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An Act for the better Employment and Support of the Poor in the Parishes of *Westfirle*, *Beddingham*, and *Glynde*, in the County of *Suffex*.

[20th March 1812.]

WHEREAS the Poor within the several Parishes of *Westfirle*, *Beddingham*, and *Glynde*, in the County of *Suffex*, have of late Years considerably increased, and might be much more comfortably and economically maintained, the Condition of the Aged and Infirm ameliorated, and the Instruction of the Young improved, if a House or Houses were provided for their Reception under certain Regulations, and proper Powers granted for their Support, Government, and Employment; 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 from and after the passing of this Act all and every Person and Persons rated and assessed to the Relief of the Poor of any of the said Parishes, and seized in his or their own Right, or in Right of their Wives, of Freehold or Copyhold Messuages, Lands, Tythes, Tenements or Hereditaments, situate or arising in all or any of the said Parishes, either in Fee or for Life or Lives, or for a Term of Ten Years absolute or upwards, or for a Term of Years determinable on one or more Life or Lives, of the yearly Value of Ten Pounds or upwards; and also all and every Person and Persons rated and assessed to the Relief of the Poor for or in respect of any Messuages, Lands, Tythes or Tenements, situate or arising within

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all or any of such Parishes, of the yearly Value of Forty Pounds or upwards; and also the Vicars for the Time being of the said several Parishes; and also Two Persons to be nominated, the One by the Owner for the Time being of the Mansion called *Firle Place*, and the other by the Owner for the Time being of the Mansion called *Glynde Place*, shall be and are hereby declared to be incorporated, and shall be called by the Name of

Their Title. 'The Guardians of the House of Industry for the Parishes of *Westfirle*, *Beddingham*, and *Glynde*, in the County of *Suffex*,' and shall be and be deemed and taken to be One Body Politic and Corporate in Law to all Intents and Purposes, and shall have perpetual Succession and a Common Seal, and shall be enabled to sue and plead, and be sued by that Name in all Courts whatsoever, and by that Name shall and may without Licence in Mortmain purchase, take or receive any Messuages, Lands, Tenements or Hereditaments, not exceeding Ten Acres of Land in the Whole, and take and receive the Gift, Alienation or Devise of any Person or Persons for any Estate or Interest whatsoever; and all Persons are hereby enabled to convey and devise the same, and to give and bequeath any Goods, Money or Chattels whatsoever for the Use and Benefit of the Corporation aforesaid; and by that Name the said Corporation may and are hereby empowered to convey, assign, transfer, or dispose of any such Messuages, Lands, Tenements or Hereditaments, Money, Goods or Chattels, or any other Messuages, Lands, Tenements or Hereditaments, Money, Goods or Chattels, which they may hereafter purchase for the Purposes of this Act, as there shall be Occasion, subject to the Restrictions, Provisions, and Regulations herein-after contained.

First Meeting
of Guardians
to choose
Directors.

II. And be it further enacted, That the said Guardians, or so many of them as shall think fit, shall on the Fourteenth Day of *May* One thousand eight hundred and twelve, between the Hours of Ten and Eleven of the Clock of the same Day, assemble at the *Ram Inn*, in *Westfirle* aforesaid, and shall then and there by Ballot nominate and appoint Six of the most discreet of the Guardians, who shall be usually resident in some or one of the said Parishes, to be Directors, which Six Persons, so nominated and appointed, shall be and be called Directors of the House of Industry for the united Parishes of *Westfirle*, *Beddingham*, and *Glynde*, in the said County; and the said Directors so nominated and appointed, shall be and continue Directors until the Second *Thursday* after *Easter* One thousand eight hundred and thirteen; and that on the *Thursday* next before *Easter* One thousand eight hundred and thirteen, Three of the said Directors shall be ballotted to go out of the said Direction, which said Three Directors so ballotted to go out of the said Direction, shall on the Second *Thursday* after *Easter* One thousand eight hundred and thirteen cease to be Directors, or to have any Share in the said Direction, (unless in case of Re-election), and the Remainder shall continue to act as such Directors, and Three Directors shall be elected as herein-after mentioned in the Place of those going out; which said Three Directors so to be elected, together with the remaining Three Directors, shall be and continue Directors for One Year, ending on the Second *Thursday* after *Easter* One thousand eight hundred and fourteen, and at the Expiration thereof the said Three Directors who shall not have been ballotted out in the Year preceding shall quit the said Direction, (unless in case of Re-election), and Three Directors shall be elected in their Place in the Manner herein-after mentioned, who with the remaining Three Directors who shall have

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been elected in the Year preceding, shall in like Manner be and continue Directors for One Year ending on the Second *Thursday* after *Easter* then next ensuing; and at the End of that Year the said Three Directors, who shall not have been elected in the preceding Year, (unless in case of Re-election), shall quit the said Direction, and Three Directors shall be elected in their Place, in the Manner herein-after mentioned, and so from Year to Year, ending on the Second *Thursday* after *Easter* in each Year; the Persons who shall have served as Directors for Two Years successively without Re-election, shall at the End of each Year quit the Direction, (unless in case of Re-election), and Three Directors shall be chosen in their Room, in the Manner herein-after mentioned, who shall be and continue Directors until they shall respectively be displaced as aforesaid, when others shall be elected in their Room as aforesaid, which Mode of Succession shall be invariably observed in every succeeding Year for ever.

III. And be it further enacted, That the Three Persons who in each Year, beginning with the Year One thousand eight hundred and thirteen, are to be chosen Directors of the said Poor in the Room of those who shall then quit the said Office, shall be elected and chosen in Manner following; (that is to say), on the *Thursday* next preceding *Easter* One thousand eight hundred and thirteen, between the Hours of Ten and Eleven of the Clock in the Forenoon, and on the *Thursday* next preceding *Easter* in each succeeding Year, between the same Hours, such of the said Guardians as shall think fit shall assemble at the *Ram Inn*, in *Westfirie* aforesaid, until the House to be erected for the Purposes of this Act shall have been erected; and after such House shall have been erected, then at such House, and shall then and there elect by Ballot Three of the most discreet of the said Guardians, who shall be usually resident in some or one of the said Parishes, to be Directors, which said Directors, so elected as last aforesaid, shall be and continue Directors in the Place of those quitting the said Direction, for the Space of Two Years, ending on the Second *Thursday* after *Easter*; which Mode of Election shall invariably be observed in every succeeding Year; and in every such Election, the Directors quitting the said Direction shall not on that Account be disqualified from Re-election.

Guardians to choose succeeding Directors.

IV. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That if by any Means the annual Election of Directors shall not take place on the *Thursday* next preceding *Easter* in any Year, it shall be lawful for the Directors for the Time being, and they are hereby required to summon another Meeting of the said Guardians, for the Purpose of making such Election, between the Hours of Ten and Eleven o'Clock in the Forenoon on any Day before the Second *Thursday* after *Easter*, of which Meeting and of the Purposes thereof the said Directors are hereby required to cause Three Days Notice to be given on some *Sunday* in every One of the Parish Churches of *Westfirie*, *Beddingham*, and *Glynde*; and at such Meeting the said Guardians are authorized and required to proceed to the Election of new Directors, in the same Manner as if the Election had taken place on the *Thursday* next preceding *Easter*.

Directors may summon a Meeting of Guardians to choose new Directors.

V. And be it further enacted, That in case of the Death or Removal out of the said Parishes, or the neglecting or refusing to act, or to con-

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to continue to act, of any of the said Directors before the Expiration of the Term for which he or they shall be elected in pursuance of this Act, it shall be lawful for the surviving and remaining Directors, or any Three or more of them, and they are hereby required to cause Notice to be given on some *Sunday* in each of the Parish Churches of *Westfirle, Beddingham,* and *Glynde* aforesaid; which Notice, and all other Notices hereby so directed to be given, the Minister or Curate officiating in such respective Churches is hereby required to read, or cause to be read immediately before the Sermon, of the Time of a Meeting of the said Guardians, to be had for the Purpose of electing a new Director or Directors in the Room of the Director or Directors so dying, removing, neglecting, or refusing to act; and such Meeting shall be appointed to be holden within Ten Days from the Time of giving such Notice; and such Notice shall be given Three Days at least before the Time of holding such Meeting; and the Guardians present at such Meeting are hereby respectively required by Ballot to elect one or more of the most discreet of the said Guardians, who shall be usually resident in some or One of the said Parishes, to fill up such Vacancy or Vacancies as may so happen as aforesaid, to hold the said Office of Director or Directors for the Remainder of the Term for which the Director or Directors so dying, removing, neglecting or refusing to act, was or were nominated or appointed; and every Director so from Time to Time to be elected shall have the same Power and Authority to act in the Execution of this Act, as the Director in whose Place he shall be so elected had or might have had by virtue of this Act.

Chairman of Meetings of Guardians to transmit the Names of Directors.

VI. And be it further enacted, That at the Meetings of the said Guardians a Chairman shall be appointed, which Chairman for the Time being of every such Meeting of the Guardians, at which any Election of a Director or Directors shall take place, shall and he is hereby required, within Seven Days after the Election of any Director or Directors so elected at such Meeting as aforesaid, to transmit the Name or Names of such Director or Directors so elected, unto the Clerk of the said Directors, to be appointed as herein-after mentioned, or in case there shall be no Clerk, to the next Meeting of the said Directors.

Directors to take an Oath.

VII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That every Director nominated or appointed under the Powers of this Act, before he shall take upon himself the Execution of any of the Powers and Authorities hereby given to the said Directors, except of administering the Oath to be taken by the said Directors, shall take an Oath in the Form following; that is to say,

The Oath.

I *A. B.* do swear, That I will truly, faithfully and impartially, according to the best of my Judgment, act in the Execution and Performance of all and every the Trusts, Powers and Authorities vested in me as a Director, by virtue of an Act passed in the Year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and twelve, intituled, [*here set forth the Title of this Act*].

So help me GOD.

Which Oath shall and may be administered by any Three or more of the Persons nominated or appointed Directors, to any other or others of them.

VIII. And be it further enacted, That if any Person who shall be duly nominated or appointed to the Office of Director by virtue of this Act shall wilfully, and without reasonable Cause, to be allowed by the Justices before whom the Penalty herein-after mentioned is directed to be recovered, refuse or neglect to accept and take upon himself such Office, or to take the said Oath, being thereunto required by Notice in Writing, under the Hands of Two or more of the said Directors, given to him or left at his usual Place of Abode, appointing a Time and Place for him to attend and take the said Oath, or in lieu of accepting such Office shall wilfully and designedly, and without reasonable Cause, to be allowed by such Justices as aforesaid, refuse or neglect to act therein from Time to Time, for and during the Time for which he shall be appointed to serve as before mentioned, as the Duty of his Office shall require, then and in every such Case, upon Complaint made by any of the Directors to be appointed in pursuance of this Act, or by the Clerk or Treasurer of the said Directors, or any Two of the said Guardians, and Oath made by some credible Witness before any Two or more of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the said County of *Sussex*, of such Refusal or Neglect, each and every Person so offending shall for every such Offence forfeit and pay a Sum not exceeding Twenty Pounds, to be levied and applied as other Penalties and Forfeitures are by this Act directed to be levied and applied; and another Person shall be elected in his Place, in the Manner herein-before directed.

Directors to accept the Office or be fined, and another elected.

IX. Provided also, and be it further enacted; That no Person shall be liable (without his own Consent) to take upon himself the Office of Director who shall have acted in such Office during Two successive Years, until Two Years after he shall have ceased to act, or who shall be by Law exempt from the Execution of Parochial Offices, or who shall be of the Age of Seventy Years or upwards; neither shall any Person under the Age of Twenty-one Years be capable to take upon himself the Office of a Director.

Persons exempted and incapacitated from serving as Directors.

X. Provided also, and be it further enacted, That in the Election of the Directors herein-before provided due Regard shall be had to the Parishes in which such Directors respectively reside, so that at least One of the said Directors may be resident in every one of the said Parishes of *Westfirle*, *Beddingham*, and *Glynde*.

One Director to be elected from each of the incorporated Parishes.

XI. And be it further enacted, That the said Directors shall and they are hereby required to hold their first Meeting at the *Ram Inn* in *Westfirle* aforesaid, on the Second *Thursday* after their Appointment, between the Hours of Ten and Eleven of the Clock in the Forenoon, and shall then and there proceed to the Execution of this Act, and shall afterwards meet at such Place in either of the said Parishes as to them shall seem fit, until the House to be provided for the Purposes of this Act shall have been provided; and when the same shall have been provided, then at such House between the Hours aforesaid, on the First *Thursday* in every Month, for the Purpose of carrying this Act into Execution, without any Notice being given to the said Directors of such Monthly Meeting.

Meetings of the Directors.

XII. And be it further enacted, That General Quarterly Meetings shall be holden in pursuance of this Act, at the following Times in every

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Year; (that is to say), on the First *Thursday* in *January*, the Second *Thursday* after *Easter*, the First *Thursday* in *July*, and the First *Thursday* in *October*, between the Hours of Ten and Eleven of the Clock in the Forenoon of every of the said Days respectively; and that the First of the said Quarterly Meetings shall be holden on such of the said Days as shall happen next after the passing of this Act, at the *Ram Inn* in *Westfrie* aforesaid; and all subsequent General Quarterly Meetings shall be holden at such Place as the Directors present at their Quarterly Meetings shall from Time to Time direct, until the House to be provided for the Purposes of this Act shall have been provided, and afterwards at such House; at which Quarterly Meetings, any of the said Guardians shall have free Liberty to attend, but all Questions shall be decided by the said Directors exclusively; except only in Cases where the said Guardians are by this Act expressly authorized to decide.

Occasional Meetings.

XIII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for any Two or more of the said Directors, if they shall see Occasion, to summon a Meeting of the said Directors at any Time or Place within any One of the said Parishes, by giving Two Days Notice in Writing of such Meeting, and of the Object or Cause thereof, to be delivered to the said Directors respectively, or left at his or their usual Place of Residence.

Quorum of the Directors.

XIV. And be it further enacted, That all the Powers and Authorities by this Act granted to and vested in the said Directors, shall and may be exercised and executed by the major Part of the Directors present at any Meeting holden pursuant to this Act, (the Number of Directors present at such Meeting not being less than Three, except in Cases where any other Number is herein particularly mentioned or directed); and all Acts, Orders and Proceedings of such major Part so present, shall have the same Force and Effect as if done or made by all the Directors.

Business to be done by Directors at Meetings.

XV. And be it further enacted, That no Business to be done or transacted by the said Directors, or by any Number of the said Directors in pursuance of this Act, except such Business as any Two or other less Number are hereby empowered to do, shall be by them done or transacted, except at Meetings to be holden in pursuance of this Act.

Chairman to be chosen.

XVI. And be it further enacted, That the Directors present at every Meeting shall, before they proceed to any other Business, except administering the Oath to Directors, elect One of the Directors then present to be Chairman of such Meeting; and in case such Directors shall be equally divided in the Election of a Chairman, the Election shall be decided by Lot; and when and as often as there shall be an equal Number of Votes upon any Question, (including the Vote of the said Chairman), then and in every such Case the Chairman shall have the casting or decisive Vote.

Bye Laws may be made.

XVII. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Directors, or the major Part of them present at any Meeting to be holden in pursuance of this Act, such Number present not being less than Three, and they are hereby empowered from Time to Time to make such Bye Laws, Rules, Orders, and Regulations for the regulating their own Proceedings, and for the good Conduct and Behaviour of the several Officers

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and Servants employed by the said Directors in the Execution of this Act, and for the better maintaining, governing, employing, managing, and regulating the Poor for the Time being under their Management; and likewise from Time to Time to vary, alter, amend or repeal all or any of such Bye Laws, Rules, Orders and Regulations, and to fix and appoint such reasonable Fines and Penalties for the Breach or Non-performance of any such Bye Law, Rule, Order or Regulation, or of any Part thereof, as to them shall seem proper and expedient, so that no such Fine or Penalty shall exceed the Sum of Twenty Pounds; and all such Bye Laws, Rules, Orders, and Regulations when made, and all Alterations, Variations, and Amendments thereof, shall be submitted to some Quarterly Meeting, for the Approbation of the major Part of the Guardians who shall be present at such Quarterly Meeting, and shall afterwards be fairly written or printed, and shall be placed or affixed in some conspicuous Place in the said House to be provided for the Purposes of this Act; and all such Bye Laws, Rules, Orders, and Regulations when so made, approved of, printed or written and affixed, shall be good and binding upon all Persons concerned, provided that the same be not inconsistent with or repugnant to the Laws of this Realm, or inconsistent with or repugnant to the Provisions and Directions in this Act contained; and the same shall be subject to Appeal in Manner herein-after mentioned.

XVIII. And be it further enacted, That no Bye Law, Rule, Order, Regulation, Act, or Proceeding of the said Directors, shall be varied, altered, amended or repealed, except at some Meeting of the said Directors to be holden for that Purpose, of which Meeting and of the Purpose thereof at least Ten Days Notice, either written or printed, with the Name of the Clerk to the said Directors annexed thereto, shall be given to or left at the last or usual Place of Residence of each and every Director.

Repeal of
Bye Laws.

XIX. And be it further enacted, That all such Bye Laws, Rules, Orders and Regulations, and all other Acts, Orders, and Proceedings of the said Directors, shall be entered in a Book or Books to be provided for that Purpose, and shall be signed by the Chairman of the Meeting at which the same shall be made, and which Book or Books may be produced and read in Evidence in all Courts and Places whatsoever; and all the said Guardians shall at all seasonable Times have free Access to such Book or Books.

Entry of
Directors
Proceedings.

XX. And be it further enacted, That the said Directors so from Time to Time to be elected as aforesaid, shall and they are hereby authorized by Agreement amongst themselves respectively, to divide themselves into Two Committees, to consist of Three Directors each, and to act in Rotation for the Four Quarters of the Year; and each Committee shall in the Quarters for which it shall be appointed to act, meet weekly at such Time and Place as shall from Time to Time be appointed at any General Quarterly Meeting; and as soon as the House to be provided as herein-after mentioned, shall have been provided, One of the Directors composing such Committee shall at least Twice in every Week visit such House, and examine into the Condition and Management of the poor Persons who shall from Time to Time be under the Management of the said Directors.

Committees
of Directors
to be appointed.

XXI. And

Directors to defray their own Expences.

Directors being Justices may act as such under this Act.

Directors may appoint Officers.

Officers not to be appointed without Notice to all the Directors.

Treasurer, &c. to give Security.

Accounts to be stated and audited.

XXI. And be it further enacted, That the Directors present at all Meetings to be holden in pursuance of this Act shall defray their own Expences, except only that any Sum not exceeding Twenty Shillings may be paid by the Treasurer towards the Expences of every Monthly Meeting; and all such Directors as shall be Justices of the Peace may act as Justices in the Execution of this Act, (except in Cases where they shall be personally interested), notwithstanding their being Directors or Guardians.

XXII. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Directors, by any Writing under the Common Seal of the said Guardians, from Time to Time to appoint a Treasurer of the Monies herein-after directed to be raised and paid for the Purposes of this Act, and of any other Property which may belong to the said Guardians; a Clerk, Master or Masters, Mistress or Mistresses of the House to be erected for the Purposes of this Act, and also a proper Instructor or Instructors of the poor Children belonging to the said several Parishes, and such other Officer or Officers as they shall think necessary or proper for the Performance of the Purposes of this Act, taking such Security from them respectively for the due Execution of their Offices, as they the said Directors shall think proper; and the said Directors may from Time to Time remove such Treasurer, Clerk, or other Officers or Persons aforesaid, and appoint others in the Room of such of them as shall be so removed or shall die, or discontinue or resign, or become incapable of performing his, her, or their Office, or Employment; and the said Directors are hereby empowered to allow and pay to every such Officer or other Person such Salary out of the Funds to be created for the Purposes of this Act as the said Directors shall think proper.

XXIII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That the said Directors shall, before they proceed to the Election of any such Treasurer, Clerk, Master or Masters, Mistress or Mistresses, Instructor or Instructors, or such other Officer or Officers, at some Meeting of the said Directors, appoint a Time and Place for such Election, and cause Three Days Notice in Writing thereof to be given, signed by their Clerk or Chairman, to all the Directors for the Time being, which Notice shall be delivered to the said Directors, or left at their usual Places of Abode.

XXIV. And be it further enacted, That the said Directors shall and they are hereby required to take such Security from every Treasurer to be appointed in pursuance of this Act for the faithful Execution of his Office, as the said Directors shall think sufficient.

XXV. And be it further enacted, That the said Directors shall at their Quarterly Meetings herein-before appointed to be holden, or oftener if they shall see Occasion, inspect the Accounts of the said Directors, of the said Treasurer, and of the Master or Mistress, or Masters or Mistresses, and all other Persons to be chosen and appointed under this Act, and all other Accounts of the said Directors relating to the Trusts in the said Directors reposed, at which Quarterly Meetings and other Meetings of the said Directors, held for the Purposes aforesaid, the said Treasurer shall produce an Account in Writing of all Monies by him received.

received and paid, and the Vouchers for the same; and the said Master or Mistress shall also produce an Account in Writing of all Monies by him or her received and paid, together with proper Vouchers for such Payments; and also shall deliver a distinct Account in Writing of the Names and Number of Persons who shall for the Time being be under the Management of the said Directors, distinguishing their Age and Sex, and to what Parishes they respectively belong, and how much Money has been earned by their Labour in the preceding Quarter, and of all other Matters and Things committed to his or her Charge by virtue of this Act; and all such other Officers so to be appointed as aforesaid shall under their Hands, at such Time or Times and in such Manner as the said Directors shall direct, deliver to the said Directors, or to such Person or Persons as they shall appoint, true and perfect Accounts in Writing of all Matters and Things committed to their Charge by virtue of this Act, and of any Monies which shall or may have been by such Officers respectively received by virtue and for the Purposes of this Act, and how much thereof hath been expended and disbursed, and for what Purpose, together with proper Vouchers for such Payments, and shall pay all such Monies as shall remain due from them respectively to the said Directors, or to such Person or Persons as they shall appoint to receive the same; and such Accounts shall be left at the House to be provided for the Purposes of this Act, and shall be open at all seasonable Times to the Inspection of all and every Person and Persons who shall be assessed to the Rates for the Relief of the Poor in any or either of the said Parishes; and such Treasurer, Master or Mistress, or other Officer, shall also verify on Oath (if required by Three or more of the said Directors) the Truth of such Accounts, which Oath the said Directors or any Three or more of them are hereby empowered to administer; a General Statement of which Accounts shall be produced annually by the said Directors, within Ten Days next after the Second *Thursday* after *Easter* in each Year.

XXVI. And be it further enacted, That if any such Treasurer, Master or Mistress, or other Officer, shall refuse or neglect to make and render, or to verify upon Oath any such Account, or produce and deliver up the Vouchers relating to the same, or to make Payment as aforesaid, or shall refuse or wilfully neglect to deliver to the said Directors, or to such Person or Persons as they shall appoint to receive the same, within Three Days after being thereunto required by the said Directors, by Notice in Writing given to or left at the last usual Place or Places of Abode of such Treasurer, Master, or Mistress, or other Officer, all Books, Papers, and Writings in his, her, or their Custody or Power, relating to the Execution of this Act, or give Satisfaction to the said Directors respecting the same, then and in every such Case, upon Complaint made by the said Directors, or by such Person or Persons as they shall appoint for that Purpose, of any such Refusal or wilful Neglect as aforesaid, to any Justice of the Peace for the County, City, or Place wherein such Treasurer, Master or Mistress, or other Officer so refusing or wilfully neglecting shall be or reside, such Justice may and he is hereby authorized and required to issue a Summons or Warrant under his Hand and Seal, for such Treasurer, Master or Mistress, or other Officer so refusing or neglecting to appear before him, and upon his, her, or their appearing, or having been summoned not appearing, without some reasonable or sufficient Excuse, or not being to be found, to hear and determine the Matter in a summary Way; and if

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upon the Confession of the Party, or by the Testimony of any credible Witness or Witnesses upon Oath, (which Oath such Justice is hereby empowered to administer), it shall appear to such Justice that any of the Monies which shall have been received by virtue of this Act shall remain due from such Treasurer, Master or Mistress, or other Officer, such Justice may and he is hereby authorized and required, upon Non-payment thereof, by Warrant under his Hand and Seal, to cause such Money to be levied by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of such Treasurer, Master or Mistress, or other Officer; and if no Goods or Chattels of such Treasurer, Master or Mistress, or other Officer, can be found sufficient to answer and satisfy the said Money, and the Charges of distraining and selling the said Goods and Chattels, or if it shall appear to such Justice that such Treasurer, Master or Mistress, or other Officer, shall have refused or wilfully neglected to render and give such Account, or to verify the same as aforesaid, or to produce the Vouchers relating thereto, or that any Books, Papers, or Writings, relating to the Execution of this Act, shall be in the Custody or Power of such Treasurer, Master or Mistress, or other Officer, and he, she, or they shall have refused or wilfully neglected to deliver or give Satisfaction respecting the same as aforesaid; then and in each and every such Case such Justice shall commit such Offender or Offenders to the Common Gaol or House of Correction for the City, County, or Place where such Offender or Offenders shall be or reside, there to remain without Bail or Mainprize, until he, she, or they shall give and make a true and perfect Account and Payment as aforesaid, or until he, she, or they shall have compounded with the said Directors, in such Manner as they shall appoint, (which Composition the said Directors are hereby empowered to make and receive), and until he, she, or they shall deliver up such Books, Papers, and Writings, or give Satisfaction in respect thereof, to the said Directors; but no such Offender or Offenders shall be detained or kept in such Common Gaol or House of Correction for want of sufficient Distress by virtue of this Act, for any longer Space of Time than Three Calendar Months.

Directors
may make
Contracts for
the Purchase
of Lands.

XXVII. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful to and for the said Directors and they are hereby authorized and empowered, as soon as conveniently may be after the passing of this Act, to contract and agree for the absolute Purchase in Fee Simple of any Freehold Messuages, Lands, Tenements or Hereditaments, or of the Customary Estate of Inheritance in any Copyhold or Customary Messuages, Lands, Tenements or Hereditaments within any of the said Parishes of *Westfirkle*, *Beddingham*, and *Glynde*, (provided the same do not exceed Ten Acres in the Whole), with any Body Politic, Corporate or Collegiate, or any Tenant or Tenants for Life, or in Fee Tail general or special, or for Years determinable on any Life or Lives, or with any Feoffees in Trust, Executors, Administrators, Husbands, Guardians, Committees for Lunatics and Idiots, or other Trustees whomsoever, not only for and on Behalf of themselves, their Heirs and Successors, but also for and on Behalf of their *Cestuique* Trusts, whether Infants or Issue unborn, Lunatics, Idiots, or Femmes Covert, who are or shall be seized, possessed, or interested in their own Right, or with any Person or Persons who shall be willing to sell the same for the Purposes of this Act; and it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Directors and their Successors to hold such Lands, Tenements and Hereditaments so purchased, without incurring or being subject

subject to any of the Penalties or Forfeitures of the Statute of Mortmain, or of any other Law or Statute whatsoever to the contrary thereof in anywise notwithstanding.

XXVIII. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for all Bodies Politic, Corporate or Collegiate, Corporations Aggregate or Sole, and all Tenants for Life, or in Fee Tail general or special, or for Years determinable on any Life or Lives, and all Feoffees in Trust, Executors, Administrators, Husbands, Guardians, Committees for Lunatics or Idiots, or other Trustees, not only for and on Behalf of themselves, their Heirs and Successors, but also for and on Behalf of their *Cestuique* Trusts, whether Infants or Issue unborn, Lunatics, Idiots, or Femes Covert, who are or shall be seised in their own Right, and all and every Person or Persons who are or shall be seised, possessed of, or interested in such Messuages, Lands, Tenements or Hereditaments, or any Part thereof, which shall be thought necessary by the said Directors to be purchased for any of the Purposes of this Act, to treat, contract, and agree with the said Directors for the Sale thereof, or of any Part thereof, and to sell and convey all or any Part thereof, and all the Estate and Interest therein, to the said Directors for any of the Purposes of this Act; and all Contracts, Agreements, Bargains, Sales and Conveyances, which shall be so made by virtue and in pursuance of this Act, shall without any Fine or Fines, Recovery or Recoveries, or other Conveyances or Assurances in the Law whatsoever, be good, valid and effectual to all Intents and Purposes, not only to convey the Estate and Interest of the Person and Persons conveying, but also to convey all Right, Estate, Interest, Use, Property, Claim and Demand whatsoever of their several and respective *Cestuique* Trusts, and all Persons claiming or to claim by, from, or under them, and of all Persons entitled in Remainder or Reversion, expectant on any such particular Estate, and the same shall be deemed and considered to bar the Dower and Dowery of such Person and Persons, and all Estates Tail and other Estates in Possession, Reversion, Remainder or Expectancy, any Law, Statute, Usage, or any other Matter or Thing whatsoever, to the contrary thereof in anywise notwithstanding; and all Bodies Politic, Corporate or Collegiate, Corporations Aggregate or Sole, and all Tenants for Life or Lives, or in Fee Tail general or special, or for Years determinable on any Life or Lives, and all Feoffees in Trust, Executors, Administrators, Husbands, Guardians, Committees, Trustees, and all other Persons, are and shall be hereby indemnified for what they shall do by virtue and in pursuance of this Act.

Bodies Politic and Corporate empowered to sell.

XXIX. And be it further enacted, That if there shall be any Money paid or agreed to be paid for any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments purchased by virtue of the Powers of this Act, for the Purposes thereof, which shall belong to any Body Politic, Corporate or Collegiate, or to any Feoffee in Trust, Executor, Administrator, Husband, Guardian, Committee, or other Trustee, for or on Behalf of any Infant, Lunatic, Idiot, Feme Covert, or other *Cestuique* Trust, or to any Person whose Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments are limited in strict or other Settlement, or to any Person under any other Disability or Incapacity whatsoever, such Money shall, in case the same shall amount to or exceed the Sum of Two hundred Pounds, with all convenient Speed be paid into the Bank of *England*, in the Name and with the Privity of the Accountant

Application of Compensation Money when amounting to 200l.

General of the High Court of Chancery, to be placed to his Account there *ex parte* the said Directors, or any Three or more of them, to the Intent that such Money shall be applied under the Direction and with the Approbation of the said Court, to be signified by an Order made upon a Petition to be preferred in a summary Way by the Person or Persons who would have been entitled to the Rents and Profits of the said Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, in the Purchase or Redemption of the Land Tax, or Discharge of any Debt or Debts, or such other Incumbrance, or Part thereof, as the said Court shall authorize to be paid, affecting the same Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, or affecting other Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments standing settled therewith to the same or the like Uses, Intents, and Purposes; or where such Money shall not be so applied, then the same shall be laid out and invested under the like Direction and Approbation of the said Court, in the Purchase of other Lands, Tenements or Hereditaments, which shall be conveyed and settled to, for, and upon the like Uses, Trusts, Intents and Purposes, and in the same Manner as the Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments which shall be so purchased, taken, or used as aforesaid, stood settled or limited, or such of them as at the Time of making such Conveyance and Settlement shall be existing undetermined, and capable of taking Effect; and in the mean Time, and until such Purchase shall be made, the said Money shall, by Order of the Court of Chancery, upon Application thereto, be invested by the said Accountant General in his Name, in the Purchase of Three Pounds *per Centum* Consolidated or Reduced Bank Annuities; and in the mean Time, and until such Bank Annuities shall be ordered by the said Court to be sold for the Purposes aforesaid, the Dividends and annual Produce thereof shall from Time to Time be paid, by Order of the said Court, to the Person or Persons who would for the Time being have been entitled to the Rents and Profits of the said Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments so hereby directed to be purchased, in case such Purchase or Settlement were made.

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XXX. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That if there shall be any Money to be paid for any Messuages, Lands, Tenements or Hereditaments purchased for the Purposes aforesaid, belonging to any such Corporation, or to any Person or Persons under Disability or Incapacity as aforesaid, which shall be less than the Sum of Two hundred Pounds, and which shall exceed or be equal to the Sum of Twenty Pounds, then and in all such Cases the same shall, at the Option of the Person or Persons for the Time being entitled to the Rents and Profits of the Messuages, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments so purchased, taken or used, or of his, her, or their Guardian or Guardians, Committee or Committees, in case of Infancy or Lunacy, to be signified by Writing under their respective Hands, be paid into the Bank in the Name and with the Privity of the said Accountant General of the High Court of Chancery, and be placed to his Account as aforesaid, in order to be applied in the Manner hereinbefore directed, or otherwise the same shall be paid, at the like Option, to two Trustees to be nominated by the Person or Persons making such Option, and approved of by the said Directors, (such Nomination and Approbation to be signified in Writing under the Hands of the nominating and approving Parties), in order that such Principal Money, and the Dividends arising thereon, may be applied in the Manner hereinbefore directed, so far as the Case may be applicable, without obtaining or being required to obtain the Direction or Approbation of the said Court of Chancery.

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XXXI. Provided also, and be it further enacted, That where such Money so to be paid as aforesaid, shall be less than Twenty Pounds, then and in all such Cases the same shall be applied to the Use of the Person or Persons who would for the Time being have been entitled to the Rents and Profits of the Messuages, Lands, Tenements and Hereditaments so purchased or taken for the Purposes of this Act, in such Manner as the said Directors or any Three or more of them shall think fit; or in case of Infancy or Lunacy, then such Money shall be paid to his, her, or their Guardian or Guardians, Committee or Committees, to and for the Use and Benefit of such Person or Persons so entitled respectively.

Application where the Money is less than 20l.

XXXII. Provided also, and be it further enacted, That where any Question shall arise touching the Title of any Person to any Money to be paid into the Bank of *England*, in the Name and with the Privity of the Accountant General of the Court of Chancery, in pursuance of this Act, for the Purchase of any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, or of any Estate, Right, or Interest in any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments to be purchased in pursuance of this Act, or to any Bank Annuities to be purchased with any such Money, or the Dividends or Interest of any such Bank Annuities, the Person or Persons who shall have been in Possession of such Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments at the Time of such Purchase, and all Persons claiming under such Person or Persons, or under the Possession of such Person or Persons, shall be deemed and taken to have been lawfully entitled to such Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, according to such Possession, until the contrary shall be shewn to the Satisfaction of the said Court of Chancery, and the Dividends and Interest of the Bank Annuities to be purchased, with such Money, and also the Capital of such Bank Annuities, shall be paid, applied, and disposed of accordingly, unless it shall be made appear to the said Court that such Possession was a wrongful Possession, and that some other Person or Persons was or were entitled to such Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, or to some Estate or Interest therein.

Respecting disputed Titles.

XXXIII. Provided also, and be it further enacted, That where by Reason of any Disability or Incapacity of the Person or Persons or Corporation entitled to any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments to be purchased under the Authority of this Act, the Purchase Money for the same shall be required to be paid into the Court of Chancery, and to be applied in the Purchase of other Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, to be settled to the like Uses in pursuance of this Act, it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Court of Chancery to order the Expences of all Purchases from Time to Time to be made in pursuance of this Act, or so much of such Expences as the said Court shall deem reasonable, to be paid by the said Directors out of the Monies to be received by virtue of this Act, who shall from Time to Time pay such Sum of Money for such Purposes as the said Court shall direct.

The Court may order reasonable Expences of Purchases to be paid by Directors.

XXXIV. And be it further enacted, That upon Payment of the Money so contracted or agreed to be paid for the Purchase of such Messuages, Lands, Tenements or Hereditaments by the said Directors, to the Person or Persons respectively entitled to such Monies or their Agents, or upon Payment thereof into the Bank of *England*, for the Purpose of being disposed of in the Manner herein-before directed, and upon the Conveyance

On Payment of Purchase Money Premises to be conveyed.

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in the Manner herein-after directed made of such Messuages, Lands, Tenements or Hereditaments, all the Estate, Right, Title, Use, Trust, Property, Claim and Demand in Law and Equity, of the Person or Persons respectively for whose Use the same shall be paid, into or out of such Messuages, Lands, Tenements and Hereditaments, shall vest in the said Directors and their Successors for ever, for the Purposes of this Act.

Premises
vested in
Directors.

Form of
Conveyance.

XXXV. And be it further enacted, That all Sales, Conveyances and Assurances of any Messuages, Lands, Tenements or Hereditaments to be made to the said Directors and their Successors, shall be made in the Form or to the Effect following; (*videlicet*)

‘ I *A.B.* of _____ in Consideration of the Sum of _____
 ‘ paid by the Directors of the House of Industry
 ‘ for the United Parishes of *Westfisle, Beddingham, and Glynde*, in the
 ‘ County of *Suffex*, acting by virtue of an Act of Parliament, passed in
 ‘ the Fifty-second Year of the Reign of King *George* the Third, intituled,
 ‘ [*here insert the Title of this Act*] do hereby grant and release to the said
 ‘ Directors and their Successors, all [*here describe the Premises to be conveyed*]
 ‘ and all my Right, Title, and Interest to and in the same, and every Part
 ‘ thereof; to hold to the said Directors and their Successors for ever. In
 ‘ Witness whereof, I have hereunto set my Hand and Seal, this
 ‘ _____ Day of _____ in the Year of our Lord One thousand
 ‘ eight hundred and _____

And every such Sale, Conveyance, and Assurance so made, shall be good, valid and effectual to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever, as to and against the Person or Persons making the same, and his, her or their *Cestuique* Trusts, and all other Persons claiming or to claim by, from, or under, or in Trust for him, her, or them respectively, or in Remainder, Reversion, or Expectancy as aforesaid; and the same shall be deemed and considered to bar the Dower and Dowers of such Person and Persons, and all Estates Tail, and all Estates in Possession, Reversion, Remainder or Expectancy, and the Issue and Issues of such Person and Persons, and every Person claiming or to claim under them respectively, as effectually as Fines and Recoveries would do if levied or suffered by the Parties interested; and such Parties had been adult and without Impediment, any Law, Statute, Usage or Custom to the contrary notwithstanding.

Directors
empowered
to re-sell
Lands.

XXXVI. And whereas the said Directors under the Provisions of this Act may purchase Lands, Tenements or Hereditaments, which may be found not necessary for the Purposes thereof; be it therefore enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Directors acting in the Execution of this Act to sell and dispose of, and by Indenture or Indentures under the Common Seal of the said Guardians, to grant and convey, by way of absolute Sale in Fee Simple, for a Consideration in Money, all or any Part or Parts of the Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments which may have been so purchased, as shall in the Judgment of the said Directors at any of their Meetings to be holden in pursuance of this Act, not be wanted for the Purposes of this Act; and upon Payment of the Money which shall arise by or from the Sale of such Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, or any Part or Parts thereof, it shall and may be lawful for the Treasurer or Treasurers, Clerk or Clerks for the Time being to the

the said Directors, to sign and give Receipts for the Money for which the same shall be sold, which Receipts shall be sufficient Discharges to any Person or Persons for the Purchase Money for which such Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments shall be so sold, or for so much thereof as in such Receipts shall be expressed or acknowledged to be received; and such Person or Persons shall not afterwards be answerable or accountable for any Losses, Mis-application or Non-application of such Purchase Money, or any Part thereof.

XXXVII. And be it further enacted, That the Monies arising from the Sale of such Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, shall be applied and disposed of by the said Directors, for carrying the several Purposes of this Act into Execution.

Monies received for Sale of Lands, &c. to be applied for the Purposes of this Act.

XXXVIII. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Directors to take Possession of the Messuages, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments which shall have been purchased by and conveyed to them under the Powers herein-before contained, and to make or erect One or more House or Houses, with suitable and requisite Offices, Out-buildings, Gardens and Fences, for the better receiving, employing, maintaining, and educating the Poor of the said several Parishes, and from Time to Time as Occasion shall be and require, to enlarge and repair the said House or Houses, Offices, Out-buildings, Gardens and Fences, in such Manner as they the said Directors shall think proper; and also from Time to Time to purchase and provide suitable and necessary Furniture for the same, and all such Materials, Utensils and Things as shall be necessary and proper for maintaining, clothing, employing and educating the Poor to be received into the said House or Houses; and the Consideration Money for the Purchase of the Messuages, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments to be purchased as herein-before is mentioned, and the Expences of erecting any Buildings for the Purpose of receiving and employing the Poor of the said Parishes as aforesaid, and furnishing the same, and all other Expences to be incurred by the said Directors for the Time being, or by their Order or Direction in or about the Execution of this Act, shall from Time to Time be paid and defrayed by the said Directors or their Treasurer, out of the Funds to be created for the Purposes of this Act.

Directors to erect a House and Buildings.

XXXIX. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That the House or Houses, Buildings, Lands, and Hereditaments to be provided for the Purposes of this Act, shall not during the Time they shall remain vested in the said Directors, be chargeable to the Rates to be made for the Relief of the Poor of the Parish in which they shall be situate, beyond the Sum of Three Pounds *per Acre per Annum*.

House and Buildings not to be rated to the Poor beyond a certain Sum.

XL. And be it further enacted, That any Three or more of the said Directors, on Behalf of the said Corporation, may contract or agree with any Person or Persons for building, altering, repairing or furnishing such House or Houses, and the Offices, Out-buildings, Gardens and Fences requisite or belonging thereto, and also for the necessary Supply of Provisions for the poor Persons who shall from Time to Time be under the Management of the said Directors, and all other Necessaries, as they the said Directors, or any Three or more of them, may think necessary for the Purposes of this Act; and all Contracts and Agreements made or entered into

Directors may make Contracts.

into by or between the said Directors and any other Person or Persons whomsoever, relating to any Act, Matter, or Thing to be done or performed in Execution of this Act, shall be reduced into Writing, and signed by Three or more of the said Directors on Behalf of the said Corporation, and by the other Parties thereto, and shall be good, valid and binding, as well upon the said Corporation and their Successors, as upon all other Parties thereto, his, her and their Executors, Administrators and Assigns; and in case of Breach thereof, Actions and Suits may be brought, maintained and defended, and Damages and Costs recovered thereon against the said Corporation, or other Party or Parties refusing or neglecting to perform the same.

Public Notice to be given of the Time for making Contracts.

XLI. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That previously to the Day appointed for the Meeting of the said Directors for the making of any Contracts for erecting, finishing, repairing or furnishing the Buildings to be erected for the Purposes of this Act, or for providing the necessary Materials for such Buildings, in all Cases where the same shall amount to the Sum of One hundred Pounds or upwards, Ten Days Notice of such Meetings to make such Contracts shall be given in some or One of the Newspapers for the County of *Suffex*, and shall be affixed to the Door of each of the said Parish Churches, expressing the Purposes of such Contract, in order that any Person or Persons willing to undertake the same, may cause Proposals for that Purpose to be offered and presented to the said Directors at the Time and Place to be mentioned in such Notice, the Acceptance or Rejection of which Proposals shall be entirely in the Discretion of the said Directors, they taking all the Circumstances of such Proposals into Consideration.

Directors may compound for Breach of Contracts.

XLII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Directors, from Time to Time to compound and agree with any Person or Persons on Account of any Breach or Non-performance of any such Contract or Contracts (where the same shall amount to or exceed the Sum of Ten Pounds), for such Sum or Sums of Money as they shall think proper.

Contracts, &c. to be entered in a Book and open to Inspection.

XLIII. And be it further enacted, That the said Directors shall cause all Contracts made in pursuance of this Act, and all Receipts, Payments, Debts and Credits, and every Matter and Thing relating thereto, to be fairly written and entered in a Book or Books to be kept for that Purpose, and all and every such Book and Books, and also the Book and Books hereinbefore directed to be kept for entering the Acts and Proceedings of the said Directors, shall from Time to Time and at all convenient Times be open to the Inspection and Perusal of all and every Person or Persons who shall be assessed to the Poor's Rates in the said Parishes, or any of them.

Churchwardens and Overseers may send Paupers to be under the Management of the Directors.

XLIV. And be it further enacted, That when and as soon as the House or Houses to be erected for the Purposes of this Act shall have been erected and furnished, and shall have been declared by the said Directors to be habitable, it shall and may be lawful to and for the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said several Parishes of *Westfirle*, *Beddingham*, and *Glynde* respectively, to nominate and send from their several Parishes, so many poor Persons who shall then be legally settled in any of the said Parishes,

Parishes, as the said Directors shall declare such House or Houses to be capable of containing, in the following Proportions; that is to say, Five Tenth Parts of such poor Persons from the said Parish of *Westfirle*, Three Tenth Parts of such poor Persons from the said Parish of *Beddingham*, and Two Tenths Parts of such poor Persons from the said Parish of *Glynde*; and the said Directors are hereby required to receive and maintain all such poor Persons as shall be nominated and sent as aforesaid.

XLV. Provided also, and be it further enacted, That if the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of any of the said Parishes shall at any Time or Times not have Occasion to nominate the full Number of poor Persons, which by this Act they are authorized to nominate and send to the House or Houses to be erected for the Purposes of this Act, it shall be lawful for such Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor, with the Consent of the said Directors, (but not without), to transfer such Right of Nomination, for that Turn only, to the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of either of the other incorporated Parishes who shall be desirous to accept the same, and that thereupon the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor accepting of and exercising such Right of Nomination, shall refund and reimburse the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor transferring such Right of Nomination, such Part or Parts of the Sum or Sums to be charged on them by virtue of this Act, as the said Directors shall from Time to Time think reasonable.

Churchwardens and Overseers of one incorporated Parish may transfer the Right of sending Paupers to another incorporated Parish.

XLVI. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall extend or be construed to extend so as to compel the said Directors to receive under their Management any poor Person or Persons who at the Time of his, her, or their Nomination shall be insane, or lunatic, or idiotic, or shall be afflicted with any contagious Disorder, or who shall not be decently clothed by the Churchwardens or Overseers by whom he, she, or they shall be nominated; and if any poor Person or Persons shall, during the Time of his, her, or their Continuance under the Management of the said Directors become insane, or lunatic or idiotic, it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Directors, or any Three or more of them, by an Order in Writing under their Hands, to require the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Parish, to which such poor Person or Persons shall belong, to remove such poor Person or Persons from the House or Houses to be erected for the Purposes of this Act; and if such Churchwardens or Overseers shall refuse or neglect to comply with such Order, within Ten Days next after they or any of them shall have been personally served therewith, they and every of them shall forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding the Sum of Twenty Pounds for every Instance of Neglect or Refusal, to be levied and applied as other Penalties and Forfeitures are by this Act directed to be levied and applied.

Directors not compellable to receive insane Persons,

Directors may dismiss Lunatics and Idiots.

XLVII. Provided also, and be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Directors or any Three or more of them, and they are hereby empowered, in case any poor Person or Persons under their Management shall be afflicted with any contagious Disorder, by an Order in Writing under their Hands, to require the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish, to which such poor Person or Persons shall

Paupers afflicted with contagious Disorders may be removed.

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belong, to remove such poor Person or Persons from the House or Houses to be provided for the Purposes of this Act, and to provide proper Lodgings and Accommodations for such poor Person or Persons within any of the said incorporated Parishes during the Continuance of such Disorder; and if such Churchwardens or Overseers shall refuse or neglect to comply with such Order, within Three Days next after they or any of them shall have been personally served therewith, they and every of them shall forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Twenty Pounds for every Instance of Neglect or Refusal, to be levied and applied as other Penalties are by this Act directed to be levied and applied; but such poor Person or Persons shall during the Continuance of such Disorder, be maintained and attended at the Expence of the said Corporation, and under the Management of the said Directors.

Directors authorized to govern and maintain the Poor.

XLVIII. And be it further enacted, That the said Directors shall have and they are hereby vested with the Care, Controul and Management, as well as Power to provide for the Maintenance, Clothing, and Education of all the poor Persons who shall be nominated and sent to the House or Houses to be erected for the Purposes of this Act; and the said Directors, or any One or more of them, and the Master and Mistress, and any other Person and Persons authorized by the said Directors, or any of them, under the Powers of this Act, shall be and they are hereby empowered to set such poor Persons to work, or to cause them to be employed by any Person or Persons in such Manner as Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor are empowered to do by any Law now in being relating to the Poor, or in such other Manner as the said Directors, or any One or more of the said Directors, or the said Master or Mistress, or other Person or Persons to be appointed as aforesaid, shall think proper, subject to the Rules, Orders and Regulations herein contained; and all such poor Persons shall, whilst they are maintained by the said Corporation as aforesaid, do, execute and perform such Work, Labour, Business and Employment as the said Directors or any One or more of the said Directors, or the said Master or Mistress, or other Person or Persons to be appointed as aforesaid, shall think fit and judge proper to be done by them respectively for the Use of the said Corporation; and in case any such poor Persons shall refuse to work and labour, or shall not work or labour according to his or her Ability, then and so often as it shall so happen, every poor Person so offending shall be punished in the Manner herein after directed.

No Spirituous Liquor to be carried into the House of Industry.

XLIX. And be it further enacted, That no Spirituous or other Strong Liquors shall be conveyed into the House or Houses to be erected for the Purposes of this Act, unless with the Permission of the said Directors, or of One or more of the said Directors, or by the special Order of the Physician, Surgeon, or Apothecary appointed to attend such House or Houses; and every Person who shall be convicted of any such Offence shall forfeit a Sum not exceeding Five Pounds, which Penalty shall be paid to the Informer or Informers, who shall not be deemed incompetent on that Account to be a Witness or Witnesses.

Rewards to be given to the industrious Poor.

L. And to the End that all poor Persons who shall be employed by or under the Management of the said Directors in pursuance of this Act, may be encouraged to perform the Labour or Task in which they may be employed, with Diligence and Attention, be it further enacted, That out

of the Profits arising from the Work which shall be done by such Poor, such Rewards shall be given to the Industrious and Skilful, in Proportion to the Quantity, Quality, and Perfection of their Work, as to the said Directors shall appear reasonable.

LI. And be it further enacted, That if any poor Person under the Management of the said Directors, shall be guilty of profane cursing or swearing, or of any lewd, immoral, indecent or disorderly Behaviour, or shall commit Waste of the Provision or other Materials or Things provided by the said Directors, or belonging to the said Corporation, or shall neglect or refuse to perform the Work or Service which he or she shall be required to do, or shall be remiss therein, (such Work or Service being suited to his or her Strength or Ability), every such Offender shall and may be punished, either by Distinction of Dress and Diet, or by solitary Confinement, for any Time not exceeding Forty-eight Hours, (such Punishment to be inflicted by the Order of the said Directors, or any Two or more of them), or shall be taken before a Justice of the Peace for the said County of *Suffex*, who is hereby empowered, on the Oath of Two Witnesses, (which Oath such Justice is hereby empowered to administer), to commit such Offender to the House of Correction at *Lewes* in the said County of *Suffex*, to be kept to hard Labour for any Time not exceeding One Calendar Month, or any Three or more of the said Directors are hereby empowered to expel such Offender from the House or Houses to be erected for the Purposes of this Act, and to deprive him or her of all Rights and Benefits incident to his or her Nomination thereto.

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LII. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for the said Directors and they are hereby empowered and required, to establish one or more School or Schools in the House to be erected for the Purposes of this Act, in which as well the poor Children who shall be resident in such House, as any other poor Children belonging to any of the said Parishes of *Westfisle*, *Beddingham*, and *Glynde*, who shall be nominated by the Churchwardens or Overseers of the Poor of any of the said Parishes, and who shall be admitted by any Two or more of the said Directors, shall be instructed to read and write, and in such useful Knowledge as the said Directors, or any Two or more of them, shall think fit.

Poor to be
educated.

LIII. And be it further enacted, That in case any of the Poor under the Management of the said Directors shall purloin, sell, or pawn any of the Apparel or Clothes provided for him, her, or them by the said Corporation, or in case any such poor Person or Persons shall absent himself or herself from the House or Houses to be erected for the Purposes of this Act (without the Consent of the said Directors), with the Clothes or Apparel provided by or belonging to the said Corporation, or by the Churchwardens or Overseers of the Poor by whom he or she shall have been nominated and sent, upon Complaint being made thereof before any One of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace by the said Directors, or any of them, or their Clerk, such Justice is hereby required to issue a Warrant for the Apprehension of every such Offender, and for his or her Offence, the Person so apprehended being convicted thereof before such Justice of the Peace, on the Oath of One or more credible Witness or Witnesses, (which Oath such Justice is hereby empowered to administer), or on his or her own Confession, shall be sent to the House of Correction at *Lewes* *aforsaid*,

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aforesaid, there to be kept to hard Labour for any Time not exceeding One Calendar Month.

Penalty for buying Clothes, etc. furnished for the Poor.

LIV. And be it further enacted, That if any Person shall knowingly buy, receive into pawn, or secrete any of the Clothes or Wearing Apparel of the poor Persons who shall be under the Management of the said Directors, or any of the Goods or Materials to be wrought up, manufactured or used by such poor Persons, or any other Persons employed by the said Directors, or any of the said Directors, or by their Order by virtue of this Act, or any of the Goods or Furniture belonging to the said Corporation; or shall buy or receive any of the Provisions allotted or provided for such poor Persons, every Person so offending shall forfeit for every such Offence any Sum not exceeding Twenty Pounds, upon Conviction upon the Oath of One or more credible Witness or Witnesses before a Justice of the Peace for the said County of *Suffex*, which Penalty shall be levied and applied as other Penalties and Forfeitures are by this Act directed to be levied and applied, except only that One Moiety of such Penalty shall be paid to the Informer or Informers.

Poor employed or born in the House of Industry not thereby to gain a Settlement.

LV. And be it further enacted, That no Person or Persons received, maintained, educated or employed within or born in the House or Houses to be provided for the Purposes of this Act, or any Place or Places thereunto belonging, shall gain any Settlement in the Parish or Parishes where such House or Houses, Place or Places is or are situate, by reason of his, her or their being so received, maintained, educated or employed, or of being born therein as aforesaid, any Law, Custom, Usage, Matter or Thing to the contrary notwithstanding.

Bastard born in the House of Industry not to gain a Settlement thereby, and for ascertaining their Settlement

LVI. And be it further enacted, That no Bastard born on the Body of any poor Woman, whose legal Settlement is in any Parish or Place, (other than such Parish in which the House or Houses provided by the said Corporation by virtue of this Act is or shall be situate), and who shall be under the Care and Government of the said Directors for the Time being, shall gain or be entitled to gain any Settlement in the Parish in which such House is or shall be situate, and where such Bastard shall be born, unless the same shall happen in the proper Parish and Place of Settlement of the Mother; but that the Settlement of every such Bastard shall follow that of the Mother, as fully as if such Bastard had been born in the Parish or Place to which the Settlement of such Mother shall belong, and shall be deemed as One of the Poor thereof to all Intents and Purposes; nevertheless, it shall be lawful for the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of every Parish or Place to which the Settlement of every such Woman shall belong, to have and take and they are hereby entitled to have and take such Remedy against the Mother and the Father of any such Bastard respectively, for the indemnifying the same Parish or Place from any Charge by reason of any such Bastard Child, and otherwise in all Respects, as the Law directs in Cases of Bastardy, and as fully and effectually as if such Bastard had been actually born in the Parish or Place to which the Mother's Settlement shall belong.

For making Assessments.

LVII. And, in order to raise an adequate Fund to enable the said Directors to carry into Execution the several Trusts hereby in them reposed, be it further enacted, That the said Directors at their First Meeting, or any

any subsequent Meeting or Meetings to be holden in pursuance of this Act, shall, and the said Directors are hereby empowered and required, from Time to Time to fix and ascertain such Sum and Sums of Money as shall be needful from Time to Time to be raised and paid by every one of the said Parishes respectively for the Maintenance of the Poor who shall for the Time being be under the Management of the said Directors, for paying the Interest, and for or towards paying off and discharging annually a Part of the Principal Money to be borrowed as herein-after mentioned, for defraying the Expences of maintaining and repairing the House or Houses to be erected as aforesaid, for the Payment of all Salaries to be created by virtue of this Act, and for the other Purposes of this Act; and the said Directors shall be and they are hereby empowered from Time to Time to issue an Order in Writing under their Hands, or under the Hands of Three or more of them, to the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of every one of the said Parishes respectively, requiring them to levy and raise such Sum and Sums of Money as shall be so fixed or ascertained, and to pay over the same, in Manner herein-after mentioned, to the Treasurer of the said Directors for the Time being, whose Receipt for the same shall be a sufficient Discharge to the respective Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor, for so much Money as he shall actually receive; and for raising the Sums fixed and ascertained by the said Directors, the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of every of such Parishes respectively shall and they are hereby required, from Time to Time to make a Rate in each of such Parishes (if necessary) for the Relief of the Poor, in such Manner and upon such Persons and Property, and with such Approbation, and to be so published, as Rates for the Relief of the Poor in every of such Parishes respectively are made by virtue of the Laws now in being and in force, and sufficient to raise so much Money as shall be necessary to pay the Sum which shall be fixed and ascertained as the Quota upon every of the said respective Parishes by the said Directors; for all which Sums of Money so assessed by the said Churchwardens and Overseers, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to pay and satisfy the Sum ascertained as the Quota to be raised by every of the said Parishes respectively in case of any Deficiency, the Parishioners and Inhabitants of the Parish whereon the Sum of Money, in respect of which such Deficiency arises shall be so assessed, shall be answerable and shall be compellable to make up and pay such Deficiency upon Re-assessment, which in that case is hereby directed to be made by the said Churchwardens and Overseers, in like Manner as the first Assessment; and such Taxes and Assessments, and also such Re-assessments for the Sums so fixed and ascertained, shall be assessed, 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 and in force to be assessed, levied, and recovered, and with the same Power of Appeal to Persons aggrieved, except as herein-after is mentioned; and all the like Remedies, Powers, Rules, Methods, Costs, and Penalties, given and applied for ascertaining, levying and collecting the Rates for the Relief of the Poor by virtue of the Laws now in force and in being, (except where other Provisions are made by this Act), shall be put in force and applied, and are hereby given for ascertaining, levying, and collecting the Rates to be made by virtue of this Act, and any Costs, Charges, and Penalties which may accrue in respect thereof, in like Manner as if the same Remedies, Powers, Rules, Methods, Costs, and Penalties were particularly set forth in this Act.

Churchwardens and Overseers to make and collect the Rates.

In case of Deficiency Re-assessment to be made.

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LVIII. Provided

Assessments
to be made on
the Parishes
in certain
Proportions.

LVIII. Provided always, and be it further enacted; That the Sums so to be fixed and ascertained by the said Directors in pursuance of this Act, as the *Quota* of each of the said Parishes, for the Purposes of this Act, shall be fixed and ascertained upon and shall be borne and paid by the said Parishes respectively, in the Proportions herein-after mentioned; (that is to say), Five Tenth Parts thereof by the said Parish of *Westfirle*; Three Tenth Parts thereof by the said Parish of *Beddingbam*; and Two Tenth Parts thereof by the said Parish of *Glynde*; except only that the Expences to be incurred for the Maintenance of the poor Persons who shall from Time to Time be under the Management of the said Directors, shall from Time to Time be borne and defrayed by the said Parishes severally, in Proportion to the Number and Ages of the poor Persons belonging to the said respective Parishes, who shall from Time to Time be under the Management of the said Directors, and to that End the said Directors are hereby authorized and required; at every Quarterly Meeting to be holden in pursuance of this Act, to settle and declare a certain Ratio or Ratios (due Regard being had to Ages) *per Head per Week*, by which such Parishes respectively shall and may from Time to Time be liable to contribute for such Maintenance.

Penalties on
Churchwardens and
Overseers not
paying Rates
to the Treasurer.

LIX. And be it further enacted, That if any Person or Persons who shall for the Time being act as Churchwarden or Churchwardens, Overseer or Overseers of the Poor of any of the said Parishes of *Westfirle*, *Beddingbam*, and *Glynde* respectively, shall refuse or neglect for One Month next after an Order in Writing under the Hands of Three or more of the said Directors shall have been delivered to him or them, or left at his or their last usual Place of Abode for that Purpose, to pay over to the Treasurer to the said Directors the Sum or Sums which shall be so fixed and ascertained as aforesaid, and which shall be expressed in such Order, then and in every such Case, and upon Proof thereof made on Oath by some credible Witness, before any One or more of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the said County of *Suffex*, of any such Refusal or Neglect, (and which Oath the said Justice or Justices is and are hereby authorized and empowered to administer), such Churchwarden or Churchwardens, Overseer or Overseers respectively shall, unless he or they shall shew full and just Cause, to the Satisfaction of such Justice, why such Sum or Sums of Money is or are not paid over, forfeit and pay a Sum not exceeding Twenty Pounds, to be levied and applied as other Penalties and Forfeitures are by this Act directed to be levied and applied.

Churchwardens and
Overseers to
produce Parish
Books.

LX. And be it further enacted, That every Person who shall be or act as Churchwarden or Overseer of the Poor of any of the said incorporated Parishes, or who shall have been or shall have acted as Churchwarden or Overseer of the Poor of any of the said incorporated Parishes, within One Year last before the giving of such Notice as is next herein-after mentioned, shall and they are hereby respectively required, upon Order or Notice in Writing signed by Three or more of the said Directors, delivered to them or left at their respective Places of Abode, at least Three Days before any Meeting of the said Directors, to attend such Meeting, with the Books, Rates and Accounts of the Receipts and Disbursements of the Churchwardens and Overseers, for the Maintenance, Support, or on account of the Poor of their respective Parishes, for any Time not exceeding Twenty Years then last past, and shall leave such Books, Rates,
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and Accounts with the Clerk of the said Directors, to the End that the said Directors may examine the same for such Purposes as they may think necessary, and the Clerk of the said Directors shall return such Books, Rates, and Accounts to the said respective Churchwardens and Overseers whenever they shall respectively demand the same, after the Expiration of Fourteen Days from the Delivery thereof; and if any of the said Churchwardens and Overseers shall wilfully neglect or refuse to produce or deliver such Books, Rates and Accounts, or any of them, when so required, every such Person so offending shall forfeit for every such Offence any Sum not exceeding Twenty Pounds, to be levied and applied as other Penalties are by this Act directed to be levied and applied.

LXI. And, for the more speedy Execution of the Purposes of this Act, be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Directors, and they are hereby authorized and empowered to borrow and take up at Interest any Sum or Sums of Money not exceeding in the Whole the Sum of Ten thousand Pounds, or so much thereof as the said Directors shall consider necessary, on the Credit of the Funds to be created under the Powers of this Act, and by Writing under the Hands of the said Directors, and under the Common Seal of the said Corporation, to assign all or any Part of the said Funds to such Person or Persons as shall lend or advance any such Sum or Sums of Money, or to their Trustee or Trustees, as a Security for the Principal Money to be advanced, with legal Interest for the same; and the Expence of such Assignment (to be paid as herein-after mentioned) shall be defrayed by the said Directors out of the Monies so borrowed; and every such Assignment shall be in the Words, or to the Effect following:

Directors
may raise
Money.

WE, of the Directors appointed by or in pursuance of an Act of Parliament, passed in the Fifty-second Year of the Reign of King George the Third, intituled [*here set forth the Title of this Act*] in Consideration of the Sum of advanced and lent by *A. B.* upon the Credit and for the Purposes of the said Act; do hereby grant and assign unto the said *A. B.* [*or, to his Trustee or Trustees, as the Case may require*] his Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, such Proportion of the Funds created or to be created for the Purposes of this Act, as the Sum of doth or shall bear to the whole Sum which may at any Time be borrowed or become due and owing, or be charged upon the Credit of the said Funds; to be had and holden from this Day of until the said Sum of with Interest after the Rate of *per Centum per Annam* for the same, shall be fully paid and satisfied. Given under our Common Seal this Day of in the Year of our Lord

And all such Assignments shall be numbered, commencing with Number One, and so proceeding in an arithmetical Progression ascending, whereof the common Excess or Difference shall always be One in respect of any One hundred Pounds so advanced as aforesaid; and every such Security shall be good, valid, and effectual in the Law, and shall entitle the Person or Persons to whom the same shall be made, his or her Executors, Administrators and Assigns, to the Payment thereof, and to all Profit and Advantage thereof, according to the true Intent and Meaning of this Act.

Securities
transferrable.

LXII. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful to and for the Persons entitled to any of the Securities for the Money to be borrowed as aforesaid, and their respective Executors, Administrators, or Assigns, as the Case may be, at any Time by Writing under their Hands and Seals, to transfer such Securities to any Person or Persons whomsoever; and every such Transfer may be in the Words or to the Effect following:

‘ I *A. B.* being entitled to the Sum of
 ‘ by virtue of an Assignment bearing Date the
 ‘ Day of _____ under the Hands of
 ‘ of the Directors acting in the Execution of an Act of Parliament, made
 ‘ in the Fifty-second Year of the Reign of King *George* the Third, intituled
 ‘ [*here set forth the Title of this Act*] and under the Common Seal by the
 ‘ said Act directed to be used in such Cases, hereby transfer all my Right
 ‘ and Interest in and to the same Sum, and all Interest now due and
 ‘ hereafter to accrue thereon, unto *C. D.* his Executors, Administrators,
 ‘ and Assigns. Dated the _____ Day of _____
 ‘ in the Year of our Lord _____

And a Copy of every such Security or Assignment, and an Extract or Memorial of every Transfer thereof respectively, shall be entered in a Book to be kept for that Purpose, by the Clerk to the said Directors; which Extract or Memorial shall specify and contain the Dates, Names of the Parties, and Sums of Money thereby transferred, to which Book any Person interested shall at all seasonable Times have Access, and shall have free Liberty to inspect the same, without Fee or Reward; and for the Entry of every such Transfer the said Clerk shall be paid by the Person to whom such Transfer shall be made, the Sum of Five Shillings, and no more; and every such Transfer, after Entry thereof as aforesaid, shall entitle the Person to whom the Transfer shall be made, and his or her Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, to the Benefit of the Security thereby transferred, without any other Registry or Enrolment whatsoever.

Money bor-
rowed to be
paid to the
Treasurer.

LXIII. And be it further enacted, That all the Money which may be borrowed, advanced, or lent as aforesaid, shall be paid to the Treasurer or Treasurers to the said Directors, or to such Person or Persons as they shall appoint, and shall be applied and disposed of, in paying and defraying the Costs, Charges, and Expences of obtaining this Act, of purchasing the Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments to be purchased by virtue of this Act, of erecting the House and other necessary Buildings and Works, and of furnishing, finishing, and completing the same, and for the other Purposes of this Act.

Interest to be
paid half-
yearly; not
less than
One-sixtieth
nor more
than One-
thirtieth part
of the Prin-
cipal to be
paid off an-
nually.

LXIV. And be it further enacted, That the Interest of the Principal Money so to be borrowed shall be payable and be paid by the said Directors, or by their Treasurer or Treasurers, Half-yearly, and that not less than One Sixtieth Part, nor more than One Thirtieth Part of such Principal Monies shall be paid off and discharged annually, in such Manner as the said Directors shall think proper; and that the said Directors or their Treasurer shall give Notice in Writing to the Person or Persons to whom it shall be intended to pay any Principal Money, at least Three Calendar Months before the Time of such intended Payment, and that
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from the Time specified in such Notice all Interest on the Principal Money intended to be paid shall cease.

LXV. And be it further enacted, That any Inhabitant of any of the said Parishes, before any Justice or Justices of the Peace, or upon any Trial, Hearing, Examination or otherwise, in, about, touching, or concerning the Execution of this Act, shall not be deemed to be an incompetent Witness by Reason of his or her contributing to the Rates of the said Parishes or any of them, any Statute, Law or Usage to the contrary notwithstanding. Inhabitants competent Witnesses.

LXVI. And be it further enacted, That all Penalties and Forfeitures by this Act imposed, (the Recovery and Application whereof is not hereinbefore particularly directed), shall upon Proof of the Offences and Conviction of Offenders respectively, before any Justice of the Peace for the County or District wherein such Offences shall be committed, either by the Confession of the Party or Parties offending, or by the Oath of One or more credible Witness or Witnesses, be levied by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of the Party or Parties liable to pay the same, by Warrant or Warrants under the Hand and Seal of such Justice; which Warrant or Warrants such Justice is hereby authorized to issue, and to administer such Oath, and the Overplus of the Money (if any) after such Penalties and Forfeitures, and the Charges of such Distress and Sale (such Charges to be settled by such Justice) are recovered and deducted, shall be returned on Demand to the Owner or Owners of such Goods and Chattels; and all such Penalties or Forfeitures, when so recovered or paid, (if not otherwise directed to be applied by this Act), shall from Time to Time be paid to the said Directors or their Treasurer or Clerk, to be applied towards the Expences of the said Directors in carrying this Act into Execution; and in case a sufficient Distress shall not be found, or such Penalties or Forfeitures shall not be forthwith paid, it shall be lawful for such Justice and he is hereby authorized and required, by Warrant or Warrants under his Hand and Seal, to cause such Offender or Offenders to be committed to the House of Correction at Lewes aforesaid, and there to remain without Bail or Mainprize, any Time not exceeding Six Calendar Months, unless such Penalties and Forfeitures, and all Charges as aforesaid, shall be sooner paid and satisfied. Recovery and Application of Penalties.

LXVII. And be it further enacted, That in all Cases where any Person or Persons shall be convicted of any Offence against this Act, the Conviction shall be in the Words or to the Effect following; (that is to say,)

BE it remembered, That on the in the Year of our Lord A. B. is duly convicted before of the Peace for the County of <i>Suffex</i> , by virtue of an Act made in the Fifty-second Year of the Reign of King <i>George</i> the Third, intituled [<i>set forth the Title of this Act,</i>] of [<i>specify the Offence,</i>] and therefore the said A. B. is adjudged liable to [<i>here set forth the Penalty or Punishment.</i>] Given under our Hands and Seals [<i>or, my Hand and Seal,</i>] the Day and Year aforesaid.	Day of of His Majesty's Justices	Form of Conviction.
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Appeal.

LXVIII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That if any Person or Persons shall think himself, herself, or themselves aggrieved by any Rate or Rates, Assessment or Assessments, made by virtue of this Act, or by any Bye Law, Rule, Order or Regulation, Judgment or Determination of the said Directors, or by any other Matter or Thing done or directed to be done, or committed by, or by the Order of the said Directors, such Person or Persons may appeal to the said Directors, at any Meeting to be holden within Two Calendar Months next after the Cause of Complaint shall have arisen, or any Matter or Thing done or committed by, or by the Order of the said Directors, and such Directors or any Three or more of them, are hereby authorized and empowered, if they shall think such Persons aggrieved, to give such Relief in the Premises as to them shall seem necessary; and if any such Person or Persons shall not be satisfied with the Determination of the said Directors, or if any Person or Persons shall think himself, herself, or themselves aggrieved by Reason of any Judgment, Order or Determination of any Justice or Justices of the Peace acting in the Execution of this Act, then and in every such Case he, she or they may appeal to the General or Quarter Sessions of the Peace to be holden for the said County of *Suffex*, within Six Calendar Months next after such Determination of the said Directors, or after the Cause of Complaint shall have arisen, first giving Twenty Days Notice of such Appeal, and of the Nature and Matter thereof, to the Person or Persons appealed against, or to the Clerk to the said Directors, and forthwith after such Notice, entering into a Recognizance before some Justice of the Peace for such County, with Two sufficient Sureties conditioned to try such Appeal, and to abide the Order and Award of the said Court thereon; and the said Justices shall in a summary Way either hear and determine the said Appeal at such General or Quarter Sessions, or if they think proper, adjourn the Hearing thereof to the next General or Quarter Sessions of the Peace to be holden for the said County, and award such Costs to the Party or Parties appealing or appealed against, as they the said Justices shall think proper; and the said Justices may, if they see Cause, mitigate any Forfeiture or Fine, and may order any Money to be returned which shall have been levied in pursuance of any such Bye Law, Rule, Order, Regulation, Judgment or Determination, and may also award such further Satisfaction to be made to the Party injured as they shall judge reasonable; and the Determination of the said Justices at their General or Quarter Sessions shall be final and conclusive.

Proceedings
not to be
quashed for
Want of
Form.

LXIX. And be it further enacted, That no Order made touching or concerning any of the Matters aforesaid, or any other Proceedings to be had, touching the Conviction of any Offender or Offenders against this Act, shall be quashed or vacated for Defect or Want of Form only, or be removed or removeable by *Certiorari*, or any other Writ or Process whatsoever, into any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster* or elsewhere; and that where any Distress shall be made for any Sum or Sums of Money to be levied by virtue of this Act, such Distress shall not be deemed unlawful, nor the Party or Parties making the same, be deemed a Trespasser or Trespassers on Account of any Defect or Want of Form or any other Irregularity in the Summons, Conviction, Order, Warrant, or other Proceeding relating thereto; nor shall the Party or Parties making the same be deemed a Trespasser or Trespassers *ab initio*, on Account of any Irregularity which shall be afterwards done by the Party

or Parties distraining, but the Person or Persons aggrieved by any such Irregularity shall and may recover Satisfaction for the Special Damage only, in an Action upon the Case.

LXX. And be it further enacted, That no Action or Suit shall be commenced or prosecuted against any Person or Persons for any Thing done in pursuance of this Act, or of any of the Powers hereby given or in anywise relating thereto, until Twenty-one Days Notice shall have been thereof given in Writing to such Person or Persons, and to the Treasurer or Clerk to the said Directors, nor after Satisfaction or Tender of sufficient Amends shall have been made; and every such Action or Suit shall be commenced or brought within Six Calendar Months next after the Cause of Complaint shall have arisen, and not afterwards, and shall be laid or brought in the County of *Suffex*, and not elsewhere; and the Defendant or Defendants in such Action or Suit shall and may plead the General Issue, and give this Act and the Special Matter in Evidence at any Trial to be had thereupon; and if it shall appear to be done in pursuance of this Act, or that such Action or Suit shall be brought before Twenty-one Days Notice thereof given as aforesaid, or after the Time herein-before limited for bringing the same, or shall be brought in any other County or Place than as aforesaid, then the Jury shall find a Verdict for the Defendant or Defendants; and upon such Verdict, or if the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs shall be non-suited, or shall discontinue his, her, or their Action or Suit, after the Defendant or Defendants shall have appeared; or if upon Demurrer Judgment shall have been given against the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs, the Defendant or Defendants shall and may recover Treble Costs, and have and be entitled to the like Remedy for the same, as any Defendant or Defendants hath or have for Costs in any other Cases by Law.

Limitation of
Actions.

LXXI. And be it further enacted, That the Common Seal of the said Corporation shall be kept by and in the Custody of the said Directors, and that it shall and may be lawful for the said Directors, or any Three or more of them, at any of their Meetings to be held pursuant to this Act, to affix the Common Seal of the said Corporation to all Deeds or Writings to which it shall or may be necessary to affix the same, for the Purposes of this Act.

Common
Seal.

LXXII. And be it further enacted, That all Costs, Charges, and Expences incident to, or attending the obtaining and passing of this Act, and all other Costs, Charges and Expences of carrying the same into Execution, and incident thereto, shall be borne, paid, and defrayed out of the first Monies which shall come into the Hands of the said Directors or their Treasurer by virtue of this Act.

Paying the
Expences of
the Act.

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

Public Act

