

by the two next Justices of the Peace of, and dwelling within the City and Liberties of *Westminster* under their Hands and Seals, and be collected by such Persons Inhabitants of the said Parish, as the said Vestry-men, or any six or more of them shall from time to time under their Hands and Seals appoint.

The
Preacher
100 l. per
annum.

The Minister of *St. James's Church* to have 100 l. per annum, to be paid quarterly by the Church-wardens for the time being, and upon default made after lawful demand made at the Dwelling-house of any of the said Church-wardens, that then the two next Justices of the Peace of the place, may upon complaint made, give Relief according to the true intent of this Act, and may cause the Church-warden or Church-wardens offending therein, to be imprisoned till payment be made of what is behind and unpaid.

Ibid.

Notice to
House-
holders to
name to
make
Taxes.

Notice to be given in the Church every *Easter* by the Church-wardens to such and so many of the substantial Householders, as they think fit to meet with them on the next *Tuesday* after *Easter* in the Vestry or Chancel of the said Church to make the said Assessment. And upon default of notice or meeting, every Person offending therein which shall not make proof of a reasonable cause of his absence before some one Justice of Peace of the City and Liberty of *Westminster*, shall forfeit the Sum of 5 l. to the said Preacher, to be levied by distress and sale of the Offenders Goods, by Warrant under the Hand and Seal of any one Justice of the Peace, rendering the overplus to the Owner after deduction of reasonable Charges for levying the same.

Ibid.

Officers
punished
for negli-
gence.

If the Collector of, or for any Tax made by virtue of this Act shall refuse to accept the Office, or be negligent in his Duty, shall forfeit for every Offence the Sum of 40 s. to the use of the Poor of the said Parish, to be levied by Warrant of any one Justice of Peace under his Hand and Seal, by distress and sale of his Goods as aforesaid. And if any person shall refuse to pay the Money on him or her so rated or assessed by virtue of this Act, it shall and may be lawful for the said Collectors by Warrant under the Hands and Seals of any two Justices of the Peace of the place, to levy the same by distress and sale of the Goods of the Offender, &c. And if any person so refusing or neglecting, shall convey away their Goods whereby the Sum assessed cannot be levied; any two Justices of Peace are hereby impowred by Warrant under their Hands and Seals to imprison the Offender (not being a Peer or Peeres of this Realm) and to be detained in the Common Gaol of the said City and Liberty of *Westminster* till the Sum so taxed be paid.

Ibid.

Penalty for
conveying
away
Goods.

Justices to
reconcile
Differences

And if difference arise between Landlord and Tenant concerning the said quarterly Assessments, or if any person find him or her self grieved with any Tax made by virtue of this Act, any two Justices of Peace as aforesaid, shall hereby have power finally to determine the same as they shall think meet.

Ibid.

Scavengers
to account.

Scavengers and Surveyors of the High-ways shall account to two or more Justices, &c. within four days after the electing new Scavengers and Surveyors for the ensuing Year, and shall account for what Money is remaining in their Hands to the next ensuing Scavengers, and any two Justices as aforesaid, may commit such Scavengers and Surveyors so refusing to account to the common Gaol without Bail or Mainprize until he make a true Account, and pay so much thereof as he shall be found in Arrear.

Ibid.

At the end of Chap. 27. add this.

Foreign
Corn.

The Justices of Peace at their Quarter-Sessions next after *Michaelmas* and *Easter* yearly, by the Oaths of two substantial Persons of the respective Counties, being neither Merchants nor Factors for importing Corn, nor interested in the Corn imported, and having a Freehold Estate of 20 l. per annum, or a Lease of 50 l. per annum above all Charges, &c. (which Oaths the Justices are impowred to administer) and by such ways as to them shall seem convenient to examine the Prices of midling *English* Corn and Grain as they shall be sold, and certify the same with two such Oaths made as aforesaid, in Writing annex, unto his Majesties chief Officer or Collector of the Customs, residing in the respective Ports where such Corn shall be imported, to be hung up in the Custom-house for publick Information; And the Custom and Duty of all such Foreign Corn shall be collected according to the price in such Certificate. Provided that whatsoever is done by the Justices of Peace at their Quarter-Sessions in their several Counties, may be done in like manner in *London*, in *October* and *April* yearly

1 Jac. 2.
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