

L. H. J. of the same, or to the Payment of Rents thereupon reserved or  
 charged, by Reason whereof the Owners, Occupiers and Proprietors  
 of such Messuages, Manors, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments,  
 do not in Truth receive to their own Use the true yearly Value of  
 the same, for which, nevertheless, they are by this Act chargeable  
 with a Pound-Rate; It is therefore Enacted and Declared by the  
 Authority aforesaid, That it shall and may be lawful to and for  
 the Owners, Occupiers and Proprietors of such Messuages, Manors,  
 Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments, and other the Premisses, within  
 this Province, being charged with a Pound-Rate as aforesaid, to  
 abate, deduct, and to retain and keep in his, her or their Hands, out  
 of every such Rent or other annual Payment, so much of the said  
 Pound-Rate as shall be taxed or assessed upon the said Messuages,  
 Manors, Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments, and Premisses, as a  
 like Pound-Rate for every such Rent or other annual Payment  
 respectively, shall, by a just Proportion, amount unto; That is to  
 say, Out of every Twenty Shillings of such Rent, Annuity, or other  
 annual Payment, the Sum of Two Shillings, and so after that Rate  
 for a greater or lesser Sum; and all and every Person or Persons,  
 who are or shall be any Ways entitled to such Rents or annual  
 Payments, their respective Agents, Receivers, and Deputies, are  
 hereby required to allow such Deduction and Payments, according  
 to such Rates, or the full Value thereof, upon the Receipt of the  
 p. 233 Residue of such Monies or other Species, in which such Rent as  
 aforesaid may be reserved or charged, as shall be due and payable  
 to them for such Rents or annual Payments reserved or charged as  
 aforesaid. Provided always, That the said Owners, Occupiers and  
 Proprietors, shall not be allowed to abate, deduct, retain, or keep,  
 in his or their own Hands, out of such Rent or other annual Pay-  
 ment, any greater or larger Sum or Sums than what he shall be  
 taxed or assessed for the same.

XLIX. And be it further Enacted, That if the Person or Persons,  
 who are or shall be entitled to such Rates or other annual Payments,  
 their respective Agents, Receivers, or Deputies, shall distrain for,  
 molest or vex, any Proprietor, Owner or Tenant of such Lands or  
 Tenements aforesaid, for any Sum or Sums of Money, or other  
 Species, in which Rent may be reserved or charged, which, by the  
 true Intent and Meaning of this Act, ought to be retained, deducted  
 and allowed, or shall refuse, neglect or delay, to allow and discharge  
 the same in the proper Accounts, wherein the same ought to be  
 allowed or discharged, that then, and for every such Offence, every  
 such Person as aforesaid, shall forfeit the Sum of Twenty Pounds  
 Current Money to the Party grieved, to be recovered by Action of  
 Debt, or on the Case, with full Costs. Provided always, and it is  
 hereby Enacted and Declared, That the Tenants or Occupiers of any  
 Messuages, Manors, Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments, or other the