

rebuilding of the cathedral and parochial churches within the said city, (other than the money appointed for building of the cathedral church of St. Paul's, and other churches within the said city, and reserving sufficient to satisfy such persons whose grounds have been taken from them) or either of them; any law or statute to the contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding.

If any person is aggrieved, he may appeal.

XIII. And in case that any person or persons shall find him or themselves aggrieved by reason of any tax, assessment, or other charge to be imposed by virtue or colour of this present act; That then it shall and may be lawful to and for the party or parties so aggrieved, within five days after demand thereof to appeal to the mayor and court of aldermen of the said city for the time being, for redress therein, whose order in that behalf shall be final.

No persons who are liable to the publick charge of altering, or cleaning any lanes, sewers, &c. to be further chargeable.

XIV. Provided always, and it is hereby declared, That no person or persons, bodies politick or corporate, who by this act are made liable to be rated or assessed towards the publick charge of altering, enlarging, amending, or cleaning of the said vaults, or sewers, or of cleaning, pitching or paving the streets, lanes, alleys, and other common passages within the said city and liberties thereof, for or in respect of any houses, tofts, or other hereditaments, shall from and after the first day of *May* one thousand six hundred seventy-one, be otherwise charged therewith, or liable thereunto, or to be troubled, molested, or prosecuted for or in respect thereof; any other law, statute, custom, or usage to the contrary notwithstanding. *By 2 W. & M. sess. 2. c. 8. s. 23. Persons acting in pursuance of this statute may plead the general issue, and have treble costs, &c.*

CAP. XVIII. (12.)

An act for the better regulating of workhouses for setting the poor on work.

13 & 14 Car. 2. c. 12.

FOR the more effectual putting in execution of an act of parliament made in the fourteenth year of your Majesty's reign, intituled, *An act for the better relief of the poor of this kingdom*; and to the end that the poor of the several parishes within the city and liberties of *Westminster*, and other parishes within the county of *Middlesex*, mentioned within the weekly bill of mortality, may for the future be duly provided for, according to the intent and meaning of the said act, may it please your most excellent Majesty that it may be enacted; (2) 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 all monies assessed, or ordered to be assessed, upon any person, in pursuance of the said act, since the first day of *March* in the year of our Lord one thousand six hundred sixty and five, shall be collected and paid in to the treasurers of the respective corporations, by or before the nine and twentieth day of *September* in the year of our Lord one thousand

To whom the money, when collected, shall be paid.

and six hundred seventy and one; and all monies already collected by authority of the said act, shall be paid in to the said treasurers, by or before the first day of *June* in the year of our Lord one thousand six hundred seventy and one: (3) And that the officers of the said corporations erected and constituted in pursuance of the said act, and their treasurers, shall make and give quarterly accounts to the justices of peace, who are hereby required to demand and call for the said accounts, and are not to raise any more monies upon any new certificates whatsoever, until there be a just account given to, and allowed by, the justices of the peace aforesaid, according to the true intent and meaning of the said former and this present act.

To whom to account.

II. And whereas some accounts have been made by the former governors, of part of the monies raised by the act aforesaid, and some of them stand engaged for payment of certain sums of money, which were borrowed and expended in pursuance of the said former act; be it further enacted, That all such accounts which shall appear to the said justices (not having been governors of the said corporations) to have been made according to the act aforesaid, shall be and are hereby ratified and confirmed; and that such monies as have not been accounted for as aforesaid, shall be accounted for according as in the said act is provided.

III. And that all monies lent, and all such debts as any of them, or any of the members of the said corporations aforesaid, stand engaged for, and have been contracted for the uses expressed in the said act, shall upon order from the justices aforesaid (ascertaining the same) be discharged and satisfied by the respective treasurer or treasurers for the time being, and shall from time to time be allowed in their respective accounts.

Monies lent shall be paid.

IV. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That no sum or sums of money to be levied upon the inhabitants of any of the said respective parishes, according to the said former or this present act, shall in any one year exceed one fourth part of the assessment to the poor for that year, laid on any of the parishes and liberties aforesaid: Which said sum shall be paid by the respective inhabitants of the said parishes, at two several payments, to the treasurer or treasurers for the said corporations (that is to say) at the feast of *St. Michael* the archangel, and the annunciation of the blessed virgin *Mary*, or within fourteen days after either of the said feasts as aforesaid.

The tax not to exceed one fourth of the poors assessment.

When to be paid.

X. And be it also enacted, That no assessment shall be laid or made on any of the parishes aforesaid, after the nine and twentieth day of *September* which shall be in the year of our Lord one thousand six hundred seventy and five; any thing in the said former or this present act to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

When the assessments to be laid.

VI. Provided always, That nothing herein contained shall in any sort extend to the superseding, altering or vacating any of the powers given by the said former act, to the lord mayor and governors for the corporation within the city of *London*, or the parish of *St. Margaret's Westminster*, but that the same and

A saving for London and St. Margaret's Westminster.

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all the other clauses and articles in the said former act shall to all intents and purposes be fully executed and observed within the city of London, and parish of St. Margaret's Westminster, as if this act had not been made; any thing herein contained to the contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding.

CAP. XIX. (15.)

2 & 3 Ed. 6. c. 15. An act to prevent frauds in the buying and selling of cattle in Smithfield, and elsewhere.
25 Car. 2. c. 8. 3 & 4 Ed. 6. c. 20. No jobber or broker, &c. to buy any cattle, except swine or calves, within fourscore miles of London. Forfeiture. *In part repealed by 25 Car. 2. c. 4. see 5 Ann. c. 34. & 7 Ann. c. 6.* One butcher shall not sell to another butcher. Forfeiture. No drover shall be licensed by any justice of peace within eighty miles of London. Who shall be licenced drovers. To be bound with sureties. The proof shall be upon the party offending. No vexatious information shall be brought upon this act. The penalty. Justices of the peace at their quarter-sessions have power to hear and determine. To make extracts. To award execution. No *Certiorari* to be allowed to remove any information. Fat cattle bought in Smithfield shall not be there sold again. Penalty. Cattle there sold, how to be marked. Customs of foreign bought, and foreign sold, taken away. Calves under five weeks old may be killed. The prosecution to be within six months. The continuance hereof. *Farther continued by 11 & 12 W. 3. c. 13. s. 5. for seven years from September 1700. No composition to be made. Forfeiture. Continued by 5 Ann. c. 34. from 1 Mar. 1707, for seven years. EXP.*

CAP. XX. (7.) (16.)

An act for the relief and release of poor distressed prisoners for debt.

Enforced by 2 Geo. 2. c. 22.

FOrasmuch as very many persons now detained in prison, are miserably impoverished, either by reason of the late unhappy times, the sad and dreadful fire, their own misfortunes, or otherwise, so as they are totally disabled to give any satisfaction to their creditors, and so become, without advantage to any, a charge and burthen to the kingdom, and by noisomness (inseparably incident to extream poverty) may become the occasion of pestilence and contagious diseases, to the great prejudice of the kingdom; (2) be it therefore enacted by the King's most excellent majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the lords spiritual and temporal, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, That it shall and may be lawful to and for any justice of the peace of any county, city, town or liberty within the kingdom of England, dominion of Wales, or town of Berwick upon Tweed, by warrant under his hand and seal, to require the sheriff, gaoler, or keeper of any prison within his respective jurisdiction, to bring without delay, the body of any person being in prison for debt, on the fourteenth day of April, one thousand six hundred seventy and one, or damages (and petitioning such justice to be discharged) to some convenient place within the distance of one mile from the said prison; (3) and shall certify the cause and causes of the imprisonment, before the same justice; which warrant every such sheriff, goaler and keeper is hereby commanded to obey.

Any justice of the peace shall command the body of any prisoner to be brought before him.

II. And