guardians upon any Parish, Hamlet, or Place which shall think itself aggrieved by any such Assessment, and shall object or appeal thereto as aforesaid, shall be levied and recovered by the Churchwardens and Overseers of such Parish, Hamlet, or Place, in the same Manner, and by such and the same Ways and Means, and such Churchwardens and Overseers shall be liable to the same Penalties for Neglect thereof, as if there had not been any Objection or Appeal made to the same; and in case the Assessment so objected to or appealed against shall be found to be erroneous, and the Amount thereof be reduced, then the surplus Money, if any, which shall have been levied under the same shall, within Seven Days after the Determination of the said Appeal, be refunded by the Directors and acting Guardians to the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Parish, Hamlet, or Place aggrieved by such Assessment.

Assessments
to be raised
in the mean-
time.

LVI. And

Notice of
Appeal.

LVI. And be it further enacted, That the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of every such Parish, Hamlet, or Place so intending to appeal shall, Twenty-eight Days at least before such General Quarter Sessions of the Peace, deliver at the House for the Poor at *Barham* aforesaid a Notice in Writing of such Appeal; and upon the hearing of any such Appeal the said Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace shall not examine or inquire into any Cause of Appeal which was not specified in such Notice, amending or confirming the Assessment so appealed against.

Money for
other Pur-
poses still to
be assessed
by Church-
wardens.

LVII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That this Act shall not extend to hinder or prevent the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor for any of the Parishes, Hamlets, or Places within the said Hundred from assessing and raising any Sum or Sums of Money to make any Payment or Payments which is or are directed and required or allowed by any Law in being to be made out of the Poors Rates, but such Sum and Sums shall and may be assessed and required to be raised for such Purposes over and above the Sums assessed and required to be raised by the said Directors and acting Guardians, and shall be accounted for in such Manner as if this Act had not been passed.

Parts of
Parishes ly-
ing out of the
Hundred to
be assessed.

LVIII. And be it further enacted, That all such Houses, Lands, Tithes, and Hereditaments as are now and usually have been charged and rated to the Poors Rates of any of the Parishes within the said Hundred shall continue to be so rated although such Houses, Lands, or Hereditaments be not strictly within the said Hundred of *Bosmere* and *Claydon*; and all such Houses, Lands, and Hereditaments as have been so usually charged and rated to the Poor as aforesaid shall be and be deemed as Parcel and Part of the said Hundred of *Bosmere* and *Claydon* for all the Purposes of this Act, but for no other Purpose whatsoever.

Expences of
Act, Mort-
gages, &c.
to be paid
out of the
Rate.

LIX. And be it further enacted, That all the Costs, Charges, and Expences of procuring this Act, and incident thereto, shall be first paid out of the Monies already raised or to be raised or borrowed by virtue of this Act; and the said Directors and acting Guardians shall afterwards defray the Expence of erecting and repairing the said House of Industry and other Buildings in such Manner as they shall think proper, and of erecting such additional Buildings as aforesaid, and shall from Time to Time apply the Remainder, if any, of such Money, and also all other Money which shall come to the Hands of the said Directors and acting Guardians or their Treasurer by virtue of this Act, in defraying all Expences of maintaining and employing the Poor of the said Hundred, and all other Expences relating to the carrying of this Act into execution, and in paying the Interest of the Principal Money already borrowed and due, and which shall be borrowed as aforesaid, and also in paying off such Principal Money.

Churchwar-
dens and
Overseers to
assist and
obey Orders
of Guardians.

LX. And be it further enacted, That the Churchwardens, Overseers of the Poor, and Constables, or other Parish Officers for the Time being, of all and every the Parishes, Hamlets, and Places, Divisions and Precincts, within the said Hundred, shall from Time to Time and at all Times hereafter aid and assist the Guardians, Directors, and acting

acting Guardians, to the best of their Power, and shall at all Times obey their Warrants and reasonable Orders relative to the Execution of this Act, and shall, when ordered by the said Directors and acting Guardians, produce such Books, Rates, and Accounts as the said Directors and acting Guardians may judge necessary to see and examine for the Purpose of this Act, and if required shall, upon Oath, verify the same, which Oath any one of the Directors is hereby empowered to administer; and in case any such Churchwarden or Overseer of the Poor, or Constable or other Officer, shall refuse or neglect to raise and levy the Sums so assessed upon his respective Parish, Hamlet, or Place, Division or Precinct, or to pay at the Time and Place appointed the Money so collected and levied, or to obey any such Warrants or Orders, every such Churchwarden, Overseer, Constable, or Officer so neglecting or refusing shall for every such Neglect forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Five Pounds; but if any such Churchwarden, Overseer of the Poor, Constable, or other Officer so offending, and convicted as aforesaid, shall think himself aggrieved, then it shall and may be lawful for such respective Officer to appeal to the next Quarter Sessions to be holden for the said County of *Suffolk* at *Ipswich* aforesaid in manner and upon the Terms herein-after mentioned.

Penalty on
Neglect.

Appeal.

LXI. And be it further enacted, That all and every Certificates and Certificate which hereafter shall be delivered to the respective Parochial Officers by Persons coming to reside or residing within the said Hundred shall be from Time to Time delivered within the Space of Fourteen Days next after the Receipt thereof by such Officer or Officers to the Clerk to the said Guardians for the Time being, who shall cause the same to be filed, so that Reference may be had thereto at any future Time.

Certificates
to be deliver-
ed to the
Clerk.

LXII. And be it further enacted, That if any Person or Persons shall come to reside or inhabit within any Parish, Hamlet, or Place, whose last legal Settlement shall be in any other Parish, Hamlet, or Place within the said Hundred, such Person or Persons shall be liable to be removed to the Place of his, her, or their last legal Settlement, in the same Manner as he, she, or they would be liable, by the Laws now in being, to be removed from Parish to Parish within the said Hundred in case such Parishes, Hamlets, and Places were not incorporated by this Act or the said recited Act of the Fourth Year of the Reign of King *George* the Third, with such and the like Remedy by way of Appeal as is usual in such Cases.

Touching
the Removal
of Paupers.

LXIII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That all Expences attending the Removal of any poor Person or Persons from any Parish, Hamlet, or Place within the said Hundred to any other Parish, Hamlet, or Place within the said Hundred shall be borne and paid by the Inhabitants of the Parish, Hamlet, or Place from which any such poor Person or Persons shall be removed, without any Assistance from the said Directors and acting Guardians, any thing in this Act contained to the contrary notwithstanding; and all Expences which may be incurred by any Parish appealing against such last-mentioned Orders of Removal shall be borne and paid by the

Expences of
Removal.

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Inhabitants

Inhabitants of the Parish, Hamlet, or Place to which any such poor Person or Persons shall be removed, without any Assistance from the said Directors and acting Guardians; anything in this Act to the contrary notwithstanding.

Corporation
Books *primâ*
facie Evi-
dence of
Settlement
in certain
Cases.

LXIV. And be it further enacted, That the Corporation Books kept at the said House of Industry at *Barham* shall, as between the several Parishes, Hamlets, and Places within the said Hundred, but not as between the said Parishes, Hamlets, and Places, or any of them, and any Parish, Hamlet, or Place out of the said Hundred, be *primâ facie* Evidence that the several poor People who at the Time of the passing of this Act are maintained in the said House of Industry belong to and are settled in the Parishes, Hamlets, and Places respectively within the said Hundred to which the said poor Persons respectively are stated in the said Books to belong or be settled.

Bastardy
Bonds al-
ready given
and to be
given.

LXV. And be it further enacted, That all Bonds already given to the Guardians of the Poor appointed by virtue of the said recited Act hereby repealed for indemnifying any of the said Parishes, Hamlets, or Places from the Charges that might arise from Bastard Children shall be and remain with the said Directors and acting Guardians appointed by this Act; and it shall be lawful for the Guardians incorporated by this Act to proceed on such Bonds in their own Corporate Name, and they shall recover the Penalties thereof in the same Manner as if such Bonds had been originally made to them; and all and every Bonds and Bond which shall hereafter be given for indemnifying the said Hundred, or any Parish, Hamlet, or Place therein, against Bastard Children, or against any other Charge which may concern the said Hundred, relating to the Poor thereof, shall be made to the Guardians incorporated by this Act.

Forfeitures
given to the
Poor to be
paid to the
Treasurer.

LXVI. And be it further enacted, That all Fines, Penalties, and Forfeitures arising from any Offences committed within the said Hundred, where the Whole or any Part thereof is given to the Poor of any Parish, Hamlet, or Place within the said Hundred, or for any Offences against this Act, shall be paid to the Treasurer to the said Guardians, to the Use of the Poor of such House or Houses.

Voluntary
Contribu-
tions.

LXVII. And be it further enacted, That all Legacies, Donations, and voluntary Contributions which well-disposed and charitable Persons have already made or given, or shall think proper hereafter to make or give, towards carrying on the good Purposes by the said Act or this Act intended, shall be paid to and received by the Treasurer of the said Guardians, and be applied and disposed of in such Manner, for the Maintenance, Clothing, Employment, Accommodation, and Benefit of the Poor in such House or Houses, as the Contributor and Contributors shall direct and appoint; and if no particular Direction or Appointment shall be given or made touching the Application of such Legacy, Donation, or Contribution, the same shall be made Part of the common Stock, and applied for the general Purposes of this Act; and a List of the Name or Names of such Contributor or Contributors, and an Account of the Sums by
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him, her, or them contributed, shall be affixed in the most conspicuous Part of the said House or Houses.

LXVIII. And be it further enacted, That at all and every Meetings and Meeting of the said Guardians, or any Committee of the said Guardians or any of them, and all Meetings of the said Directors and acting Guardians, all Decisions which are not directed by this Act to be determined by Ballot, or shall not be agreed to be so determined by such Guardians and Directors, or otherwise not provided for by this Act, shall be determined by the Majority of the Persons present; and in case of an Equality of Votes the Chairman of such respective Meeting or Committee shall have the casting Vote; and in all Cases where any Questions are to be determined by Ballot the Chairman of such respective Meeting or Committee shall, in addition to his own Vote, have the casting Vote in the event of the Balls or Votes being equal in Number. Questions how to be determined.

LXIX. And be it further enacted, That all Penalties and Forfeitures inflicted or imposed by this Act (the Manner of levying and recovering whereof is not herein particularly directed) may in case of Nonpayment thereof be recovered in a summary Way by the Order and Adjudication of some Justice, or Justices of the Peace having Jurisdiction, on Complaint to him or them for that Purpose exhibited, and afterwards be levied, as well as the Costs (if any) of such Proceedings on Nonpayment, by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of the respective Offenders or Persons liable to pay the same, by Warrant under the Hand and Seal or Hands and Seals of any such Justice or Justices, who is and are hereby authorized and required to summon and examine any Witnesses of or concerning such Offence, Matters, and Things, and to hear and determine the same; and the Overplus (if any) of the Money so raised or recovered, after discharging such Penalty or Forfeitures, and the Costs and Expences as aforesaid, shall be returned to the respective Owners of the Goods and Chattels so seized and distrained; all which Penalties and Forfeitures, not herein directed to be otherwise applied, shall be paid to the Treasurer for the Time being acting under the Authority of this Act, and shall be applied in aid of the Rates to be raised within the several Parishes within the said Hundred; and it shall be lawful for the said Justice or Justices to order any Offender so convicted to be detained in safe Custody until Return can be conveniently made to such Warrant of Distress, unless such Offender can give sufficient Security, to the Satisfaction of such Justice or Justices, for his or her Appearance before the said Justice or Justices, or before some other Justice having Jurisdiction, on such Day as shall be appointed for the Return of such Warrant, such Day not being later than Five Days from the Day of taking any such Security, and which Security any such Justice or Justices is and are hereby empowered to take by way of Recognizance or otherwise; but if upon the Return of such Warrant it shall appear that no sufficient Distress can be had whereupon to levy the said Penalty or Forfeiture, and Costs and Expences as aforesaid, and the same shall not be forthwith paid, or in case it shall appear to the Satisfaction of any such Justice or Justices, upon the Confession of the Offender or otherwise, that he or she hath not sufficient Goods For the Recovery and Application of Penalties.
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and Chattels whereupon such Penalty or Forfeiture, Costs and Expences, could be levied if a Warrant of Distress were issued, such Justice or Justices shall not be required to issue such Warrant, but in such Case such Justice or Justices is and are hereby required, by Warrant under his or their Hand and Seal or Hands and Seals, to commit such Offender to some Common Gaol or House of Correction, there to remain without Bail or Mainprize for any Time not exceeding Three Calendar Months, unless such Fine, Penalty, or Forfeiture, and all Costs and Charges attending the Proceedings (to be ascertained by such Justice or Justices), shall be sooner paid and satisfied.

Directors
and Guar-
dians may
act as Jus-
tices.

LXX. And be it further enacted, That any Director or Guardian who shall be in the Commission of the Peace for the County of *Suffolk* may act as a Justice of the Peace in the Execution of this Act (except where he shall be personally interested), notwithstanding his being a Director or Guardian.

Allowing
Appeal to
the Quarter
Sessions.

LXXI. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That any Person or Persons who shall think himself, herself, or themselves aggrieved by the Conviction of any Justice or Justices of the Peace, in pursuance of this Act, may appeal to the Justices at the next General Quarter Sessions of the Peace to be holden at *Ipswich* aforesaid in the said County, every such Appellant or Appellants first giving or causing to be given Eight Days Notice at the least in Writing of his, her, or their Intention to bring such Appeal, and the Cause or Matter thereof, to the Clerk to the said Directors and acting Guardians, and within Four Days next after such Notice entering into a Recognizance before some Justice of the Peace for the said Division, with Two sufficient Sureties, conditioned to try such Appeal, and to pay such Costs as shall be awarded by the Justices of such Sessions; and the said Justices at such Sessions, upon due Proof of such Notice being given as aforesaid, and of the entering into such Recognizance, shall hear and determine the Cause and Matter of every such Appeal in a summary Way, and award such Costs to the Party appealing or appealed against as they shall think proper, and their Determination therein shall be final, binding, and conclusive to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever.

Proceedings
not to be
quashed for
Want of
Form.

LXXII. And be it further enacted, That no Order made touching or concerning any of the Matters aforesaid, or any other Proceeding to be had touching the Conviction of any Offender or Offenders against this Act, shall be quashed for Want of Form, or removed or removable by Certiorari, or any other Writ or Process whatsoever, into any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster*; and when 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 *ab initio*, on account of any Irregularity which shall be afterwards done by the Party distraining, but the Person aggrieved by such Irregularity shall and may recover full Satisfaction for the special Damage (if any) in an Action upon the Case; but no Plaintiff shall recover in any Action for such Irregularity as aforesaid if Tender of such Amends hath been made by

by or on behalf of the Party distraining before such Action shall be brought.

LXXIII. And be it further enacted, That if any Action, Suit, or Information shall be brought or commenced against any Person or Persons for any thing done in pursuance of the said recited Act of the Fourth Year of the Reign of King *George* the Third, or to be done in pursuance of this Act, the same shall be commenced within Six Calendar Months next after the Fact committed, and not afterwards, and shall be laid and brought in the County where the Matter in dispute shall arise, and not elsewhere; and the Defendant or Defendants in such Action or Suit shall and may plead the General Issue, and give this Act and the special Matters in Evidence, at any Trial to be had thereon, and that the same was done in pursuance and by the Authority of the said recited Act or of this Act respectively; and if it shall appear so to have been done or to be done, or that such Action or Suit shall have been or shall be commenced after the Time before limited for bringing the same, or shall have been or shall be brought in any other County or Place than as aforesaid, then the Jury shall find for the Defendant or Defendants; and upon a Verdict for the Defendant, or if the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs shall be nonsuited, or discontinue his, her, or their Action or Suit after the Defendant or Defendants shall have appeared, or if, upon Demurrer, Judgment shall be given against the said Plaintiff or Plaintiffs, the Defendant or Defendants shall and may recover Treble Costs, and shall have the like Remedy for the same as any Defendant or Defendants hath or have in other Cases by Law.

Limitation
of Actions.

LXXIV. And whereas Part of the several Parishes of *Bramford* and *Westerfield* in the said County of *Suffolk* is lying within the said Hundred of *Bosmere* and *Claydon*, and other Part of the said Parishes is reputed to be lying out of the said Hundred, and in the Borough of *Ipswich*; be it therefore further enacted, That the whole of the said Parishes of *Bramford* and *Westerfield*, and every Part thereof respectively, shall be considered, deemed, adjudged, and taken to be lying within the said Hundred of *Bosmere* and *Claydon* for all the several Ends, Intents, and Purposes of this Act.

Bramford
and *Wester*
field deemed
to be within
the Hundred
of *Bosmere*
and *Claydon*.

LXXV. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the Justices of the Peace of the said County of *Suffolk* for the Time being, or any Two of them, on the Twenty-fifth Day of *March* in every Year, or within Fourteen Days afterwards, to nominate and appoint Four, Three, or Two fit and proper Persons as Overseers of the Poor of those Parts of the said Parishes of *Bramford* and *Westerfield* respectively which lie without the Limits of the said Borough of *Ipswich*, and also for the Justices of the Peace of the said Borough of *Ipswich* for the Time being, on the Twenty-fifth Day of *March* in every Year, or within Fourteen Days afterwards, to nominate and appoint Four, Three, or Two other fit and proper Persons as Overseers of the Poor of those Parts of the said Parishes of *Bramford* and *Westerfield* which lie within the Limits of the said Borough of *Ipswich*, to be, together with the other Four, Three, or Two, jointly Overseers of the Poor for the ensuing Year for the

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whole of the said Parishes respectively, and to exercise and perform all Duties usually appertaining to the Office of Overseer; and in case either of them the said Justices of the Peace for the said County on the one Hand, or the said Justices of the Peace for the said Borough on the other, shall omit, neglect, refuse, or fail to make such Nomination and Appointment on the said Twenty-fifth Day of *March* or within Fourteen Days afterwards in each Year, then and so often as the same shall happen the Four, Three, or Two Persons nominated and appointed by the others of them the said Justices of the Peace for the said County or Borough respectively, as the Case may be, shall be the acting Overseers of the Poor for the whole of the said Parishes of *Bramford* and *Westerfield* respectively for the then ensuing Year; and all Acts and Orders made, done, and executed by them in the said Capacity of Overseers shall be as valid and effectual to all Intents and Purposes as if Four, Three, or Two Overseers had been appointed by the said Justices of the Peace for the said County, and Four, Three, or Two others had been appointed by the said Justices of the Peace for the said Borough, and such Eight, Six, or Four Overseers had acted conjointly.

Form of Appointment of Overseers.

LXXVI. And be it further enacted, That the several Appointments by the said Justices of the County and Borough respectively shall be in the Words or to the Effect following; (that is to say,)

‘ WE, Two of His Majesty’s Justices of the Peace acting for the
of do hereby nominate and
appoint and being substantial
Householders or Occupiers of the Parish of
in the County of to be Overseers of the Poor of
the said Parish of for the Year :
Provided that the Justices of the Peace for the
of have not, on the Twenty-fifth Day of *March*
last [*or instant*] duly and legally appointed, or do not within
Fourteen Days after the said Twenty-fifth Day of *March* duly
and legally appoint, Four, Three, or Two Overseers of the Poor
of that Part of the Parish of which lies within
[*or without*] the Limits of the Borough of *Ipswich*; and in that
Case we appoint the said Overseers
of the Poor for that Part only of the Parish of
which lies without [*or within*] the Limits of the said Borough
of *Ipswich*.’

Which said Appointment shall be a good, valid, and effectual Appointment to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever.

Act may be executed by Justices for the County as to *Bramford* and *Westerfield*.

LXXVII. And be it further enacted, That all and every and any Powers and Authorities, Acts, Orders, Deeds, Matters, and Things, which might be exercised, made, done, directed, and executed by the Justices of the Peace of the said County of *Suffolk*, or any or either of them, supposing the entire Parishes of *Bramford* and *Westerfield* respectively to be within the said County, shall and may be exercised, made, done, directed, and executed as to the whole of the said Parishes of *Bramford* and *Westerfield* respectively, and every or any Part thereof respectively, and as to all and every
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Persons and Person therein respectively, by the said Justices of the Peace for the said County, notwithstanding any Part or Parts thereof respectively may lie within the said Borough.

LXXVIII. And whereas many Indentures of Apprenticeship executed since the passing of the said recited Act of the Fourth Year of the Reign of His Majesty King *George* the Third have been executed by affixing the Common Seal of the said Corporation, together with or without the Signature of One or more of the said Directors and acting Guardians, and Doubts have arisen with respect to the Validity of such Indentures; be it therefore further enacted, That every such Indenture executed since the passing of the said recited Act shall be valid for all Intents and Purposes whatever, provided the said Common Seal of the said Corporation is affixed thereto, and without regard to the Signature or Signatures of any of the said Directors or Guardians.

As to Validity
of Indentures
of Appren-
ticeship.

LXXIX. 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.

Public Act.

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