

to oversee and look to the Poor in their Parish, according to the Statute of 43 *Eliz. c. 2. 21 fac. i. c. 28.*

In this case, the major Part of the Officers, without the Remainder, may do any thing belonging to their Office, with the allowance and consent of them, either in particular or general, with two Justices of the Peace, one to be of the *Quorum*, and when they are not hindred by just Occasion; (the Excuse to be allowed by two Justices of the Peace) they are to meet on the Lord's Day in the Church monthly, after Evening Prayer, to consult of such Matters relating to their Office, as may turn to their best Advantage; and upon Neglect, without such reasonable Excuse, are liable to forfeit 20 s. for every Default. 43 *Eliz. Wingate's Abr. Tit. Poor People.*

And if according to 43 *Eliz.* they be not regularly and duly appointed, then every Justice of the Peace, or Head Officer of that Division, forfeits 5 l. which may be levied by a Warrant of Sessions, and employed to the Use of the Poor where such Default is made.

Of the Poor there are reckoned three Sorts or Degrees; and first, those by Defect and Impotency, as the aged and decrepid, being past their Labour.

The Infant, fatherless and motherless, not capable of being set on Work.

Those naturally disabled, either in Wit or Members, as the Lunatick, Idiot, Lame, Blind, and the like, not being able or capable to work; and Persons visited with grievous Sickness and Diseases, tho' casually; however being, for a time, thereby rendered impotent.

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