

several Corporations, or seven of them may keep Courts at the request of any four of the Corporation, and may have a Common Seal.

<sup>14</sup> Car. 2. <sup>c.12.</sup> The Justices at every Quarter-Sessions, may require an Account of Receipts and Disbursements, from the Officers and Treasurers, how many Poor people have been set on work the last year; what Stock there was, and is remaining.

<sup>Ibid.</sup> The President and Governours, or any appointed by them, or any two of them, may apprehend Rogues, Vagrants, Sturdy-Beggars, or idle and disorderly persons within their Precincts, and keep them to work. <sup>Rogues.</sup>

<sup>Ibid.</sup> The President and Governours may under their Common Seal; certify the defect of a stock for the Foundation, or future supply; and what Money they think fit to the Common Council for London, Burgesses and Justices in Sessions for Westminster; and to the Justices of Peace at their Sessions for Surrey and Middlesex, who are required to ascertain such sum of Money, not exceeding one years rate, and the same to proportion upon the several Wards, &c. And thereupon the Aldermen, Deputies and Common Council men in London, the Burgesses and Justices of Peace in Westminster, and Justices of Peace in Middlesex and Surrey, to rate the Inhabitants; and if any be grieved, he may appeal to the next Sessions.

<sup>Ibid.</sup> The Aldermen and Deputies in London, the Burgesses and Justices of Peace in Westminster, and Justices of Peace in Middlesex and Surrey, or any two of them respectively, may by Warrant under their Hands and Seals, authorize the Churchwardens and Overseers to demand and receive the Money assessed, and upon notice in Writing left at the House or Lodging, and non-payment within ten days; to levy by Distress and Sale, rendering the overplus.

<sup>Ibid.</sup> All Stocks, in London, in the hands of any person with the arrears of Money and Legacies for the Poor shall be paid to the Treasurers there.

<sup>Ibid.</sup> The President and Governours; or any seven of them, may make Orders and By-laws, for regulating the work, apprehending Rogues, and other purposes.

<sup>Ibid.</sup> The President and Governours, or fourteen of them, may chuse and remove Officers, and make allowances to them, as they shall think fit.

All Sheriffs, Constables, and other Officers and Ministers of Justice, shall be aiding to the said Corporation, and to all Officers to be employed by them.

<sup>14</sup> Car. 2. c. 12.

But as to laying of Rates, the power expired at Michaelmas, 1675. by virtue of an Act made 22 & 23 Car. 2.

By which last Act, the Officers of the said Corporations are to give a quarterly Account to the Justices of Peace, who are to call for it of them. 22 & 23 Car. 2.

And note, The Justices have no power to mitigate any Fine imposed for these Offences.

## C H A P. LXXIV.

### Post-Office.

<sup>12</sup> Car. 2. <sup>c. 35.</sup> **N**One unless constituted by Letters Patents, shall exercise any thing belonging to the Post-Office thereby erected, upon pain to forfeit 5 l. for every several offence, and 100 l. a week, so long as he shall continue so to do, to be recovered in any the Kings Courts of Record, by Action, &c. or Information. One moiety to the King, the other to the Informer. <sup>§. 1.</sup>