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An Act to repeal an Act of the Twenty-fourth Year of His late Majesty King *George* the Third, for the better Relief and Employment of the Poor belonging to several Parishes within the Town of *Shrewsbury*, and the Liberties thereof, in the County of *Salop*; and to make other Provisions in lieu thereof. [31st *May* 1826.]

**W**HEREAS by an Act passed in the Twenty-fourth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Third, intituled *An Act for the better Relief and Employment of the Poor belonging to several Parishes within the Town of Shrewsbury and the Liberties thereof, in the County of Salop, the several Parishes of Saint Chad, Saint Mary, Saint Allmond, Saint Julian, Holy Cross and Saint Giles, and Meole Brace otherwise Brace Meole, within the said Town and Liberties, were united and formed into One entire District, for the better Relief and Employment of the Poor thereof; and certain Persons, described in the said Act, were incorporated by the Name of "The Guardians of the Poor of* 24 G. 3. c.15.

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several Parishes within the Town of *Shrewsbury* and the Liberties thereof, in the County of *Salop*," and such Persons were constituted Guardians of the Poor of the said United District, and certain Provisions were made for the Appointment of certain of the said Guardians as Directors of the said Corporation; and divers Provisions and Regulations were made for effecting the Purposes of the said Act: And whereas by virtue of the said Act a certain Messuage, Outbuildings, Garden, Lands, and other Hereditaments in the said Parish of *Meole Brace* were purchased and appropriated, and thence hitherto have been and still are used, for the Purposes of the same Act, now known by the Name of the *Shrewsbury House of Industry*, and such House of Industry has been and is provided and furnished with Household and other Goods, Chattels, Utensils, Materials, and Effects, for the Use thereof: And whereas, for the Purpose of paying for the Purchase of the said Hereditaments, Goods, Chattels, and Effects, and for discharging the other Expenses of forming the said Establishment, several Sums of Money have been borrowed and taken up at Interest, on Mortgage and otherwise, by virtue of the said Act: And whereas the Sum of Four thousand seven hundred and eighty-six Pounds Ten Shillings or thereabouts, with some Arrear of Interest for the same, still remains due and owing in respect of the Money so borrowed: And whereas the Poor of the United District have ever since the passing of the said Act been and still are maintained and provided for, in the said House of Industry and otherwise, under the Provisions of the same: And whereas such Provisions have been found to be and the same are insufficient to effect the beneficial Purposes which were intended to be effected by the said Act: And whereas it is become expedient that the said Corporation established by the said Act should be dissolved, and that the Powers and Provisions of the said Act should be repealed, and that another Corporation should be created, and other Powers and Provisions should be enacted in lieu thereof; but the beneficial Objects before mentioned cannot be effected without the Aid and Authority of Parliament: May it therefore please Your Majesty that it may be enacted; and be it enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That from and after the First Day of *October* One thousand eight hundred and twenty-six the said recited Act shall be and the same is hereby repealed; and immediately thereupon and thenceforth the aforesaid Parishes of *Saint Chad*, *Saint Mary*, *Saint Alkmond*, *Saint Julian*, *Holy Cross* and *Saint Giles*, and *Meole Brace* otherwise *Brace Meole*, shall be, continue, and remain incorporated and united as One District for the Purposes of this Act, and shall be and be called "The *Shrewsbury* Poor United District;" and thenceforth all the Persons for the Time being inhabiting within the said District, and assessed to the Relief of the Poor of any Place therein, and seised or possessed, in right of themselves or their Wives respectively, of Messuages, Lands, Tenements, Tithes, or other Hereditaments, either in Fee, in Tail, or for Life, or for a Term of Years determinable with any Life or Lives, of the yearly Value of Seventy Pounds or upwards, and also all Persons for the Time being inhabiting the said District, and assessed to the Relief of the Poor at the annual Sum of Twenty-five Pounds

Recited Act  
repealed.

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trict con-  
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Pounds or upwards, for or in respect of any Messuages, Lands, Tenements, Tithes, or other Hereditaments within the same District, shall be and continue in Fact and in Name One Body Corporate and Politic in Law to all Intents and Purposes, and shall be and be called "The Guardians of the *Shrewsbury* Poor United District," and by that Name shall have perpetual Succession and a Common Seal, with Power to make Byelaws, and be able to sue, plead and implead, and be sued and impleaded, in all Courts and Places whatsoever, and without Licence in Mortmain to purchase, take, or receive any Messuages, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments (not exceeding in annual Value the Sum of Fifty Pounds) of the Gift, Alienation, or Demise of any Person or Persons, or any Body or Bodies Corporate, Politic, or Collegiate, for any Estate or Interest whatsoever; and to grant, alien, convey, assign, or dispose of any such Messuages, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments to any Person or Persons, or Body or Bodies Corporate, Politic, or Collegiate, as there shall be Occasion, subject to the Provisions and Regulations in this Act contained.

II. And be it further enacted, That the said Corporation of Guardians hereby created shall for the Purposes of this Act, and subject to the Provisions thereof, be entitled to, and have, hold, possess, and enjoy the said House of Industry, and the said Lands and Hereditaments so purchased and appropriated as aforesaid, subject to the Rent, Reservations, and Covenants, if any, in the Grants or Conveyances thereof specified and contained, and all other the Lands and Hereditaments, Goods and Chattels, Choses in Action, Credits, and legal and equitable Demands of or vested in or belonging to the said now existing Corporation, for the Purposes of this Act, and shall, as well in Law as in Equity, be subject and liable to the Payment, Satisfaction and Discharge, Observance and Performance of all Mortgages, Grants, Annuities, Bonds, Bills, Assurances, Covenants, Agreements, and Undertakings made or entered into by the said Corporation, and of and to all Debts due from and all legal and equitable Demands on the said Corporation, as fully as the said Corporation would have been in case this Act had not been passed.

Corporation to have the House of Industry, &c, and be liable to Payment of the present Debt.

III. And be it further enacted, That all and every the Mortgages, Grants of Annuities, Securities, Assignments, Conveyances, Assurances, Bills, Bonds, Covenants, Acts, Deeds, Orders, and Directions made, or which during the Continuance of the said recited Act may have been made, by the Guardians and Directors of the said Corporation, or any of them, or by their Officers or other Persons respectively under their respective Authority, shall be and remain as good and valid as they would have been if this Act had not been passed; and all Rights of every Person and Persons who is, are, or shall be interested therein or affected thereby shall be and remain unaltered and unaffected by or in consequence of the passing of this Act, except so far only as they or any of them respectively is, are, or shall be hereby altered, varied, or otherwise necessarily affected.

Acts, &c. of former and present Guardians, Directors, &c. valid.

IV. And



Books, &c.  
under former  
Act to be  
Evidence.

IV. And be it further enacted, That all and every Book and Books, containing the Accounts and Proceedings of the Guardians and Directors acting in the Execution of the said recited Act, or containing any Orders or Agreements made and entered into by them, and made Evidence thereby, shall and may be given in Evidence in all Cases of Appeal, and in all Prosecutions, Suits, and Actions whatsoever, in such and the same Manner as if the said recited Act had not been repealed.

Money,  
Books, &c.  
to be deli-  
vered over  
to new Di-  
rectors.

V. And be it further enacted, That all Persons who are or shall have been employed or who shall have received any Money on account of the said Corporation, or who shall have in their Custody or Possession any Money, Books, Papers, Writings, or other Things belonging or relating to the said Corporation, shall account for and pay and deliver over the same and every Part thereof to the Directors acting by virtue of this Act, in like Manner, and under the like Penalties and Punishments, and subject to the like Powers of Recovery, as are herein-after enacted with respect to Officers not accounting.

Certificates  
and Secu-  
rities, &c. to  
remain at  
House of  
Industry.

VI. And be it further enacted, That all Certificates of Settlement, Bonds, and other Securities, Deeds, Writings, Books, Rates, Accounts, and other Evidences which in pursuance of or Obedience to the said recited Act have been, or which during the Continuance of the said recited Act shall be, given or delivered to the said Corporation or Directors, or their Clerk, and deposited and kept at the said House of Industry, shall remain and be kept there with the Books, Papers, and Writings of or belonging to the said Corporation, for the Preservation thereof, and shall be open at all seasonable Times to the Inspection of all Persons who are or shall be entitled to inspect the same.

Overseers  
may sue on  
Securities,  
&c.

VII. And be it further enacted, That the Certificates of Settlement, and Bonds and other Securities in Bastardy, which have been or shall be so as aforesaid given to or received or taken by or for the said Corporation, or deposited at the said House of Industry, shall be and remain Securities for the Indemnity, Relief, and Benefit, as well of the Inhabitants of the different Places in the said United Districts as of the said Corporation hereby created; and it shall be lawful for the said Corporation, or the Overseers of the Poor of any of the said Places, to sue on such Bonds or other Securities for any Breach thereof, or Damages thereon arising, after the Repeal of the said recited Act, and to recover the Penalties thereof, or Satisfaction for such Damages, for the Use of the said Corporation, or of the Inhabitants of the said Places respectively.

Guardians to  
deliver in  
and verify  
their Quali-  
fications, if  
required.

VIII. And be it further enacted, That every Guardian shall, if required, before he or she shall act as such, deliver in, at a Court of Assembly of Guardians to be holden as herein-after directed, an Account in Writing under his or her Hand, and verified on his or her Oath, (or, being One of the People called Quakers, on his or her solemn Affirmation,) before any Three Guardians there present, or any One of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the said Town of *Shrewsbury* and Liberties, or the County of *Salop*, within their respective Jurisdictions, of his or her Qua-  
lification



lification, and in what Parish, Division, Township, or Place, or Parishes, Divisions, Townships, or Places, the same is or respectively are situated; and every Female Guardian may act or vote at any of the Courts or Assemblies of the said Guardians by a Proxy or Substitute appointed or nominated in Writing under her Hand from amongst the other Guardians, and may from Time to Time revoke such Nomination, and name another Guardian instead.

Female  
Guardians  
may vote by  
Proxy.

IX. And be it further enacted, That the present Directors of the Poor of the said united District, and the present Clerk to the said Guardians, and the present Chaplain, Steward, and other Officers of or in the said House of Industry at the Time of the Repeal of the said recited Act, (except the Treasurer, and save and except as herein-after excepted,) shall continue in their said Offices until other Persons shall be duly elected, and have taken upon them the said respective Offices in their Stead.

Present  
Directors  
and Officers,  
except Trea-  
surer, to con-  
tinue until  
Successors  
appointed.

X. And be it further enacted, That from and after the First Day of *October* One thousand eight hundred and twenty-six there shall be Twelve of the most able, discreet, and proper of the said Guardians elected in manner herein-after specified, who shall be and be called Directors of the *Shrewsbury* Poor United District, and certain other Persons to be appointed as herein-after directed, who shall be Treasurer and Clerk of and to the said Guardians and Directors, and a Chaplain, Steward, and Matron of the said House of Industry, and such other Officer or Officers, and Servant or Servants, as the Directors for the Time being shall from Time to Time think necessary and proper.

Future  
Directors.

XI. And be it further enacted, That the said Guardians, or any Nine or more of them, shall and may hold a Court or Assembly on the First *Monday* in *October* in the present Year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and twenty-six, between the Hours of Ten in the Forenoon and Two in the Afternoon, at the said House of Industry, and shall also hold Four General Courts or Assemblies in every Year, on the First *Monday* in the respective Months of *January*, *April*, *July*, and *October*, or on such other more convenient Days in the same Months respectively as shall be directed by the said Guardians, between the Hours of Ten and Two, at the said House of Industry, or in case of any epidemical Disorder therein, or other reasonable Cause, at such other convenient Place or Places near the same, as any Nine or more of the said Guardians shall, upon any such Occasion, from Time to Time appoint; and the Court to be held in the Month of *July* in each Year shall be and be deemed the Annual Court of the said Guardians.

Guardians to  
hold Courts  
quarterly.

XII. And be it further enacted, That within the first Seven Days in the Month of *July* in the Year One thousand eight hundred and twenty-seven, and in every succeeding Year during the Continuance of this Act, Vestries shall be holden for each Parish in the said united District, at the usual Places for holding such Vestries respectively; and the said Vestry to be holden in and for the said Parish of *Saint Chad* shall annually nominate, as fit and proper Persons to serve the Office of Directors of

Vestries to  
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the Poor of the said united District, Six of the most able, discreet, and proper Guardians then residing in that Parish; and each of the said Vestries to be holden for the said other Parishes respectively shall nominate, as fit and proper Persons to serve the said Office, Two of the most able and discreet Guardians then residing in the Parish for which such Vestry shall be holden; and if any Person who shall be so nominated shall die, become disqualified as a Guardian, or remove out of the united District for which he shall be so nominated, before the End of the then current Year, then, and so often as such Event shall happen, a Vestry shall be holden without Delay for the said Parish in respect of which such Person was nominated, and another proper Person shall be there nominated in like Manner as aforesaid to supply such Vacancy: Provided always, that in all such Vestries every Guardian present who shall be such by virtue of being an Inhabitant within the said united District, and assessed to the Relief of the Poor of any Place therein, and seised or possessed of Lands, Tenements, Tithes, or Hereditaments of the yearly Value of Seventy Pounds or upwards, as herein-before mentioned, shall have and be entitled to give One Vote and no more; and every Guardian there present, who shall in the last Rate which shall have been made for the Relief of the Poor have been assessed or charged upon or in respect of any annual Rent or Rents, Profit or Value, to the Amount of Twenty-five Pounds or upwards, (whether in One or in more than One Sum or Charge,) shall have and be entitled to give One Vote, and every such last-mentioned Guardian shall have and be entitled to give an additional Vote for every additional Rating of Fifteen Pounds which in such last-mentioned Rate shall have been assessed upon him in respect of any such annual Rent, Profit, and Value, so nevertheless that no Guardian shall be entitled to give more than Six Votes; and in Cases where Two or more of the Guardians present shall be jointly rated, each of them shall be entitled to vote according to the Proportion and Amount which shall be borne by him of the joint Charge; and where One only of the Persons jointly rated shall attend, he shall be entitled to vote according to and in respect of the whole of the joint Charge.

To supply  
Vacancies.

Exemptions  
from Office of  
Director.

XIII. And be it further enacted, That no Person who shall at the Time of any such Nomination be above the Age of Sixty Years, or who shall have duly served the Office of Director for and during the full Term of Two Years, and shall have gone out of Office within Five Years next before the Time of such Nomination, shall be nominated, without his Consent previously given in Writing under his Hand.

Overseers  
to convene  
Vestries, and  
to deliver  
Lists of Per-  
sons nomi-  
nated as  
Directors.

XIV. And be it further enacted, That the respective Overseers of the Poor of the several Parishes in the said united District shall give Notice of and hold Vestries for their respective Parishes for the Purposes aforesaid, and shall make out proper Lists of the Person or Persons nominated thereat, and shall sign such Lists respectively, and deliver the same so signed to the Clerk of the said Directors, at the opening of the weekly Board of Directors held next after every such Nomination; and every Overseer neglecting so to do shall for every such Neglect forfeit and pay the Sum of Five Pounds.

XV. And



XV. And be it further enacted, That the Twelve Persons now acting as Directors of the said Corporation under the said Act hereby repealed shall be and continue to act as such Directors, notwithstanding such Repeal, until others are appointed in their Stead in manner herein-after mentioned; and the said Directors shall, at their first weekly Board, to be holden in the Month of *October* One thousand eight hundred and twenty-six, declare by Ballot Four of the said Twelve Directors who shall have served in the Direction for the Term of Two Years (or other the Person or Persons who shall be acting in the Room of such of them, if any, as shall have quitted that Office as herein-after provided) to go out of Office; and at the first weekly Board of the said Directors to be holden in the Month of *October* in the next and every succeeding Year such Four of the Directors as shall have served in the said Direction for the Term of Three Years (or other the Person or Persons acting in the Room of any of them who shall have quitted that Office as herein-after provided) shall go out of Office; and the Directors assembled at the first weekly Board to be holden in the Month of *October* One thousand eight hundred and twenty-six, and in every succeeding Year, shall elect Four of the most able and discreet Guardians, whose Names shall be contained in the Lists then recently delivered by the Overseers of the said Parishes respectively to the Clerk as aforesaid, to be Directors instead of those who shall then go out of Office in manner aforesaid; and each Person so elected Director shall take upon himself the said Office on the First or Second Board Day then next ensuing, having Notice in Writing of his Election, signed by the Clerk, given to him or left at his usual Place of Abode, and shall be and continue a Director for Three Years then next ensuing, and thence until another Person shall be lawfully elected and sworn in his Stead, if he shall so long live, and continue qualified as a Guardian, and resident in the said united District, and shall not be discharged from his said Office of a Director as herein-after provided: Provided always, that each of the said Parishes shall at all Times have at least One Director in Office.

Four Directors to go out of Office annually, and others to be elected in their Stead.

XVI. And be it further enacted, That in case any Person who shall be elected a Director shall refuse or neglect to take the said Office on him on such First or Second Board Day, after Notice in Writing as aforesaid of his Election, signed by the Clerk of the said Guardians or Directors, shall be given to him or left at his usual Place of Abode, or if any Director shall die, or remove out of the said united District, become disqualified as a Guardian, or be discharged or removed from his said Office of Director, as herein-after provided, before the Expiration of the Term for which he shall have been elected a Director, then and so often the other Directors shall, at their First or Second Board after Signification thereof, or as soon after as conveniently may be, elect another able and discreet Guardian, named in One of the then last delivered Lists; and the Person so elected shall be a Director during the Remainder of the Term for which his Predecessor was elected, unless he shall die, or remove out of the said united District, become disqualified to act as a Guardian under this Act, or be discharged from his said Office; and at the Expiration or sooner Determination thereof as aforesaid the said newly-elected Director shall go out of and quit the said Direction, in the same Manner as his  
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Election of Directors on Vacancies.



immediate Predecessor would have done if he had continued in the said Direction.

Election of Directors if Lists of Guardians are not returned.

XVII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That if Default shall be made in the due Nomination or Delivery of any of the said Lists, then and so often the Directors shall and may, if they shall think proper, elect such able and discreet Guardian or Guardians, residing in the District in respect of which such Default shall happen, and eligible to be included in such List, if delivered, as they shall think proper, to be a Director or Directors in the Room of the Person or Persons then about to go out of Office, or who shall have died, or removed out of the said united District, become disqualified, or be discharged or removed from his said Office, in the same Manner as if such Guardian or Guardians had been regularly nominated and returned as aforesaid.

Directors to be sworn.

XVIII. And be it further enacted, That every Person shall, before he shall act as such Director as aforesaid, (except in administering an Oath to or receiving an Affirmation from any other Director,) take Oath, or, being One of the People called Quakers, make his solemn Affirmation, before Three or more of the other Directors assembled at the Time and Place for holding the said weekly Board, that he will duly, faithfully, honestly, and impartially execute the Duties of his said Office during his Continuance therein, according to the best of his Judgment and Ability.

Penalty on refusing to act as Director.

XIX. And be it further enacted, That if any Person who shall be duly elected a Director as aforesaid, and shall have Notice thereof in Writing given to him or left at his usual Place of Abode, under the Hand of the Clerk of the said Guardians or Directors, shall refuse or neglect to accept the said Office by taking the said Oath or making the said Affirmation at the First or Second Board of Directors to be holden next after such Notice as aforesaid, then every such Person so refusing or neglecting shall forfeit and pay the Sum of Twenty Pounds, unless sufficient Cause for his Omission thereof shall be shown to and approved of by the said Guardians at their Court next after the said Board of Directors; and every Person who shall pay the said Penalty shall be thereupon entitled to the like Exemption from future Nomination and Election to the Office of Director as if he had taken upon him and served the said Office for the Term of Three Years.

Penalty on acting without being qualified;

but Acts done not to be impeached.

XX. And be it further enacted, That if any Person shall act as a Guardian or Director without being so qualified as aforesaid, or without having taken the Oath or made the Affirmation for the due Execution of the Office of Director as aforesaid, such Person shall for every such Offence forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Ten Pounds nor less than Five Pounds: Provided nevertheless, that no Act or Proceeding done or performed by or with the Consent of any such Person previously to his being convicted of such Offence shall be in any Manner affected or impeached on account thereof.

XXI. And



XXI. And be it further enacted, That all Justices of the Peace for the said County of *Salop* or for the said Town and Liberties who may be Guardians or Directors under this Act, may and are hereby empowered to act as such Justices within their respective Jurisdictions in all Matters in and about the Execution of this Act, except only where they shall be personally concerned.

Justices being Guardians may act.

XXII. And be it further enacted, That the said Directors for the Time being, or any Three or more of them, shall and may hold a Board or Meeting on the First *Monday* in *October* One thousand eight hundred and twenty-six, and thenceforth on every succeeding *Monday* (or on such other Day in each Week as shall be directed by the said Guardians), between the Hours of Ten and Four of each Day, at the said House of Industry, or in case of any epidemical Disorder therein, or other reasonable Cause, at such other convenient Place or Places near the same as the said Directors, or any Three or more of them, upon any such Occasion shall appoint.

Directors to hold weekly Boards.

XXIII. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful from Time to Time, for any special Purpose, for the said Guardians, or any Nine of them, to convene and hold a Special Court or Assembly of Guardians; and for the said Directors, or any Three of them, to convene and hold a Special Board or Meeting of Directors, on giving Three Days Notice in Writing, specifying the Time, Place, and Purpose thereof, under the Hands of the said Guardians or Directors, or any Three or more of them, or the Hand of their Treasurer or Clerk, and affixing the same on the said House of Industry and the Guildhall of the said Town of *Shrewsbury*, and also on the Door of each Church in the said united District, and having the same proclaimed in each of the said united Parishes, at the usual Hours and Places respectively.

Special Courts or Boards.

XXIV. And be it further enacted, That no Business, Matter, or Thing to be done or transacted by the said Guardians or Directors by virtue of this Act (except swearing or affirming any Director into Office, and except as herein-after provided,) shall be done or transacted otherwise than at a Court of Guardians or Board of Directors to be holden in pursuance of this Act respectively; and at all Courts and Boards the Acts of the major Part of the Members present (such Members not being less in Number than hereby required for each respective Act or Transaction) shall be as good and valid as if all the Persons present at such Courts had concurred therein: Provided always, that no Business shall be transacted at any Court or Meeting of the said Guardians unless Nine of the said Guardians be present thereat, or at any Meeting or Board of the said Directors, unless Three of the said Directors be present thereat.

All Business to be done at Courts or Boards.

Majority to decide.

XXV. And be it further enacted, That at every Court and Board there shall be a Chairman chosen by a Majority of the Members present; and if at any Time there shall be an Equality of Votes on any Question or  
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Matter,  
Chairman to be chosen.



Matter, the Chairman shall have the Casting Vote, notwithstanding he shall have previously voted on the same Question.

Adjourning  
Courts or  
Boards.

XXVI. And be it further enacted, That any Court or Board may from Time to Time be adjourned and re-assembled; and if at the Time and Place for holding any original or adjourned Court or Board a sufficient Number of Guardians or Directors respectively to form it shall not be present or in attendance, then and so often the Guardians or Directors who shall be then present, or, in case of none such attending, the Clerk, shall and may adjourn the same Court or Board to such Time as they or he shall think best, not exceeding Fifteen Days from any Court nor Six Days from any Board: Provided always, that no Business, Matter, or Thing shall be transacted, discussed, or determined at any such adjourned Meeting other than what shall be specified in the Minute of the original Adjournment.

Proceedings  
may be con-  
tinued by  
different  
Directors  
or Guardians.

XXVII. And be it further enacted, That the said Directors or Guardians respectively assembled at any of the Boards or Meetings to be held by virtue of this Act, or any Adjournment thereof, shall and may proceed with and carry into execution every Act, Matter, and Thing which shall remain undone or be left incomplete at any former Board or Meeting, although they may not be the same Persons who formed such former Board or Meeting, in case they shall be sufficient in Number for that Purpose.

Directors to  
form Com-  
mittees, and  
make, repeal,  
or alter Rules  
or Orders.

XXVIII. And be it further enacted, That the said Directors, or any Three of them, shall and may form such Committees and make such Rules and Orders as they shall think fit, as well for the better Regulation of themselves and of the several Officers and others employed in and about the said House of Industry, as for the Governance and Regulation of the said House and the Poor therein, and the better effecting the Purposes of this Act, and the same or any of them from Time to Time to repeal, alter, or amend, as to the said Directors shall seem expedient, so that no such Rule or Order, Repeal, Alteration, or Amendment, be repugnant to Law, or to any Rule or Order of the said Corporation.

Penalty on  
Directors  
neglecting  
their Duty.

XXIX. And be it further enacted, That if at any of the said appointed Boards a sufficient Number of Directors shall not attend and act, then every Director not attending, or attending and not staying and acting during the Continuance of such Board, shall for every such Neglect or Default forfeit and pay any Sum of Money not exceeding Five Pounds nor less than One Pound, unless such Director shall show that he was prevented from so attending and acting by Illness or other reasonable Cause; and if any of the said Directors shall make default in the due Observance of any of the Rules or Orders of the said Corporation or Directors, or in duly attending and acting at any Time appointed thereby or by virtue thereof for his Attendance, or as One of any Committee of which he shall be constituted a Member, and no other Director shall then attend and act for him, then every such Director, although a  
sufficient



sufficient Number of other Directors shall attend and act, shall for every such Default by him made forfeit and pay any Sum of Money not exceeding One Pound nor less than Five Shillings, over and besides any Forfeiture he may have otherwise incurred, unless such Director shall show that such Default arose from Illness or other reasonable Cause of Prevention.

XXX. And be it further enacted, That every Guardian and Director shall from Time to Time defray and bear all his or her Expenses incurred in or by attending any Court, Assembly, Board, or Meeting which shall be holden under or by virtue of this Act; and no Director shall at any Time be concerned or engaged in any Contract for Work for or for supplying any Matter or Thing to or for the Use of the said Corporation.

Guardians and Directors to pay their own Expenses.

XXXI. And be it further enacted, That the said Directors, or any Three or more of them, shall and may from Time to Time elect and appoint a Clergyman of the Church of *England* to attend and perform Divine Service in the said House of Industry, and there to instruct the Poor in the Principles of the Christian Religion, and the Children in the Church Catechism, to visit the Sick, and perform the other Offices of his Function; and such Directors also shall and may from Time to Time elect and appoint a Treasurer and a Clerk of and to the said Corporation, and a Steward and Matron of the said House of Industry, and such other Officer or Officers as they shall think necessary, for the Purposes of this Act, and from Time to Time, as to them the said Directors shall seem meet, at their Pleasure, displace or discharge such Chaplain, Treasurer, and other Officers, or any of them, and elect and appoint other or others in his, her, or their Stead, and shall take such Securities as they shall deem reasonable, by Bond, with sufficient Sureties or otherwise, to the said Corporation, from every such Treasurer and other Officer, for the due and faithful Execution of their respective Offices, before he, she, or they respectively shall be allowed to act.

Directors to appoint a Chaplain, Treasurer, &c.

XXXII. And be it further enacted, That the said Directors, or any Three of them, shall and may make and allow such Stipend, Salary, or Allowance to every such Clergyman, Treasurer, and other Officer, for his or her Pains and Trouble, as such Directors shall think proper; and for inciting them to discharge their respective Duties with Humanity, Diligence, and Fidelity, the said Directors may order such Gratuities to be given and paid to them or any of them respectively over and besides their respective Allowances, as shall appear to such Directors to be proper, and the same shall be paid accordingly.

Directors to allow Salaries, &c. to Chaplain and Officers.

XXXIII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That it shall not be lawful for the said Guardians or Directors to continue or appoint the Person or Persons who hath or have been or may be appointed their Clerk or Clerks in the Execution of this Act, or the Partner or Partners of such Clerk or Clerks, or the Clerk of or other Person in the Service or Employ of such Clerk or Clerks, or of the Partner or Partners of such Clerk or Clerks, the

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

Treasurer



Treasurer for the Purposes of this Act, or to continue or appoint the Person or Persons who have or hath been or may be appointed Treasurer or Treasurers, or the Partner or Partners of any such Treasurer or Treasurers, or the Clerk of or other Person in the Service or Employ of any such Treasurer or Treasurers, or of the Partner or Partners of such Treasurer or Treasurers, the Clerk for the Purposes of this Act; and if any Person shall accept or hold at the same Time both of the said Offices of Clerk and Treasurer, or if any Person being the Partner of any such Clerk, or the Clerk of or other Person in the Service or Employ of such Clerk or of the Partner of such Clerk, shall act as Treasurer, or being the Partner of such Treasurer, or the Clerk of or other Person in the Service or Employ of such Treasurer or of the Partner of such Treasurer, shall act as Clerk, or if any Treasurer shall hold or accept any Place or Office of Trust or Profit under the said Guardians or Directors other than that of Treasurer, whilst he continues in the said last-mentioned Office, every such Person so offending shall for every such Offence forfeit and pay the Sum of One hundred Pounds to any Person who shall sue for the same, to be recovered, with full Costs of Suit, in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster*, by Action of Debt or on the Case, or by Bill, Suit, or Information, wherein no Essoign, Protection, or Wager of Law, nor more than One Imparance, shall be allowed.

Directors  
may appoint  
Special  
Constables.

XXXIV. And be it further enacted, That the said Directors, or any Three of them, may from Time to Time appoint some proper Person or Persons to be a Special Constable or Constables within the said united District for the Purposes of this Act; and such Person or Persons, having taken the usual Oath of a Constable before some Justice of the Peace for the said Town and Liberties of *Shrewsbury*, shall and may act as a Constable or Constables in all Cases relating to the Execution of this Act within the said District.

Justices to  
act on Com  
plaint of  
Directors or  
Officers.

XXXV. And be it further enacted, That in all Cases where any Justice of the Peace is or shall be empowered by any Law or Statute to proceed or act in any Matter or Thing relating to the Poor of any Part of the said united District on the Complaint of any Overseer of the Poor, such Justice shall and may proceed and act therein, as to any poor Person who shall reside in the said House of Industry, on the Complaint of any of the said Directors, or of the said Clerk of the said Corporation, or of the Director or the Steward or Matron of the said House of Industry for the Time being, in like Manner as if such Complaint was made by such Overseer.

Power to  
alter House  
of Industry,  
&c., and to  
keep the same  
in repair.

XXXVI. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Directors, or any Three or more of them, from Time to Time to make any such Alterations in or Additions to the aforesaid House of Industry, and its Yards, Gardens, Lands, and Appurtenances, as shall appear to them to be necessary or proper for the better and more completely effecting the Purposes of this Act, provided the same shall have been previously approved of by the said Guardians; and the said Directors shall keep the Buildings and the other Premises which are now standing, and



and as the same shall be hereafter added to or altered from Time to Time, in good and sufficient Repair.

XXXVII. And be it further enacted, That the said Directors, or any Three or more of them, shall and may from Time to Time contract for and purchase or provide such Furniture, Cattle, Goods, Provisions, Clothing, Utensils, Materials, and other Chattels as they shall think proper for the Purposes of this Act; and the Property of and in all the present and future Furniture and other Goods, Chattels, and Effects which have been or shall be from Time to Time had, made, or provided for the said House of Industry, or for carrying into execution any of the Purposes of this Act, and also of and in all Debts which now are or hereafter shall be due to the said Corporation for the Poor's Work or otherwise, shall be vested in and be deemed the Property of the Corporation hereby created, for the Purposes of this Act; and the said Directors, or any Three or more of them, are hereby empowered to prosecute any Indictment, or to bring any Action or Suit, in the Name of the said Corporation, against any Person, for disturbing the Possession of, or for feloniously or illegally taking, receiving, obtaining, withholding, or detaining any such Goods, Chattels, or Effects, or for the Recovery of such Debt or Debts.

Directors to provide Furniture, &c.

Property to be vested in Corporation.

Directors may prosecute respecting Goods, &c.

XXXVIII. And be it further enacted, That the said Directors, or any Three or more of them, shall without Delay ascertain the respective Places of Settlement within the said united District of such of the different poor Persons as shall be in the said House of Industry on the First Day of *October* One thousand eight hundred and twenty-six, and from or in respect of what Parishes in the said District the same poor Persons were respectively brought thereto, or received or kept therein; and shall cause to be delivered unto the Overseers of the Poor of each Parish in the said united District a List or Account of the said Persons whose Settlement shall be found to be in such Parish, or who were brought to or received or kept in the said House from or in respect thereof; and if the Overseers of any of the said Parishes shall be dissatisfied with the said Ascertainment with respect to any of the said poor Persons, then the same shall be heard and determined by any Two of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the said County of *Salop*, or by the Mayor and Justices of the Town and Liberties of *Shrewsbury* within their respective Jurisdictions, or any Two of them; and in case the Settlement of any or either of the said Persons who shall be in the said House on the said First Day of *October* One thousand eight hundred and twenty-six cannot be ascertained, then such Person or Persons shall be deemed to belong to such Parish or Parishes in the said united District whence or in respect whereof he, she, or they respectively was or were received into or kept in the said House; or if such Place or Places cannot be ascertained as to any of them, then he, she, or they, as to whom such Defect shall be, shall be deemed to belong to such Parish or Parishes respectively within the said District as shall be fixed by the said Guardians, by Lot or otherwise, as nearly proportionate to the Difference in the Quotas which the several Parishes in the said District bear to each other, in the Rate or Scale herein-after contained, and amounting in the whole to the

Settlement of Poor in the House to be ascertained.

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aggregate Sum of One hundred Pounds, as the Circumstances will admit, but subject to the like Power of Adjudication of Two Justices of the Peace for the said County, or of the Mayor and Justices of the Peace of the Town and Liberties of *Shrewsbury*, or any Two of them, within their respective Jurisdictions, as is hereby given with respect to the Settlement of the said other Paupers.

Poor in the House to be maintained at Expense of Corporation until 1st October 1826, and afterwards by the Parishes to which they belong.

XXXIX. And be it further enacted, That the Persons in the said House of Industry shall be maintained therein at the Expense of the said original Corporation until the said First Day of *October* One thousand eight hundred and twenty-six inclusive; and from and after that Day such of them as shall continue therein, and such poor Persons as shall be thereafter sent thereto, shall, during the Times they shall respectively remain therein, be lodged, clothed, maintained, and provided for by the said Directors of the said Corporation hereby created, at the Expense of the respective Parishes in the said united District to which they shall respectively belong, or from or in respect of which they shall respectively be received into the said House; and the Overseers of the Poor of the said Parishes shall from Time to Time respectively repay the said Expenses unto the said Corporation or its Treasurer, according to the Stipulations in this Act contained; and the Profits (if any) of the Work and Labour of such Paupers so belonging to them, during the said Times they shall so remain in the said House respectively, or so much thereof as shall not be applied in such Rewards as herein-after mentioned, shall be applied towards the Payment of the Salaries of the Officers and the Wages of the Servants of the said House of Industry; and the said Directors shall from Time to Time cause distinct Statements, weekly or otherwise, to be made in their Accounts of the Expenses of the Lodging, Clothing, and Maintenance of the Poor belonging to or sent from or in respect of each of the said Parishes, the same to be made in such Manner and Form, and upon such Calculations on the Numbers, Ages, Capacities, and other Circumstances of the said Paupers, as the said Guardians by any Rule or Order, or the said Directors in case none shall be made by the said Guardians, shall from Time to Time appoint, and the Amount of such Accounts shall be charged on the said respective Parishes accordingly: Provided always, that the Charges for Maintenance of the said Poor in the House shall be computed and made by the Week, and although any poor Person shall continue therein for any Period less than a Week.

Parishes may send Poor to the House of Industry.

XL. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the Vestry, or, in Cases of immediate Necessity, for the Overseers or other Officers or Persons having by Law the Care, Management, or Direction of the Poor of any Parish within the said united District, from Time to Time to take or send any poor Person chargeable thereto to the said House of Industry, with or without suitable Clothing, by Writing, signed by the Vestry Clerk or a Director or Overseer of the Poor appointed for or in respect of the same Parish, and such poor Person shall be thereupon received into the said House, and there provided for under the Provisions of this Act; and it shall be lawful for such Vestry, Overseers, or other Officers or Persons having such Care, Management, or Direction as aforesaid,



aforesaid, by Writing signed in like Manner, at any Time to require the Discharge of any of the said poor Persons who now is or are or shall be in the said House of Industry belonging to such Parish or other Place, or from or in respect of which such Writing shall be sent, and such poor Person shall be thereupon discharged accordingly suitably clothed, and shall be taken and removed by such Overseer or other Officer of such Parish or Place from the said House, either back to the same Parish or Place, or to the Place or respective Places of his, her, or their Settlement.

XLI. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That no Officer or Person having the Management of the said House of Industry shall, without the Order of an Assembly of Guardians or Board of Directors, be compelled or compellable to receive into the said House any poor Person who shall at the Time when brought thereto be insane or lunatic or idiotic; and if any poor Person shall at the Time of his or her Admission into the said House be in any such State, or during his or her Continuance in the said House become insane or lunatic or idiotic, then and in every or any such Case it shall be lawful for the said Directors, or any Two or more of them, to require the Overseers of the Poor of the Parish from which such poor Person was brought to the House, to remove such Person from the said House; and if such Overseers shall not comply with such Order within Three Days then next following, every such Overseer shall forfeit and pay, for every Day he shall make such Default, any Sum not exceeding Five Pounds nor less than Ten Shillings.

Persons  
insane not  
to be in  
House.

XLII. And be it further enacted, That the said Directors for the Time being shall have and they are hereby vested with the entire Care, Control, Management, and Government of the said House of Industry, and of all the Poor who now are or shall at any Time be received therein, until lawfully discharged therefrom, with Power to provide for their better Maintenance and Employment there; and may from Time to Time set and keep them to work, and maintain and provide for them during their respective Continuance in the said House, in such Manner as Overseers of the Poor are empowered to do in any Poorhouse, Workhouse, or elsewhere, by any Law now in being or which shall hereafter be enacted relating to the Poor, or in such other legal Manner as the said Directors or any Three or more of them shall think proper, subject to the Provisions of this Act, and to the Rules, Orders, and Regulations to be made by virtue thereof.

Directors to  
have the Care  
of Poor in  
the said  
House.

XLIII. And be it further enacted, That every Person received into and remaining as a Pauper in the said House of Industry shall, during his or her Residence or Abode therein, do, execute, and perform all such Work and Labour as the said Directors or any Three or more of them shall think proper, and shall submit to, obey, and observe the Rules and Orders which are or shall be established or made for the Regulation of the said House and of the Persons residing therein, and shall be obedient to the reasonable Commands of the said Directors, and of the Steward,  
Matron,

Poor in the  
House to  
work, and  
to observe  
Rules, &c.



Matron, and other Officers of the said House, and shall not be guilty of profane Cursing or Swearing, Drunkenness, Lewdness, indecent, immoral, or disorderly Behaviour, nor shall at any Time absent himself or herself from the said House, or quit the same without Leave, or until legally discharged.

Directors  
may reward  
Poor for good  
Conduct.

XLIV. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the Directors, or any Three or more of them, from Time to Time to distribute and give, out of the Profits which may arise from the Work and Labour of the Poor in the said House of Industry, such Rewards to the diligent, skilful, orderly, or well-behaved of the said Poor as shall appear to them to be proper.

Interest of  
Debt and  
Expenses of  
Repairs to be  
paid by the  
different  
Parishes in  
the Propor-  
tions herein  
mentioned.

XLV. And be it further enacted, That the Interest of all Debts legally charged upon the Estates of the said Corporation, and the Expense of repairing the said House of Industry, and all Buildings belonging to the said Corporation, shall be paid and borne by the said recited Parishes respectively, in the like Proportions on each Parish as the under-mentioned Sums entered opposite to the Names of the said Parishes respectively bear to the aggregate Sum of One hundred Pounds; (that is to say,) the Parish of *Saint Chad*, Forty-five Pounds Eighteen Shillings and Ninepence; the Parish of *Saint Mary*, Seventeen Pounds Ten Shillings and Threepence; the Parish of *Saint Alkmond*, Nine Pounds Fourteen Shillings and Tenpence; the Parish of *Saint Julian*, Eleven Pounds Six Shillings and One Penny; the Parish of *Meole Brace*, Four Pounds Eleven Shillings and Eightpence; and the Parish of *Holy Cross and Saint Giles*, Ten Pounds Eighteen Shillings and Fivepence; which said different Sums, exclusive of Fractions of a Penny, are in the same Proportions to each other as the said Parishes have hitherto respectively contributed to the Payment thereof; and it shall and may be lawful for the said Guardians to sell or authorize the Sale of any Land, Tenements, or Hereditaments, with the Appurtenances, which they were enabled to purchase, take, or hold under the said Act hereby repealed, and which may appear to them not to be necessary for the Purposes of the said House of Industry, and may convey the same under the Corporate Seal of the said Corporation; and the Money to be raised by such Sale shall be applied in Payment of the Debts legally charged or to be charged upon the Estates of the said Corporation, or so much thereof as the same will discharge, and the Residue of the Money produced by such Sale or Sales (if any) shall be divided among the said Parishes in the Proportions herein-before last mentioned; and in the meantime and until such Sale, the said several Parishes shall be entitled to such Land, Tenements, and Hereditaments, with the Appurtenances, in the like Proportions.

Salaries, &c.  
to be deemed  
Part of the  
Expenses of  
House, and  
paid by the  
Parishes.

XLVI. And be it further enacted, That all Salaries, Wages, Gratuities, and all other Charges and Expenses of the said Corporation, (except the Interest of the Debt or Debts which is or are or may be legally charged upon the Estates of the said Corporation, and the Expenses of keeping the said House of Industry in repair,) shall be deemed and taken as Part of the Expense of maintaining the Poor in the said House, and shall



shall be charged by the said Directors to and paid by the Overseers of the said respective Parishes, in like Manner as the Expenses of maintaining the said Poor are herein-before directed to be charged and paid.

XLVII. And be it further enacted, That for the Purposes herein-before mentioned, the said Directors, or any Three or more of them, shall and may from Time to Time issue Warrants under their Hands and Seals to the Overseers of the said respective Parishes in the said united District, requiring them to raise the said respective Sums so charged and to be charged as aforesaid on their said respective Parishes, and to pay the same to the Treasurer of the Corporation, at such Time or Times, and Place or Places, as shall be specified therein respectively; and such Overseers shall and may raise and pay all the said Monies by and out of the Poor's Rates or Assessments of or for their respective Parishes, which Assessments they are hereby required and authorized to make and collect accordingly.

Directors to issue Warrants to Overseers to raise the Sums charged on their Parishes.

XLVIII. And be it further enacted, That the Overseers of the Poor of the different Parishes within the said united District, and every of them, shall from Time to Time and at all Times hereafter duly execute, perform, observe, and obey every of the said Warrants for raising and paying Monies as aforesaid, and all other the lawful Warrants and Orders of the said Directors in or concerning the Execution of this Act; and in default thereof every such Overseer who shall refuse or neglect so to do, shall forfeit and pay for every Default or Neglect any Sum not exceeding Five Pounds nor less than Five Shillings.

Overseers to obey Warrants and Orders of Directors.

XLIX. And be it further enacted, That the Parishioners and Inhabitants of each of the said respective Parishes within the said united District shall be answerable for the respective Sums of Money which shall be fixed, charged, and raised thereon respectively by virtue of this Act, and not paid by their respective Overseers as aforesaid, and shall be compellable to pay the same upon Re-assessment, which in that Case is hereby directed to be made by the said Officers or their Successors; and such Rates or Assessments and also such Re-assessments for the Sums so fixed and charged shall be assessed and levied upon and recovered from such Persons, and in such and the like Manner, as Money assessed for the Relief of the Poor is to be or may be assessed, levied, and recovered, and with the same Power of Appeal to Persons aggrieved: Provided nevertheless, that no such Appeal shall suspend or delay the Payment of any Money which shall be so required by the said Directors to be raised and paid as aforesaid, but such Money shall be raised and paid notwithstanding any such Appeal is pending; and in case the Court before whom such Appeal shall be heard shall determine that any Place or Person appealing is aggrieved with respect to the Sum to be raised or paid by such Place or Person, then the said Directors shall refund to such Place or Person so appealing such Sum of Money as the Court in which such Appeal shall be heard shall determine to exceed the just Proportion that such Place or Person ought to pay.

Parishes to be answerable for Overseers in case of Nonpayment.

Money to be raised under Poor Laws.

No Appeal to protract Payment.



Accounts to  
be made up  
to 1st Oct.  
1826.

L. And be it further enacted, That the said Directors shall, with all convenient Speed, cause all the Accounts of the Receipts, Payments, Debts, and Credits due and payable from or to, and the Stock in hand belonging to the said original Corporation, to be made up, balanced, and closed to the First Day of *October* One thousand eight hundred and twenty-six inclusive, distinguishing and setting forth in a separate Account all permanent Charges and Incumbrances on the Estates and Hereditaments of the said Corporation, in such Manner and Form as the said Guardians shall direct, and shall place the Balance of the said general Accounts to the Debit or Credit (as the Case may be) of the said Guardians in their future general Account; and if upon the Settlement of such Accounts it shall appear that there is not Money enough in hand to pay and satisfy all Demands upon the said Corporation, exclusive of the said permanent Charges and Incumbrances, then the Money necessary for the Discharge of such Demands shall be raised by the said Directors in such Sums and at such Times as the said Guardians shall from Time to Time direct; the same to be raised and paid by the respective Overseers of the Poor of the several Parishes and Places in the said united District by the Means herein-before directed, and in the Proportions herein-before specified for defraying the Interest of the Debt of the said Corporation and the Expense of the Repairs of the said House of Industry: Provided always, that if it shall happen upon the Settlement of such Accounts that the Balance of Money in hand be over and above what is necessary to discharge such Demands, then the Excess of such Balance shall be carried by the said Directors to the Credit of the said Parishes respectively, in the said last-mentioned Proportions, and applied in Diminution of the Money that shall become due from them in respect of the Maintenance of their respective Poor in the said Town under this Act.

How Ac-  
counts are to  
be kept.

LI. And be it further enacted, That the Treasurer, Clerk, Steward, and other Officers for the Time being shall from Time to Time respectively keep at the said House of Industry such and so many Accounts of the Receipts, Payments, Mortgages, Debts, Credits, and pecuniary Matters, Goods, Chattels, Affairs, and Concerns of the said Coporation, and in such Books, Manner, and Form, as shall be from Time to Time fixed and ordered by the said Guardians, or in their Default by any Board of Directors.

Guardians  
to appoint  
Auditors,  
who are to  
examine  
Accounts  
and report to  
Directors.

LII. And be it further enacted, That the said Guardians at their said yearly Courts shall from Time to Time appoint any Three of the Guardians, not being Directors, to be Auditors of Accounts, with Liberty to employ such Person or Persons to assist them as an Accountant or as Accountants therein, as they shall think fit; and the said Auditors shall from Time to Time inspect, examine, and audit the Accounts of the said Corporation, and of the Directors, Treasurer, Steward, and other Officers thereof, at such Time and Times as the Guardians shall order and direct, and shall deliver the said Accounts, with their Report thereon, to the Board of Directors, or to such Officer as they shall appoint; and the said Directors shall from Time to Time allow such Sum or Sums of Money as shall appear to them to be fair and reasonable, as a Remuneration to the said Auditors and Accountants for their Time and Trouble therein,

Allowance to  
Auditors and  
Accountants.



therein, which Money shall be paid accordingly by the Treasurer: Provided always, that in case any Auditor to be appointed by virtue of this Act shall die, or refuse to act in the Execution of this Act, it shall be lawful for the surviving or remaining Auditors to elect some other Guardian as aforesaid (not being a Director) to be an Auditor in the Place or Stead of the Person so dying or refusing to act, and every Person so elected to fill up any such Vacancy shall continue in Office so long only as the Person in whose Place or Stead he may be elected would have been entitled to continue had he lived or remained in Office.

LIII. And be it further enacted, That after the said Accounts shall have been so examined and audited, the same may be passed and allowed by or before Two Justices of the Peace of the said County of *Salop*, or by the Mayor and Justices of the Town and Liberties of *Shrewsbury*, or any Two of them, within their respective Jurisdictions, in like Manner as by Law prescribed for the passing and Allowance of Overseers Accounts, with Power of Appeal from such Allowance to the Court of General Quarter Sessions for the said County of *Salop*, or for the Town and Liberties of *Shrewsbury*, at the Option of the Party making such Appeal.

Allowance of  
Accounts by  
Justices, with  
Power of  
Appeal.

LIV. And be it further enacted, That the said Directors shall yearly transmit an Abstract of the said Accounts and Report, in such Form as the said Guardians shall from Time to Time order, to the Town Clerk of the said Town of *Shrewsbury*, at the General Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the said Town next ensuing the Receipt of the same Account and Report, or within Ten Days next after such Receipt; and the said Town Clerk shall deposit and keep the same Abstracts, with the Records of the said Court of Quarter Sessions, and any Person whomsoever may inspect the same, and have Copies thereof or Extracts therefrom, on paying the Sum of One Shilling for each Inspection thereof, and the Sum of Sixpence for every One hundred Words of any Copy or Extract of the same, to the said Town Clerk.

Abstract of  
Accounts, &c.  
to be lodged  
at Quarter  
Sessions.

LV. And be it further enacted, That every Treasurer, Clerk, Steward, and other Officer or Person who shall be employed in the Receipt or Expenditure of any of the Monies which hath been or which may be raised by virtue of the said recited Act hereby repealed, or which may be raised by virtue of this Act, or in the Care or Management of the said House of Industry, or of any Manufactory, Work, or Poor therein, shall from Time to Time, when and as often as required by the said Directors or any Three or more of them, render a true and perfect Account in Writing under his or her Hand of all Monies, Deeds, Writings, Goods, Chattels, and Effects which shall have been received or had by him or her in such Office or Employ, and how and to what Uses the same shall have been respectively paid, applied, or disposed of, together with proper Vouchers for all Payments or Deliveries thereof, in such Manner and Form as shall be required or directed from Time to Time by the said Guardians or by the said Directors, or any Three or more of them, and shall pay and deliver over such of the said Monies, Deeds, Writings, Goods, Chattels, and Effects, as shall be remaining in his or her Hands, Custody, or

Officers to  
account.

Power



Power, unto the said Directors, or such Person or Persons as they shall nominate.

Remedy for  
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ing.

LVI. And be it further enacted, That if any such Officer or Person shall not make and render such Accounts as aforesaid, or produce the Vouchers relating thereto, and pay the Money, if any, which shall be due from him or her on the same, within the Time and in the Manner aforesaid, or shall not deliver up as aforesaid, within Seven Days after being thereunto required by the said Directors, or any Three of them, or their Chairman or Clerk, all the Deeds, Books, Writings, Goods, Chattels, and Effects in his or her Custody or Power, relating to his or her said Office or Employ, or the Execution of the said recited Act and this Act, or either of them, then and in every or any such Case any Justice of the Peace for the Town and Liberties of *Shrewsbury* or County of *Salop* (within their respective Jurisdictions) shall and may, upon Complaint made to him by or on behalf of the said Guardians or Directors, by Warrant under his Hand and Seal, cause such Officer or Person so refusing or neglecting to be brought before him, and upon his or her appearing, or not being to be found, or not appearing, to hear and determine the Matter in a summary Way; and if upon Confession of such Officer or Person, or upon the Testimony of any credible Witness upon Oath, it shall appear to such Justice that any of the said Monies shall be remaining in the Hands of such Officer or Person unaccounted for or unpaid, then such Justice shall and may, by Warrant under his Hand and Seal, cause such Money to be levied by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of every such Officer or Person so offending respectively, together with the Costs and Charges of such Distress and Sale; and if no Goods or Chattels of such Officer or Person can be found sufficient to satisfy such Money, Costs, and Charges, or if it shall appear to any such Justice, by the Confession of the Party so offending or otherwise, that any such Deeds, Books, Writings, Goods, Chattels, or Effects shall be in the Custody or Power of any such Officer or Person, and he or she shall refuse or neglect to deliver up the same as aforesaid, or if such Officer or Person shall not truly account, or shall not pay the Balance (if any) of such Account, then and in either of the said Cases such Justice shall and may commit every such Offender to the Common Gaol of the said Town or County, there to remain without Bail or Mainprize until he or she shall give and make such Account and Payment as aforesaid, and until he or she shall deliver up such Deeds, Books, Writings, Goods, Chattels, and Effects as aforesaid, or give Satisfaction in respect thereof to the said Directors: Provided always, that no such Officer or Person shall be detained in Prison for want of sufficient Distress for any longer Time than Six Calendar Months.

Guardians or  
Directors  
may com-  
pound Debts.

LVII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful from Time to Time for any Court of the Guardians or Board of the said Directors to compound with any Person for any Penalty, Debt, Money, Deeds, Writings, Goods, Chattels, or Effects due or belonging to or from the said Corporation, or respecting the Nonperformance or Breach or rescinding of any Contract or Agreement made with the said Corporation, or the Directors on account thereof; and the said Directors, or the Treasurer of the said Corporation, shall and may receive and accept of or pay



pay such Composition accordingly, and give or receive a full Acquittance or Discharge in the Premises thereon; provided a Motion for making every such Composition shall be entered in the Minute Book of the said Guardians or Directors Thirteen Days at least previous to agreeing to such Composition, and be publicly read and agreed to at the Court or Meeting next after the Time of such Entry; provided also, that Notice in Writing, under the Hand of the Clerk of the said Corporation, of the Time at which such Motion is intended to be considered and determined, shall be given in like Manner as herein directed for Special Assemblies or Boards.

LVIII. And be it further enacted, That all lawful Rules, Orders, and Constitutions of the said present Corporation and the Directors thereof, respectively made and now remaining in force, shall respectively continue and remain in force, so far as they respectively shall be applicable to the Powers, Authorities, and Regulations of this present Act, until they shall be respectively repealed, altered, or amended.

Present Rules to remain in force till repealed or altered.

LIX. And be it further enacted, That all Mortgages charged on the Estates or Hereditaments of the said Corporation shall continue distinguished in the Margins thereof by their present numerical progressive Numbers respectively; and every such Mortgage, and every Assignment or Transfer and other Dispositions thereof, and every future Assignment and Transfer of the same, or of the Monies thereby secured, or any Part thereof, and every Probate of a Will or Letters of Administration by virtue of which the same or any of them shall be claimed, shall, within One Month next after the Commencement of this Act, and the Dates of the said future Instruments respectively, and before any One claiming thereby shall be entitled to have or receive all or any of the Principal or Interest Monies due thereon, be entered by the Clerk of the said Corporation in a Book to be kept by him for that Purpose, for each of which Entries he shall be paid Two Shillings and Sixpence, and the said Book may be inspected at all seasonable Times by any Person, on Payment of One Shilling to the said Clerk for every such Inspection.

Mortgages, Transfers, &c. to be entered in a Book.

LX. And be it further enacted, That the said Guardians and Directors shall cause proper Minutes of all their respective Contracts, Agreements, Rules, Orders, Directions, Acts, and Proceedings at their said Courts and Boards to be fairly entered in a Book or Books to be kept for that Purpose, and the same shall be signed by the Chairman of such Courts or Boards respectively; and all Entries so made and signed shall be deemed Originals, and be admitted in Evidence by all Judges, Justices, and others, without other Evidence or Proof than the Production of the said Book or Books respectively; and the said Directors shall also cause proper Accounts of all Receipts, Payments, Debts, Credits, Matters, and Things relating or appertaining to the said House of Industry or Corporation to be fairly entered by the proper Officer or Officers in other Books to be kept for those Purposes respectively; and all and every of the said Books, Contracts, Agreements, Papers, and Accounts shall be produced at any of the said Courts or Boards, upon the reasonable Request and previous Notice of any Inhabitant or other Person assessed to the Relief of the

Proceedings to be entered and signed.

Entries to be Evidence.



Poor in any Part of the said united District; and submitted to his or her Inspection, upon Payment of such reasonable Fee to the Clerk as the Guardians shall fix from Time to Time for the same; and if the Person making such Inspection shall then and there protest and declare his or her Objection to or Observation upon any particular Charge, Rate, Matter, or Proceeding contained therein, the same shall be heard and taken into consideration by such Court or Board, and in case the same cannot be then finally settled and determined to the Satisfaction of the Party or Parties making such Objection, then the Matter of such Objection shall be heard and determined by any Two Justices of the Peace for the said Town and Liberties of *Shrewsbury* or County of *Salop*, within their respective Jurisdictions, as the Case may require.

Recovery and  
Application  
of Penalties.

LXI. And be it further enacted, That all Penalties and Forfeitures for all and every the Offences in this Act mentioned, in relation to which the Manner of convicting the Offender or Offenders and the Application of the Penalty is not particularly mentioned or directed, shall be adjudged by and be recovered before any Justice of the Peace for the County, City, or District wherein the Offence shall have arisen, in a summary Way, and by the Oath of any Person, or on the Confession of the Party offending (which Oath such Justice is hereby authorized to administer); and in default of Payment of such Penalties or Forfeitures the same shall and may be levied by Distress and Sale of the Offender's Goods and Chattels, by Warrant under the Hand and Seal of such Justice; and the Amount of the Penalties and Forfeitures, whether the same shall be paid or shall be recovered by Distress and Sale as aforesaid, and in the latter Case after rendering the Overplus (if any), on Demand, to the Party or Parties whose Goods and Chattels shall have been so distrained, (the reasonable Charges of such Distress and Sale having been first deducted,) shall be paid to the Treasurer of the said Guardians, and be applied in aid of the Monies to be raised for defraying the general Charges and Expenses of the said Corporation; and in case such sufficient Distress cannot be found, and such Penalties and Forfeitures shall not be forthwith paid upon Conviction, then it shall be lawful for such Justice to order the Offender or Offenders so convicted to be detained in safe Custody until Return can be conveniently made to such Warrant or Warrants of Distress, unless the said Offender or Offenders shall give sufficient Security, by Recognizance or otherwise, to the Satisfaction of such Justice, for his or their Appearance before him, on such Day or Days as shall be appointed for the Return of such Warrant or Warrants of Distress, such Day or Days not being more than Ten Days from the Time of taking any such Security; and if upon Return of such Warrant or Warrants it shall appear that no such sufficient Distress can be had thereupon, or in case it shall appear to the Satisfaction of such Justice, either by the Confession of the Offender or Offenders or otherwise, that he, she, or they hath or have not sufficient Goods and Chattels whereon such Penalties, Forfeitures, Fines, and Charges could be levied if a Warrant of Distress were issued, such Justice shall not be required to issue such Warrant of Distress; and thereupon it shall be lawful for any such Justice and he is hereby authorized and required, by Warrant under his Hand and Seal, to commit such Offender or Offenders to the Common Gaol or House of Correction



Correction of the County, City, Town, or District wherein such Offence shall have arisen, for any Time not exceeding Six Calendar Months.

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

Justices may proceed by Summons in the Recovery of Penalties.

LXIII. And be it further enacted, That if any Person shall be summoned as a Witness to give Evidence before any Justice of the Peace touching any Matter contained in any Information or Complaint for any Offence against this Act, either on behalf of the Prosecutor or of the Person or Persons accused, or touching any Matter to be inquired into or to be determined by virtue of this Act, and shall refuse or neglect to appear from Time to Time, and at the Time and Place which shall be for that Purpose appointed, without reasonable Excuse for his or her Refusal or Neglect, or appearing shall refuse to be examined upon Oath, or, in case of a Quaker or Quakers, on solemn Affirmation, (which Oath or Affirmation such Justice or Justices is and are hereby authorized to administer,) or to give Evidence before such Justice, then and in every such Case every such Person shall forfeit and pay for every such Offence any Sum not exceeding Five Pounds nor less than Ten Shillings, provided a reasonable Sum shall have been paid or tendered to such Person for his or her Costs and Charges of Attendance as a Witness.

Attendance of Witnesses.

LXIV. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Directors, or any Three or more of them, to cause any of the said Officers or poor or other Persons who shall commit any of the Offences aforesaid, or any other Crime or Offence against the said Corporation or its Property, to be prosecuted by Action or Suit at Law, or Suit in Equity, or by Information or Indictment for the same, according to the Nature and Enormity of the Offence, instead of proceeding against him, her, or them under the Provisions of this Act.

Offenders may be prosecuted by Action or Indictment.

LXV. And be it further enacted, That no Action or Suit shall be commenced or brought against any Person for anything done in pursuance of this Act, or any of the Powers hereby given, or in anywise relating thereto, until Twenty Days Notice thereof in Writing shall have been given to the said Corporation, or the Person or Persons against whom the same shall be prosecuted, nor after Satisfaction or Tender of sufficient Amends shall have been made, nor after the Expiration of Six Calendar Months from the Time the Cause thereof shall have arisen; and every such Action or Suit shall be laid and brought in the County wherein

Limitation of Suit, and Form of Plea.



wherein the Cause of Action shall have arisen, 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 on any Trial to be had thereupon; and if the Act or Acts so complained of shall appear to have been done in pursuance of this Act, or that such Action or Suit hath been brought before such Notice thereof shall have been given as aforesaid, or after the Time hereby limited for bringing the same, or after Satisfaction or Tender of sufficient Amends shall have been made, or that such Action or Suit shall be brought in any other County than as aforesaid, then the Jury shall find for the Defendant or Defendants; and upon such Verdict, or if the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs shall be nonsuited therein, or shall discontinue his, her, or their said Action or Suit after the Defendant or Defendants shall have appeared, or if upon Demurrer Judgment shall be given against the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs, such Defendant or Defendants shall and may recover Double Costs, and have and be entitled to the like Remedy for the same as any Defendant hath for Costs of Suit in other Cases at Law.

Declaring what shall be good Service of Notices on the Corporation.

LXVI. And be it further enacted, That in all Cases wherein it may be necessary or requisite for any Person or Party to serve any Summons, Notice, Writ, or other Proceeding at Law or in Equity upon the said Corporation, Service thereof respectively upon the Clerk of the said Corporation, or left at the Office of such Clerk, or at his usual Place of Abode, or at the Office or usual Place of transacting Business of the said Corporation, or of any Officer or Servant of the said Corporation, or left at his usual Place of Abode, shall be deemed good and sufficient Service of the same respectively on the said Corporation.

Proceedings not to be quashed for Want of Form.

LXVII. And be it further enacted, That no Summons, Order, Assessment, Conviction, Warrant, Distress, or other Proceeding under this Act, shall be quashed, vacated, set aside, or made or deemed void for Want of Form only, or be removable into any of His Majesty's Courts at *Westminster*; nor in case of any Irregularity in such Distress, or any Sale thereupon or Proceeding therein, shall any of the Parties concerned therein be deemed a Trespasser or Trespassers *ab initio*, but the Person or Persons aggrieved thereby may recover Satisfaction for the special Damage only in an Action upon the Case, if no sufficient Tender of Amends shall have been made to him, her, or them before such Action brought, and not otherwise; and every Conviction under this Act shall be drawn in the Form or to the Effect following; (that is to say,)

‘ **B**E it remembered, That on the \_\_\_\_\_ Day of \_\_\_\_\_  
 ‘ in the Year of our Lord \_\_\_\_\_ *A.B.* of \_\_\_\_\_  
 ‘ was convicted before me *C.D.* the Mayor, or One of \_\_\_\_\_  
 ‘ His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the Town of Shrewsbury or \_\_\_\_\_  
 ‘ County of Salop [*here specify the Offence, and the Time and Place when*  
 ‘ *and where committed, as the Case shall be*]. Given under my Hand  
 ‘ and Seal the Day and Year first above written.’

Appeal.

LXVIII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That if any Person shall think himself or herself aggrieved by anything done in pursuance of \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_



of this Act, and for which no particular Method of Relief is hereby appointed, such Person may appeal to any General Quarter Sessions of the Peace to be holden for the County of *Salop*, or for the Town and Liberties of *Shrewsbury*, at the Option of the Party making such Appeal, within Three Calendar Months next after the Cause of Appeal shall have arisen, such Appellant first giving Eight Days Notice at least in Writing of his or her Intention to bring such Appeal, and of the Matter thereof, to the Clerk or Treasurer of the said Corporation, or such other Person or Persons as shall occasion the said Matter or Thing appealed against, and within Five Days after such Notice entering into a Recognizance before some Justice of the Peace for the same County, Town and Liberties, with Two sufficient Sureties, conditioned to try such Appeal, and abide the Order and pay the Costs (if any) which shall be awarded by such Quarter Sessions; and the Court, upon due Proof of such Notice and Recognizance, shall hear and finally determine the Matter of every such Appeal in a summary Way, and make such Order and award such Costs to the Party appealing or appealed against as such Court shall think proper; and such Determination shall be final, binding, and conclusive to all Intents and Purposes.

LXIX. And be it further enacted, That any Inhabitant of the said united District, although he or she shall be rated or be liable to the Payment of any Rate or Assessment for the Relief of any of the Poor within the said District, shall be and be deemed a competent Witness upon any Trial, Hearing, Examination, or otherwise, in, about, touching, or concerning the Execution of this Act. Inhabitants to be competent Witnesses.

LXX. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Corporation, by Mortgage, Demise, or Assignment of the Real and Personal Estate and Effects of the said Corporation, or any Part thereof, to levy and raise such Sum or Sums of Money as shall or may be required to discharge all such Debts due from and charged upon the Real Property belonging to the said Corporation as shall be called up. Power to mortgage to pay Debts.

LXXI. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That this Act shall not extend to any Chapelry or other Place within any of the said Parishes the Inhabitants whereof are liable to or chargeable with the Maintenance or Relief of the Poor therein, distinctly from and independent of the other Part or Parts of such Parish or Parishes, and which were not included in the said recited Act hereby repealed, nor to any Almshouse, Hospital, or other Building of special Donation, or to the Poor therein. Act not to extend to any Place maintaining its own Poor; nor to Almshouses, &c.

LXXII. And be it further enacted, That the said Directors, or any Seven or more of them, shall and may borrow and take up at Interest, upon Bond or Mortgage of a sufficient Part of the Real Estate of the said Corporation, so much Money as shall be sufficient to pay and discharge all the Costs, Charges, and Expenses incident to and attending the obtaining and passing of this Act, and shall therewith discharge and pay the same; and the Money so raised shall be paid and discharged in manner hereinbefore directed, as Part of the Debts of the said Corporation charged upon the Real Estates thereof. Expenses of this Act.

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LXXIII. And



Public Act.

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

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