

ed any two Justices of the said County of, or near to the said City may tax the Inhabitants of the County within five miles of the said place infected, at such reasonable weekly rates as they think fit, to be levied by Warrant from any two such Justices of Peace of, or near the said City, by Distress and Sale of Goods; and in default thereof, by imprisonment of the body of the party taxed, as aforesaid.

It seemeth hereby, that of necessity there must be some Justice of Peace of the City, to joyn with the Head Officers of the City to perfect, impose, and raise the Tax in the Act mentioned.

If any such infection shall be in any Borough or Town Corporate where there are no Justices of Peace, or within a Village or Hamlet, within any County; then any two Justices of Peace of the same County wherein the said place infected shall be, may tax the Inhabitants of the said County, within five miles of the said place infected, at reasonable weekly rates, as they shall think fit, for the relief of the said place infected, to be levied by Distress and Sale of Goods (upon Warrant of the said Justices of Peace of the same County) and in default thereof, by imprisonment as aforesaid.

All such Taxes made by the Justices of the County, for the relief of such City, &c. shall be disposed by the said Justices of the said County, and as they shall think fit (where there are no Justices of Peace in such City, &c.) And where there are Justices of Peace, then in such sort as the Head-officer and Justice of Peace there, or any two of them shall think fit.

All such Taxes made either in City, &c. or County, shall by the said Justices that taxed them (as it seemeth) be certified at their next Quarter Sessions to be holden within such City, &c. or County, respectively, there to be continued, enlarged, extended to other parts of the County, or determined, as at their Sessions respectively shall be thought fit.

But it seemeth, That if the Justices of Peace in the City, &c. should think fit to continue or enlarge the Tax assessed on the County, they cannot do that without the like order and consent of the Justices of the Peace of the County in their Sessions, but ought to certify the occasions and necessities of the City, &c. they best knowing it; and herein the Justices of the County are to credit them, unless they have reason to the contrary.

But no Justice of Peace shall do or execute any thing beforementioned, within either of the Universities of *Cambridge* or *Oxford*, or within any Cathedral Church, or the Liberties thereof, or within the Colleges of *Eaton* or *Winchester*; But the Vice Chancellor of the University, Bishop and Dean of such Church, and Provost or Warden of the said Colleges, shall do and execute all things abovementioned within their several Precincts.

This Act is in force being continued by 3 Car. 1. 4. & 17 Car. 1. 4.

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Poor.

§. 1.
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POOR, are here to be understood (not Vagabond Beggars and Rogues, but) those that labour to live, and such as are old and decrepit, unable to work, poor Widows, and Fatherless Children, and Tenants driven to Poverty; not by Riot, expence or carelesness, but by mischance, &c. P. 4.

Not working.

Any one of those Justices of Peace, who may appoint Overseers for the Poor, may also send to the House of Correction, or Common Gaol, such as will not imploy themselves in work, being thereunto appointed by the Overseers, according to this Statute. 43 Eliz.

§. 2.
Officers.

The Churchwardens and two (or more) Justices of Peace, whereof one to be of the *Quorum*, dwelling in or near the Parish or Division, &c. shall P. 2.