tion'd in the ſeveral Pariſhes above-ſpecify'd; with the Numbers Total of Dwelling and Work-houſes, and Perſons that keep Coaches within the City and Liberties of *Weſtminſter*.

Churc. Ward.	Overſee.	Paid on Account of the Church.			Paid on Account of the Poor.			Num. of Houſes.	Perſons that keep Coach.	Work-Houſes.
		l.	*s.*	*d.*	*l.*	*s.*	*d.*			
20	46	11870	8	$9\frac{1}{2}$	20723	17	$2\frac{3}{4}$	15445	1029	7

Having gone thro' the Accounts of the ſeveral Pariſhes of the City and Liberties of *Weſtminſter*, I ſhall now give a compendious Account of its Government.

Until the Reformation, *anno* 1539. the Village, or Town of *Weſtminſter*, was under the arbitrary Government of the Abbot and Monks of that Name; as it was afterwards under that of the Biſhop, and the Dean and Chapter; till ſettled by Act of Parliament in the Twenty-ſeventh of Queen *Elizabeth*, *anno* 1585. whereby the Civil Government thereof is lodg'd in the Hands of the Laity; tho' the Dean by the ſaid Act is impower'd to nominate and appoint the chief Officers thereunto belonging, *viz.* The High Steward, (who is commonly of the prime Nobility) who, if guilty of no Malverſation, holds his Office during Life. But this Officer ſeldom officiating, leaves the Management of Affairs to his Deputy, who being a Perſon well vers'd in the Laws of the Kingdom, is appointed by him, and confirm'd by the Dean, and generally holds his Office during Life, or the Government of his Patron.

Act. Parl. 27 Eliz.

This City, or Borough, with its Liberties, being by the ſaid Authority divided into Twelve Wards, the Dean, or the High-Steward, or his Deputy, are impower'd, for the better Government of the ſame, yearly, upon *Eaſter-Thurſday*, to nominate and elect Twelve ſufficient Merchants or Tradeſmen, to be a like Number of Pe Aſſiſtants, to preſide for One Year, and ſo Life, Good-behaviou or Liberties thereof. the ſaid Burgeſſes, o refuſe to ſerve, after l the former to forfeit latter Five Pounds eac And that as often as geſſes, or their Aſſiſta move, or be diſplaced ſupplied by proper Pe ſaid Dean, High-Stew are likewiſe to appoin Two to be denominate likewiſe to continue as Year, upon the Penalt vied as aforeſaid.

Ibid.

Ibid. And by the ſame Ac his Succeſſors, the Hig the Two Chief and ot Three, or Four of the High-Steward, or his Burgeſſes, to be at all Government of this C Liberties thereof, to and puniſh, according dom, or laudable and of *London*, all Matter mon Scolds, Inmates and to commit all Per guilty of a Breach of are to give Notice to Peace for the County Space of Twenty-four

Ibid. And it is further en aforeſaid, That all go from Time to Time, be made by the ſaid Dean and High-Steward, with the Aſſent of the Burgeſſes and their Aſſiſtants, for, or concerning the Government of this City and Liberties, not repugnant to the Royal Prerogative, or the Laws of the Nation, ſhall ſtand and be in full Force and Strength. And that as often as it ſhall happen that the ſaid Dean and High-Steward of *Weſtminſter*, or his Deputy, ſhall defer, or be remiſs in nominating, or chooſing the ſeveral Burgeſſes at the Time above-mentioned, then and in every ſuch caſe, Two Juſtices of the Peace of the County of *Middleſex* are impower'd to nominate and chuſe the ſaid Burgeſſes, out of ſuch Perſons qualified as aforeſaid; who, upon ſuch an Election, are to enjoy the ſame Liberties and Powers in all reſpects, as if choſen by the ſaid Dean and High-Steward. And it is alſo provided, that no Perſon ſhall be compelled to ſerve the Office of Burgeſs above the Term of One Year; and that all Perſons who ſhall fine for the ſame, ſhall be exempt from ſerving for the Space of Five Years.

The Liberty, or Suburbs of *Weſtminſter* being greatly increas'd both in Number of Houſes and Inhabitants, 'twas therefore judg'd neceſſary to increaſe both the Number of Burgeſſes and Aſſiſtants from Twelve to Sixteen each; which Burgeſſes, with their Aſſiſtants, are by the ſaid Act of Parliament impower'd to act in all reſpects as Ibid.

Northumberland-Houſe, the Duke of *Somerſet's*, near *Charing-Croſs*.
The Earl of *Nottingham's*, in *King's-Square*.
The Lord *Offulton's*, in *St. James's-Square*.
The Earl of *Orkney's*, in *Albemarle-ſtreet*, near *Piccadilly*.
The Lord *Paget's*, in *Bloomsbury-Square*.
The Lord *Pawlet's*, in *Albemarle-ſtreet*, near *Piccadilly*.
The Earl of *Pembroke's*, in *St. James's-Square*.
The Biſhop of *Peterborough's*, in *Channel-Row*.
The Lord *Portland's*, in *Whitehall*.
The Earl of *Radnor's*, in *St. James's-Square*.
The Duke of *Richmond's*, in *Arlington-ſtreet*.
The Earl of *Rocheſter's*, near *Weſtminſter-Gate*.
The Biſhop of *Rocheſter's*, in *Dean's-Yard*.
The Earl of *Salisbury's*, in the *Strand*.
The Duke of *Montague's*, in *Bloomsbury-Square*.
The Earl of *Scarborough's*, in *Gerrard-ſtreet*.
The Earl of *Scarſdale's* in *Duke-ſtreet*.
The Earl of *Stafford's*, *Tart-Hall*, near *St. James's-ſtreet*.
The Earl of *Sunderland's*, in *St. James's Square*.
The Lord *Weymouth's* Houſe, in *St. James's-ſtreet*.
The Duke of *Wharton's*, in *Dover-ſtreet*.
The Archbiſhop of *York's*, in *Petty-France*.

It may deſerve our Obſervation, that whereas *London* had ſuch a Multitude of Martyrs, *Weſtminſter* had none at all; and the chief Reaſon was, *London* was under the Juriſdiction of *Bonner*, a Mirror of Cruelty, and *Weſtminſter* was ruled by Abbot *Feckenham*, a Man cruel to none, and courteous and charitable to all, that needed his Help or Liberality.

The CHARITY SCHOOLS *in this City.*

ST. *Anne's Weſtminſter*, one School for fifty Boys, who are cloathed, and ſupported by voluntary Subſcriptions, which amount to 78 *l. per annum*, and Collections at Sermons, which have, one Year with another, proved 128 *l.* 1 *s.* 6 *d.* In the ſame Pariſh there is another School for thirty Girls; but this is maintained by Collections and voluntary Subſcriptions, which have amounted annually to 250 *l.* ſave that in 1716, there were three Legacies given to both of 14 *l.*

St. James's Weſtminſter, one School of fifty Boys, maintained by the Offertory.

In the ſame Pariſh in *Kingſtreet* there is another School of thirty-ſix Boys, who are ſupported out of the Revenue of the Chapel.

In the ſame Pariſh in *Barwick-ſtreet* there is another School of ſixteen Boys, maintained alſo out of the Revenue of the Chapel.

In the ſame Pariſh there is another School for ſixty-three Girls, upheld by Collections at Sermons, and caſual Benefactions, and the Children are cloathed.

St. Margaret's Weſtminſter, 180 Boys, and a School where they are dieted and lodged, and taught to ſpin, *&c.* and their Labour maintains them; the Houſe was given by the Pariſh; they are all cloathed in blue, and ſupported chiefly by voluntary Subſcriptions, which are 240 *l. per Annum*, and Collections at Sermons, which have proved 103 *l.* 9 *s.* 6 *d.* uſually: But there have been other Gifts beſtowed for their better Maintenance, *viz.* 6 *l. per Annum* for 68 Years from *Jan.*