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VICTORIÆ REGINÆ.

C A P. LXV.

An Act to amend the Acts for the Regulation
of Parish Vestries. [15th August 1853.]

WHEREAS an Act was passed in the Fifty-eighth Year of the Reign of King *George the Third*, intituled *An Act* 58 G. 3. c. 69. *for the Regulation of Parish Vestries*, by which it was enacted, “that no Person who shall have refused or neglected to pay
“ any Rate for the Relief of the Poor, which shall be due from and
“ shall have been demanded of him, shall be entitled to be present
“ in any Vestry of the Parish for which such Rate shall have been
“ made until he shall have paid the same:” And whereas by another
Act passed in the Fifty-ninth Year of the Reign of King *George the* 59 G. 3. c. 85.
Third, intituled *An Act to amend and correct an Act of the last*
Session of Parliament, for the Regulation of Parish Vestries in
England, it is enacted, “that no Person who shall have refused or
“ neglected to pay any Rate for the Relief of the Poor, which shall
“ be due from and shall have been demanded of him, shall be entitled
“ to vote or to be present in any Vestry of the Parish for which such
“ Rate shall have been made until he shall have paid the same, nor
“ shall any such Clerk, Secretary, Steward, or Agent be entitled to
“ be present or to vote nor shall be present or vote at any Vestry in
“ such Parish unless all Rates for the Relief of the Poor, which shall
“ have been assessed and charged upon or in respect of the annual

Parish Vestries.

“ Rent, Profit, or Value in right of which any such Clerk, Secretary, Steward, or Agent shall claim to be present and vote, which shall be due and which shall have been demanded at any Time before the Meeting of such Vestry, shall have been paid and satisfied :”
 And it is expedient to make further Regulations as to the Payment of Rates to qualify Persons to be present and vote at Vestry Meetings in *England* and *Wales* : Be it therefore enacted by the Queen’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, as follows :

Rates which have become due less than 3 Months previous to a Vestry Meeting not required to be paid before voting.

I. From and after the passing of this Act no Person shall be required, in order to be entitled to vote or be present at any Vestry Meeting held under the Provisions of the said Acts of the Fifty-eighth and Fifty-ninth Years of King *George* the Third, to have paid any Rate for the Relief of the Poor of the Parish in which such Meeting shall be held, which shall have been made or become due within Three Calendar Months immediately preceding such Vestry Meeting.

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