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An Act to improve, widen, and enlarge the Passage over and through *London Bridge*.



WHEREAS the Passage over and through London Bridge is very dangerous and incommodious, and it is absolutely necessary immediately to widen and enlarge the same, and the widening and enlarging the said Bridge, and One or more of the Arches thereof, will be of Publick Utility, of great Benefit to Trade and Commerce, make the Navigation upon the River Thames more safe and secure, and greatly tend to the Preservation of the Lives of His Majesty's Subjects passing over and through the said Bridge: And whereas, in order to the same, it is necessary that the Houses, Edifices, and Buildings on the said Bridge, and some Houses and Edifices contiguous thereto, should be taken down and removed: May it therefore please Your most Excellent Majesty, that it may be enacted; and be it enacted by the King'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, That the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons of the City of London, in Common Council assembled, shall with Preamble.

The Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons of *London*, in Common Council assembled, are impowered to purchase and remove the Buildings on, and contiguous to, the Bridge, in order to enlarge the Passage;

with all convenient Speed after the Twenty fourth Day of June, One thousand seven hundred and fifty six, contract and agree for the purchasing (if they can) of all Houses, Tenements, Edifices, Erections, and Buildings, now standing or being on the said Bridge, or contiguous or adjoining thereto (which do not belong to the Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of London) which the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons, in Common Council assembled, shall judge necessary to be taken down and removed, for the Enlargement and Improvement of the Passage over, and the Avenues leading to and from the said Bridge; and that upon Payment of such Sum or Sums of Money as shall be agreed to be paid for the same, and in case no Agreement shall be made for the same, on making Satisfaction in Manner herein after mentioned, to all Owners of, and Persons interested in such Houses, Tenements, Edifices, Erections, and Buildings, not belonging to the said Mayor and Commonalty, and Citizens of London: and to the Lessees and Occupiers of all Houses or Tenements which shall be ordered or deemed necessary to be taken down, and of all Ground which shall be deemed necessary to be laid to the said Bridge for the Enlargement thereof; the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons, in Common Council assembled, are hereby authorized and required with all convenient Speed afterwards to cause to be taken down all such Houses, Tenements, Edifices, Erections, and Buildings, and also such Houses, Tenements, and Buildings on and contiguous to the said Bridge, which belong to the said Mayor and Commonalty, and Citizens, as the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons, in Common Council assembled, shall deem necessary and proper to be taken down, for the Purposes aforesaid; and also to cause the Materials thereof to be removed and taken away, after any such Houses, Tenements, Edifices, Erections, and Buildings shall be taken down;

and likewise to widen One or more of the Arches;

and likewise to widen or enlarge One or more of the Arches of the said Bridge, as the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons, in Common Council assembled, shall, from time to time, judge necessary, and direct; and this Act shall be sufficient Authority to indemnify them and all Persons authorized by them for so doing, as well against the said Mayor and Commonalty, and Citizens, as against the Heirs, Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, of all and every the Owners of, and all other Persons interested in any such Houses, Buildings, and Ground, and the Lessees and Occupiers thereof, as if the

same had been sold by Deed of Feoffment, Bargain, and Sale, or other Assurance in the Law whatsoever.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons, in Common Council assembled, shall also, from time to time, design, assign, and lay out how and in what Manner, and with what Materials, the Passage over and through the said Bridge shall be widened, enlarged, and rendered more safe and commodious, and how the same, and the said Bridge, may, and shall, from time to time, be preserved and kept in good Repair and Order, and shall make Contracts, and do all other Matters and Things requisite for carrying on and effecting the Purposes directed by this Act to be done, and for causing the same to be effectually perfected, as to them shall seem meet.

and to design how the Passage may be rendered more safe and commodious, and the Bridge preserved and kept in Repair.

And it is hereby further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Passage over the said Bridge shall be secured and preserved by a proper and uniform Balustrade to be erected on each Side thereof, and that the said Passage shall be Forty five Feet wide, if it will admit thereof, and laid out in Manner herein after-mentioned; that is to say, The Passage for Carriages, Horses, and other Cattle, shall be Thirty one Feet wide; and the Foot-ways for Passengers on each Side of the said Bridge, shall be Seven Feet wide; and the said Passage shall be made and continued safe and commodious in all Respects, by such Ways, and in such Manner, as the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons, in Common Council assembled, shall order or direct.

A Balustrade to be erected on each Side of the Bridge;

and a Passage of 31 Feet to be opened for Carriages, and of 7 Feet for Foot Passengers.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That such convenient and sufficient Number of Glass Lamps, of such Sort and Fashion, and put up in such Parts and Places of the said Bridge, as to the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons of the said City, in Common Council assembled, shall seem meet and expedient, shall be with all convenient Speed, after the said Bridge shall be widened, enlarged, and repaired, in Manner as herein before is directed, erected and fixed upon proper Parts or Places of the said Bridge; and the same shall yearly and every Year be kept lighted and burning from Sun-setting to Sun-rising throughout the Year; and that the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons, in Common Council assembled, shall, from time to time, after any Houses on the said Bridge shall be taken down in pursuance of this Act, nominate and appoint such a Number of able-bodied Watchmen as they shall judge necessary and proper to be kept upon the said Bridge, for the Safety and Protection of Persons passing

Lamps to be set up to enlighten the Bridge,

to be kept lighted from Sun-setting to Sun-rising;

and a Watch to be kept to guard the Bridge;

over the same; which Watchmen so to be appointed, shall be subject to such Rules, Orders, and Directions, as shall, from time to time, be made by the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons, in Common Council assembled, and removeable at their Will and Pleasure; and the Expence of buying and erecting of such Lamps or Lights, and also the yearly Charges of supplying, maintaining, and repairing the same, and the Charges and Expences of watching the said Bridge, shall be borne and paid out of the Estate and Revenues belonging to the said Bridge.

the Expences thereof to be defrayed out of the Bridge Estate.

And be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Person or Persons shall, from and after the erecting and placing the said Lamps, wilfully or maliciously break, throw down, or extinguish any Lamp that shall be set up to light the said Bridge, or wilfully damage the Posts, Irons, or other Furniture thereof, every Person so offending therein, and being thereof convicted by the Oath of One or more Witness or Witnesses, before One or more Justice or Justices of the Peace for the City of London, or the Borough of Southwark, or the County of Surry, as the Case may happen, shall be subject to such Pains, Penalties, and Forfeitures, as are inflicted by an Act of the Seventeenth Year of His present Majesty, intituled, An Act for making more effectual Provision for enlightening the Streets of the City of *London*.

Penalty of breaking, &c. any of the Lamps,

the same as inflicted by Act 17 *Geo.* II.

And, for the preventing wilful and malicious damaging or destroying the said Bridge, or any Part thereof, or hindering or interrupting the repairing thereof, or the widening and enlarging the Passage over and through the same; be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Person or Persons shall unlawfully, wilfully, and maliciously blow up, pull down, or destroy the said Bridge, or any Part thereof, or remove, destroy, or take away, any Works which now do or shall belong thereto, or in any wise direct or procure the same to be done, whereby the said Bridge or the Works thereof shall be damaged, or the Lives of Passengers endangered, every such Offender or Offenders, being lawfully convicted thereof, shall be adjudged guilty of Felony, and shall suffer as a Felon.

Penalty of destroying, &c. the Bridge, or any of the Works, Felony.

And be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That all Timber, Stones, Bricks, Tiles, Slates, Planks, Iron, Lead, Glass, and all other Materials belonging or appertaining to the several Houses or Tenements, Edifices, and Buildings, that shall be taken down by virtue of this Act, shall be, and the same are hereby vested in the Mayor

Materials of the Buildings taken down, vested in the City, and to be applied as herein directed.

and Commonalty, and Citizens of the said City of London; and the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons, in Common Council assembled, are hereby required with all convenient Speed, after any such Houses or Buildings shall be taken down, to cause such Timber, Stones, Bricks, Tiles, Slates, Planks, Iron, Lead, Glass, or other Materials, to be removed from off the Premisses, and to use and employ such thereof as they shall see fitting towards widening, enlarging, and rendering more commodious the Passage over the said Bridge, and under the same, and what thereof shall afterwards remain, shall either be employed towards Reparation of the other Estates belonging to the said Bridge-house, or else shall be sold and disposed of for as much Money as can be had or gotten for the same, as they shall from time to time deem best; and the Money arising by and from the Sale of such Part thereof as shall be sold, shall go and be applied to and for the Purposes of this Act.

And whereas it may happen that some Persons, or Bodies Politick, Corporate, or Collegiate, Feoffees in Trust, Femes Covert, or others, who are seised of some Houses, Edifices, or Grounds, which may be necessary to be pulled down, or purchased, and set out, or assigned, for widening and enlarging the Passage over the said Bridge, or the Avenues thereto, as aforesaid, may be willing to treat and agree to sell such Houses, Edifices, and Grounds, to perfect so useful and necessary a Work, but are incapable of selling, granting, or conveying the same; be it therefore enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That it shall and may be lawful to and for all Bodies Politick, Corporate, or Collegiate, Corporations Aggregate or Sole, and all Feoffees in Trust, Executors, Administrators, Guardians, or other Trustees whomsoever, and for all Femes Covert, and every other Person and Persons whomsoever, who are or shall be seised, possessed of, or interested in, any such Houses, Edifices, Tenements, or Ground, to sell and convey all or any such Houses, Edifices, Tenements, and Ground, or any Part thereof, and all their Estates, Rights, Titles, and Interests whatsoever, of, in, and to, the same, to the said Mayor and Commonalty, and Citizens, and their Successors, or to such Persons, and their Heirs for ever, as the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons, in Common Council assembled, shall direct, in Trust for the said Mayor and Commonalty, and Citizens, and their Successors, for the Purposes in this Act contained; and that all Contracts, Agreements, Sales, and Conveyances, which shall be so made by virtue and in pursuance of this Act as aforesaid, shall, without any

Bodies Politick, &c. Trustees, and other Persons, impowered to sell and convey their Property in any of the said Buildings, for the Purposes of this Act.

any Fine or Fines, Recovery or Recoveries, or other Conveyance or Assurance in the Law whatsoever, be good, valid, and effectual, to all Intents and Purposes; any Law, Statute, Usage, or any other Matter or Thing whatsoever to the contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding: And that all such Persons are and shall be hereby indemnified for what they shall do by virtue of or in pursuance of this Act.

Where any Persons shall refuse to treat and agree, or are prevented from treating, &c.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Body Politick, Corporate, or Collegiate, Corporations Aggregate or Sole, Femes Covert, or other Person or Persons whatsoever, in and by this Act impowered and qualified to contract, sell, convey, and dispose of, any Part of the Premisses for the Purposes herein before-mentioned, shall refuse to treat and agree as aforesaid, or, by reason of Absence shall be prevented from treating and agreeing, or shall decline or refuse to sell, convey, and dispose of, the Premisses, whereof, wherein, or whereunto, they respectively shall be so seised, possessed, interested, or intitled, as aforesaid, or their respective Rights, Titles, Claims, or Interests, to, in, or upon, the same, or any Part thereof, unto the said Mayor and Commonalty, and Citizens, and their Successors, or such Persons as the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons, in Common Council assembled, shall appoint for the Purposes, and according to the Tenor, true Intent, and Meaning of this present Act, or shall not produce or make out a clear Title to the Premisses they are in Possession of, or to the Interest they claim thereto, to the Satisfaction of the Court of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of London, it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Court, and they are hereby impowered and authorized to issue a Warrant or Warrants, Precept or Precepts, to the Sheriffs of the said City of London, or to the Bailiff of the Borough of Southwark, as the Case shall require, who are, and every of them is, hereby authorized, directed, and required, accordingly, to impanel and return a competent Number of substantial disinterested Persons, qualified to serve on Juries, and not less than Forty eight; and out of such Persons so to be impanelled, summoned, and returned, a Jury of Twelve Persons shall be drawn by some Person by the said Court of Mayor and Aldermen to be appointed, in such Manner as Juries for the Trial of Issues joined in His Majesty's Courts at Westminster, by an Act made in the Third Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled, An Act for the better Regulation of Juries, are directed to be drawn; which Persons so to be impanelled, summoned, and returned, as aforesaid, are hereby

or shall not make out a Title to the Premisses,

the Court is to issue a Precept for the summoning and returning a Jury,

who are to be drawn as Act 3 Geo II. directs.

hereby required to come and appear before the said Court of Mayor and Aldermen, if the Premisses in Dispute lie in London, at such Time and Place as in such Warrant or Warrants, Precept or Precepts, shall be directed and appointed, and to attend there, from Day to Day, until discharged by the said Court; and if the Premisses lie in the County of Surry, before the Justices of the Borough of Southwark, at some General Quarter Sessions of the Peace to be held for the said Borough, or some Adjournment thereof; and all Persons concerned shall have their lawful Challenges (but not challenge the Array of the Panel) against any of the said Jurymen when they come to be sworn; and the said Court of Mayor and Aldermen, or Justices, as aforesaid, are hereby respectively authorized and impowered, by Precept or Order, from time to time, as Occasion shall require, to call before them all and every Person and Persons whomsoever, who shall be thought necessary to be examined as Witnesses before them, and to examine them on their Oath or Oaths touching and concerning the Premisses; and the said Court of Mayor and Aldermen, and Justices, as aforesaid respectively, if they think fit, shall and may likewise authorize the said Jury to view the Place or Places, or Matters, in Question, in such Manner as they shall direct; and the said Court of Mayor and Aldermen, or Justices, as aforesaid, shall have Power to adjourn such Meeting from Day to Day, as Occasion shall require; and such Jury, Witnesses, and Parties, shall attend until all such Affairs for which they were summoned shall be concluded: And the said Jury, upon their Oaths, shall enquire of the Value of such Houses, Ground, Tenements, Edifices, Erections, and Buildings, which shall be necessary to be purchased, and of the respective Estate and Interest of every Person seised or possessed of, or interested therein, or in any Part thereof; and such Jury shall assess the Sum and Sums to be paid to every such Person or Persons for the Purchase of such their Estates and Interests which shall be necessary to be so purchased; and the said Court of Mayor and Aldermen, or Justices, as aforesaid, shall and may respectively give Judgement for such Sum and Sums of Money so to be assessed; which said Verdict or Verdicts, and the said Judgement, Decree, and Determination thereon (Notice in Writing being given to the Person or Persons interested, at least Fourteen Days before the Time of such Assessment, declaring the Time and Place of the Meeting of the said Court of Mayor and Aldermen, or Justices as aforesaid, and Jury, by leaving such Notice at the Dwelling-house of such Person or Persons, or at his,

Jury may be challenged.

Court may summon and examine Witnesses on Oath,

and direct the Jury to view the Places in Question, &c.

Jury to assess the Value on Oath,

and the Court to give final Judgement thereon.

Previous Notice to be given to the Parties interested.

her, or their usual Place or Places of Abode, or with some Tenant or Occupier of some of the said Houses, Ground, Tenements, Edifices, Erections, or Buildings, intended to be valued and assessed, in case such Party cannot otherwise be found out, to be served with such Notice) shall be binding and conclusive to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever, as well against the King's Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, and all and every other Person and Persons, Bodies Politick and Corporate, claiming any Estate, Right, Title, Trust, Use, or Interest in, to, or out of the same, either in Possession, Reversion, Remainder, or Expectancy, as well Infants, and Issue unborn, Lunaticks, Ideots, and Femes Covert, and Persons under any other legal Incapacity or Disability, and all other Cestuique Trusts, his, her, and their Heirs, Successors, Executors, and Administrators, as against all other Persons whomsoever; and the said Verdicts, Judgements, and Decrees, and all other Proceedings of the said Court of Mayor and Aldermen, or Justices as aforesaid, and Juries, so to be made, given, and pronounced, as aforesaid, shall be fairly written on Parchment, and signed and sealed by the said Mayor for the time being; and such Verdicts, Judgements, and Decrees, and other Proceedings, as relate to, or concern Houses, Grounds, Tenements, Edifices, Erections, and Buildings in London, shall be entered in the Town Clerk's Office of the City of London; and such as relate to or concern any Houses, Grounds, Tenements, Edifices, Erections, or Buildings, in the County of Surry, shall be transmitted to the Clerk of the Peace of the said County, and kept amongst the Records of the Quarter Sessions of the said County; and the said Verdicts, Judgements, and Decrees, and all other Proceedings, shall be deemed and taken to be Records to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever; and the same, or some Copy thereof, shall be deemed and taken to be good and effectual Evidence and Proof in any Court or Courts of Law or Equity whatsoever, and all Persons may have Recourse to the same gratis, and take Copies thereof, paying for every Copy not exceeding Two hundred Words, Six Pence; and so proportionably for any greater or lesser Number of Words.

Verdict of the Jury, and Judgement and Proceedings of the Court, to be signed and sealed by the Mayor, and recorded.

Copies may be taken thereof; the same deemed good Evidence.

And it is hereby further enacted and declared, That upon Payment of such Sum or Sums of Money so to be assessed and decreed as aforesaid, the Person or Persons to whom the same shall be so assessed and decreed for the Purchase of the Houses, Tenements, and Hereditaments, or for the Purchase of any Estate or Interest therein, shall make and execute, or procure to be made and executed,

Upon Payment of the Purchase money, Conveyance to be executed of the Premisses, in Trust, for the Use of the City.

good, valid, and legal Conveyances and Assurances in the Law, to the said Mayor and Commonalty, and Citizens of the said City, or to any Person or Persons whom the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons, in Common Council assembled, shall direct and appoint, and their Heirs, in Trust, for the said Mayor and Commonalty, and Citizens of the said City, of such Houses, Ground, Tenements, Edifices, Erections, and Buildings, or of such Estate or Interest, for which such Sum or Sums of Money shall be so awarded; and shall procure all necessary Parties to execute such Conveyances, Assignments and Assurances, and shall do all Acts, Matters, and Things, necessary or requisite to make a clear, good, and perfect Title to such Premisses, to the said Mayor, and Commonalty, and Citizens of the said City; and such Conveyances, Assignments, and Assurances, shall contain all such reasonable and usual Covenants as shall, on the Part of the said Mayor and Commonalty, and Citizens, be required; and in case such Person or Persons to whom any such Sum or Sums shall be so awarded or due as aforesaid, shall not be able to evidence their Title to the Premisses, to the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons, in Common Council assembled, and to make, or procure to be made, good, valid, and legal Conveyances thereof to the said Mayor and Commonalty, and Citizens, or to such Person or Persons as the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons, in Common Council assembled, shall appoint, or shall refuse so to do, being thereto required, and such Sum or Sums so assessed and awarded, or due as aforesaid, being produced and tendered to be paid to them, on their making such Title, and executing, and procuring to be executed, such Conveyances, Assignments, or Assurances as aforesaid; or if in case such Person or Persons, to whom such Sum or Sums of Money shall be so assessed or due as aforesaid, cannot be found in the City or County where the Houses, Ground, Tenements, Edifices, Erections, and Buildings, for which the Sums shall be so assessed and awarded, or are due, lie; or in Case that by reason of Disputes depending in any Court of Law or Equity, or for Defect of Evidence, it shall not appear to the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons of the said City, in Common Council assembled, what Person or Persons is or are intitled; or if any Mortgagee shall refuse to take in his or her Mortgage Money due on the Premisses, after Notice given to him or her for that Purpose as herein before is provided; that then, and in all and in every such Case and Cases, it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Court of Mayor and Aldermen

Where a good Title can't be be made out, or legal Conveyance executed, &c.

or the Parties are not to be found, &c.

or Mortgagee shall refuse to take his Mortgage Money,

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Court may pay the Money into the Bank.

men to order the Sum or Sums so assessed and awarded as aforesaid, as the Value of, and Purchase Money for, such Houses, Ground, Tenements, Edifices, Erections, and Buildings, or as shall be due on any such Mortgage, to be paid into the Bank of England, for the Use of the Parties interested in the said Premisses, to be paid to them, and every of them, according to their respective Estates and Interests in the said Premisses, as the said Court of Mayor and Aldermen shall, by any Order to be made by them, direct; and the Cashier or Cashiers of the Bank of England, who shall receive such Sum and Sums, is and are hereby required to give a Receipt or Receipts for such Sum or Sums, mentioning and specifying for what Premisses, and for what Use the same is and are received, to such Person as shall pay such Sum or Sums into the Bank of England as aforesaid; which Receipt or Receipts shall be entered on Record, and registered in such Place, and in such Manner, as the said Verdict, Judgement, and other Proceedings, are herein before required to be kept; and immediately on such Payment and Registry, all the Estate, Right, Title, Interest, Use, Trust, Property, Claim, and Demand in Law and Equity, of the Person or Persons for whose Use the same was paid, in, to, and out of such Houses, Ground, Tenements, Edifices, Erections, and Buildings, shall vest in the said Mayor and Commonalty, and Citizens; and they shall be deemed in Law to be in the actual Possession thereof, to all Intents and Purposes, as fully and effectually as if every Person having any Estate in the said Premisses had actually conveyed the same by Lease and Release, Bargain and Sale, inrolled Feoffment, with Livery and Seisin, Fine and Recovery, or any other legal Conveyance whatsoever; and such Payment shall not only bar all Right, Title, Interest, Claim, and Demand, of the Person and Persons to whose Use such Payment was made, but also shall extend to, and be deemed and construed to bar the Dower and Dowers of the Wife and Wives of such Person or Persons, and all Estates Tail in Reversion or Remainder against the Issue and Issues of such Person and Persons, and every Person claiming under them, as effectually as a Fine or Recovery would do, or would have done, if levied or suffered by the proper Parties in due Form of Law.

Receipt to be given for the same, specifying for what Premisses, and Uses, which are to be registered;

Premisses thereupon to vest in the City absolutely,

in Bar of all Right and Dower.

Provided always, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Court of Mayor and Aldermen, after such Payment into the Bank, and Registry as aforesaid, at the Petition of any Person or Persons interested in such Houses, Ground, Tenements, Edifices, Erections, and

Court, at the Petition of the Party interested, may order the

and Buildings, or the Monies so paid into the Bank for the Purchase thereof, or in respect of any Right or Interest therein, to place out or invest, or cause to be placed out or invested, such Sum or Sums of Money, or any Part thereof, in some of the publick Funds, or on Government Securities, at Interest, in the Name of any Person or Persons, authorized and appointed by the said Court of Mayor and Aldermen, for that Purpose, in Trust, to transfer and assign the same to such Person or Persons to whom the Money so paid in shall belong, on their executing proper Conveyances thereof; and in the mean Time in Trust to pay the Interests and Dividends arising therefrom, to such Person or Persons who was, or were in Possession of the said Premisses, at the Time of the said Payment into the Bank.

Purchase-money to be invested in the Publick Funds in Trust;

Provided always, and it is hereby enacted, That all and every Person and Persons, who would be intitled to recover the mesne Profits of the Premisses, against the Person or Persons in Possession, in case the same had not been so conveyed to the said Mayor and Commonalty, and Citizens, or by their Directions as aforesaid, shall be intitled to recover the Sum or Sums arising, or to arise from such Interest and Dividend as aforesaid, by Action of Debt against the Person or Persons who shall receive the same; and the said Court of Mayor and Aldermen are hereby impowered and authorized to make such Order as aforesaid, on the Bank, for the Payment of such Sum or Sums of Money, or any Part thereof, as shall be necessary, in order to their being so invested in publick Securities; and the said Mayor and Commonalty, and Citizens, shall be quieted in the Possession of the Houses, Ground, Tenements, Edifices, Erections, and Buildings, for which such Money shall be so paid as aforesaid, and shall not be answerable or accountable in any Court of Law or Equity, for the Money to be so deposited and placed out as aforesaid, any otherwise than according to the Tenor, Purport, and true Meaning of this Act.

and the Persons intitled to the mesne Profits of the Premisses, intitled also to recover the Interest of Purchase money.

Court of Mayor and Aldermen to make an Order on the Bank for that Purpose, on which they are to be quieted in their Possession.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That every Mortgagee and Mortgagees of any Houses, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, which shall be purchased in pursuance of this Act, his, her, and their Heirs, Executors, Administrators, or Assigns, on having Six Months Notice in Writing given to him, her, or them, from the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons, in Common Council assembled, or any Person authorized by them, that they will pay off and discharge the Principal and Interest Money, which at the Expiration of the said Six Months shall be due on any such Mortgage, shall, at the End of the said Six Months, after every such

Mortgagee, on 6 Months Notice given that the Court will pay off the Principal and Interest,

is to assign over the Premisses, on Tender of Payment.

Notice on Payment, or Tender of the Principal and Interest Money, which shall be then due, convey and assign his, her, and their respective Estates and Interests, in and to the said mortgaged Premisses, to the said Mayor and Commonalty, and Citizens, or such Person or Persons, as the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons, in Common Council assembled, shall appoint, in Trust for the said Mayor and Commonalty, and Citizens, and their Successors; and if any such Mortgagee or Mortgagees, his, her, or their Heirs, Executors, Administrators, or Assigns, shall refuse so to do, then all Interest on

On his Refusal, Interest to cease.

every such Mortgage, from the Expiration of the said Six Months, after any such Notice given as aforesaid, shall cease and determine.

After Purchase made, Tenants to deliver up quiet Possession of the Tenements, within a Year after Notice given for that Purpose.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That in case the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons, of the said City of London, in Common Council assembled, or any Person authorized by them, shall, after any Houses or Tenements shall be purchased by them, in pursuance of this Act, give Twelve Months Notice in Writing, to the Tenants or Occupiers of any such Houses or Tenements, which shall be so purchased, who shall have no greater Interest therein respectively, than as Tenants at Will, or as Lessees by Parole for a Year, or from Year to Year, to quit or deliver up the Possession of such Houses or Tenements, at the Expiration of such Twelve Months, then every such Tenants or Occupiers shall, at the End of the said Twelve Months, after every such Notice, peaceably and quietly deliver up the Possession of the Premisses, so by him, her, or them respectively occupied, to the Person or Persons who shall be appointed by the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons, in Common Council assembled, to take Possession thereof; and if any Person so in Possession thereof, shall refuse to give up the Possession thereof, at the Expiration of such Twelve Months, after every such Notice as aforesaid, it shall be lawful for the said Court of Mayor and Aldermen, from time to time, to issue a Precept or

On Refusal, Court to issue a Precept to the Sheriff to take Possession,

Precepts to the Sheriffs of the City of London, if the Premisses shall be within the said City, and if in the County of Surry, to the Bailiff of the Borough of Southwark, to cause Possession thereof to be delivered to such Person or Persons, who shall be in such Precept or Precepts nominated to receive the same; and the Sheriffs of the said City of London, if the Premisses shall be within the said City, and if within the County of Surry, the Bailiff of the Borough of Southwark, are hereby respectively required to deliver Possession according to such

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said Precept or Precepts, of the Premisses therein mentioned, and to levy such Costs as shall accrue by Means of the issuing and Execution of every such Precept or Precepts, by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattles of any Person or Persons, who shall neglect or refuse to pay the same. and levy the Charges.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That it shall and may be lawful for the said Court of Mayor, and Aldermen, or Justices as aforesaid, from time to time, to impose any reasonable Fine, not exceeding the Sum of Ten Pounds, on any Sheriff or Sheriffs, or their Deputy or Deputies, Bailiffs or Agents respectively, who shall make any Default in the Premisses, and on any Persons who shall be summoned and returned on any such Jury or Juries, who shall not appear, and also on any Witness or Witnesses who shall not attend, or who shall attend and refuse to be sworn, or who being sworn shall refuse to give Evidence, and on any Persons summoned and returned on such Jury or Juries, who shall refuse to be sworn on any such Jury or Juries, or being sworn thereon shall not give his or their Verdict, or shall in any other Manner wilfully neglect his or their Duty, in or touching the Premisses, contrary to the true Intent and Meaning of this Act, and from time to time to levy such Fine or Fines, by Order of the said Court of Mayor and Aldermen, or Justices as aforesaid, as the Case may require, by Distress and Sale of the Defender's Goods, together with the reasonable Charges of every such Distress and Sale, returning the Overplus, if any, to the Owner; and all such Fines which shall so be recovered and received, shall be applied towards the Purposes of this Act. Court may fine the Sheriff, his Deputy or Officer, Jury, and Witnesses, making Default in the Premisses; and levy the same by Distress and Sale.

And it is hereby further enacted and declared by the Authority aforesaid, That the principal Money arising from the Sale of any Houses, Edifices, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, which shall be purchased for the Purposes contained in this Act, of any Body Corporate or Collegiate, Corporation Aggregate or Sole, Feoffees in Trust, Guardians, Committees, or other Trustees, or from any Feme Coverts, shall be paid to such Persons as they shall respectively nominate to receive the same, in Trust, with all convenient Speed, to be reinvested in the Purchase of other Messuages, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, to be conveyed and settled to and upon, and subject to the like Uses, Trusts, Limitations, Remainders, and Contingencies, as the Houses, Edifices, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, which shall be purchased from them respectively, by the said Purchase-money to be paid to the Nominee in Trust, and to be re-invested in purchase of other Messuages, &c. subject to like Uses.

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Mayor, Commonalty, and Citizens, as aforesaid, were respectively settled, limited, or assured, at the Time of such the purchasing of the same, or so many thereof, as at the Time of making such Conveyancs and Settlements shall be existing, and capable of taking Effect.

And, to the Intent the Passage over the said Bridge may always be kept open and rendered more safe and commodious, and be clear of all Buildings (except as herein is mentioned) be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That after the Houses and Tenements intended as aforesaid to be taken down, shall be taken down, the Ground and Soil on which the same now stand, shall lie open, and be deemed and used as a Common and Publick Highway for ever; and that no House or other Building shall be erected on the said Bridge (except such Gates and Toll-houses as are herein provided and directed) and that all Carriages passing over the said Bridge from London shall go on the East Side thereof as near as may be, and that all Carriages passing over the said Bridge to London shall go on the West Side thereof as near as may be; and that no Coachman or Driver shall stand or ply for Hire with any Coach or other Carriage whatsoever upon the said Bridge, or leave any empty Coach or Carriage there; and that no Carman, Carter, Drayman, or Driver of any Carriage whatsoever, shall wilfully remain with any Cart, Carr, Dray, Waggon, or other Carriage whatsoever on the said Bridge, longer than shall be necessary for going over the same, or leave any empty Cart, Dray, or other Carriage upon the said Bridge; and that no Person shall put any Filth, Dung, Ashes, or Rubbish on the said Bridge, or do any Act which may be an Annoyance there; and if any Coachman, Carman, Carter, Drayman, Waggoner, or Driver, shall offend herein, or any Person shall annoy any Part of the said Bridge by putting or leaving any Filth, Dung, Ashes, or Rubbish there, or otherwise, it shall and may be lawful for any Person or Persons to apprehend and take, or cause to be apprehended and taken, every such Person or Persons so offending before the said Mayor of the City of London, or some other Justice of the Peace for the said City, or before some Justice of the Peace for the Borough of Southwark, or for the County of Surry; and every such Offender being of any of the said Offences convicted, by the Oath of One or more credible Witness or Witnesses, before the Mayor or any other such Justice, or by his or her Confession, shall, for every such Offence, forfeit and pay a Sum not exceeding Twenty Shillings, nor less than Two Shillings and Six Pence; to go and be ap-

After the Houses on the Bridge are taken down, the Ground to be laid open,

and Carriages passing over from *London*, to go on the East Side; and to *London* to go on the West Side.

Carriages not to stop or ply for Hire on the Bridge;

nor Rubbish, &c. to be thrown thereon.

Offender, in either Case, to be carried before a Justice, and fined.

Fine to go to the Informer and Apprehender.

plied between the Parties informing against, and apprehending every such Offender and Offenders, as the Mayor or Justice before whom the Party or Parties offending shall be convicted, shall direct; and in Default of immediate Payment thereof, the Offender or Offenders shall be committed by the Mayor or Justice before whom he, she, or they were convicted, if in London, to the London Workhouse, and if in the County of Surry, to a House of Correction for the said County, there to be kept to hard Labour for any Time not exceeding Three Days, as the Mayor or such Justice shall think fit to order, or until he, she, or they shall have paid the Money directed by the Mayor or such Justice to be paid.

On Nonpayment Offender to be committed.

And, forasmuch as by the taking down of the Houses and Buildings which are now standing upon London Bridge, or near adjoining thereto, the Rector of the united Parishes of Saint Magnus and Saint Margaret's, New Fish Street, London, will be deprived of recovering the Tythes belonging to him, and which are now charged on such of the Houses on London Bridge, as are in the said Parish of Saint Magnus; and the Rector of the Parish of Saint Olave, Southwark, will be deprived of the Customary Payments in lieu of Tythes which are now charged on or payable by the Occupiers of such of the said Houses and Buildings now standing on London Bridge, as are in the said Parish of Saint Olave, Southwark: And whereas there are Emoluments yearly arising from Surplice Fees and Easter Offerings to the Rector of the said united Parishes of Saint Magnus and Saint Margaret, New Fish Street, and to the Rector of the said Parish of Saint Olave, from the Occupiers of such Houses on London Bridge, as are in the said respective Parishes; be it therefore enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That immediately after the pulling down any Houses, Buildings, or Tenements on or contiguous to the said Bridge, which are in the said Parish of Saint Magnus, under the Authority of this Act, all Tythes now payable to the Rector of the said united Parishes of Saint Magnus and Saint Margaret, New Fish Street, from any such Houses, Buildings, or Tenements, shall be for ever charged on all and singular the Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments belonging, or in the Account of the Bridge House of the City of London; and that immediately after the pulling down any Houses, Buildings, or Tenements on or contiguous to the said Bridge, which are in the said Parish of Saint Olave, Southwark, under the Authority of this Act, all customary Payments in lieu of Tythes now payable to the Rector of Saint Olave in Southwark, from

After pulling down the Houses on the Bridge, the Tythes and customary Payments due from thence, to be charged on the Bridge House Lands.

any such Houses, Buildings, or Tenements on or near the said Bridge, which shall be so pulled down, or the Occupiers thereof, shall likewise for ever be charged upon all and singular the said Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments belonging to or in the Account of the Bridge-house Estate of the said City of London; and that all Sums of Money payable as aforesaid, for or in lieu of Tythes, shall be paid to the Rectors of the said Parishes of Saint Magnus and Saint Margaret, New Fish Street, and Saint Olave in Southwark respectively, for the time being, for ever, clear of all Taxes and Deductions by the said Mayor, Commonalty, and Citizens of the said City of London, or such Person or Persons as the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons, in Common Council assembled, shall appoint, out of the Rents and Profits of the said Bridge-house Estates, at the Two most usual Feasts; that is to say, The Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and the Feast of Saint Michael the Archangel, by equal Payments in every Year; the First Payment thereof to begin and commence on such of the Feast Days as shall first happen after the pulling down any of such Houses or Tenements; and that the yearly Sum of Seven Pounds, Fifteen Shillings, and One Penny, shall be likewise paid as aforesaid out of the said Bridge-house Estate to the Reverend Master Robert Gibson, during the Time he shall continue Rector of the said Parishes of Saint Magnus and Saint Margaret, from and immediately after the pulling down the said Houses in lieu of Surplice Fees and Easter Offerings, clear of Taxes; and the yearly Sum of Four Pounds, Eleven Shillings, and Four Pence, shall likewise be paid out of the said Bridge-house Estate to the Reverend Master Simon Hughes Rector of the said Parish of Saint Olave, in lieu of Surplice Fees and Easter Offerings, clear of all Taxes, during such Time as he shall continue Rector of the said Parish of Saint Olave.

Tythes to be paid Half-yearly, and free of all Taxes and Deductions.

7 *l.* 1 *d.* 15 *s.* to be paid yearly to Rector of St. *Magnus* and St. *Margaret*, in lieu of Surplice Fees, and *Easter* Offerings,

and 4 *l.* 11 *s.* 4 *d.* to the Rector of St. *Olave*.

And whereas by means of pulling down and taking away the Houses upon the said Bridge, and contiguous thereto, a great Deficiency will happen in the Poor's Rates of the said Parishes of Saint Magnus and Saint Olave's, and the Land Tax heretofore assessed upon Account of such Houses, must be raised and paid by the Owners and Occupiers of such Houses and Lands who shall remain in the said Parishes, unless some Provision be made by this Act for the future Payment of the same; be it therefore enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That such Share and Proportion which any House or Houses (now standing on the said Bridge, or contiguous thereto, and which shall hereafter be pulled down and taken away from the same) used to

City to make good out of the Bridge Estate the Deficiency in the Poor Rates, and Land Tax, occasioned by pulling down the said Houses;

contribute and pay, or be charged towards the Quota of the Land Tax assessed upon the said Parishes, shall, from and after the pulling down of such House and Houses, be for ever paid to the Collector or Collectors authorized to receive the same, by the Mayor, Commonalty, and Citizens, of the said City of London, out of the Revenues and Estate belonging to the said Bridge; and that there shall likewise be paid by the said Mayor, Commonalty, and Citizens, out of the said Revenues and Estates to the Overseers of the Poor of the said Parishes of Saint Magnus and Saint Olave's respectively, for the time being, towards the Relief of the Poor of the said Parishes yearly and every year, all such Sum and Sums of Money as the said Parishes shall be chargeable with on Account of any Person or Persons who already have gained or hereafter shall gain any Settlement, or become chargeable in the said Parishes, or either of them, on account of such Part of the said Parishes wherein the Houses which shall be pulled down by virtue of this Act now stand.

Clause in Act 10 Geo. II.

And whereas by an Act made in the Tenth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled, An Act for rebuilding the Church of the Parish of Saint *Olave* in the City of *London*, and in the Borough of *Southwark*, in the County of *Surry*, all Lands, Houses, Tenements, and Hereditaments, within the said Parish, were charged, and are still chargeable, with Assessments to be made thereon, not exceeding Six Pence in the Pound in any One Year, of the yearly Rent of such Lands, Houses, Tenements, and Hereditaments, as the same should be ascertained and rated by the Land Tax, payable for the same; Two Third Parts of which Assessments were to be paid by the Landlords or Owners, and the other Third Part was to be paid by the Tenants or Occupiers of such Lands, Houses, Tenements, and Hereditaments, for and towards the Expence of rebuilding the said Parish Church, and until the same should be finished: And whereas the said Parish Church is not yet finished; and there remain several Debts unpaid, which have been contracted by the said Parish, on account of the rebuilding the said Church, which the said Parish is now charged with, and liable to pay: And whereas several of the Houses charged and chargeable with the said Assessment, will be taken down, and the Ground whereon they stand will be applied to the Use of the said Bridge, whereby the said Parish of Saint Olave will lose the Assessments charged and chargeable thereon; be it therefore enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the said Mayor and Commonalty, and Citizens, of the said City of London, shall, out of the Rents of the said Bridge House

and also the Rates chargeable thereon, to the Parish of St *Olave*.

Houſe Eſtate, pay, or cauſe to be paid, to the Church-wardens of the ſaid Pariſh of Saint Olave, all ſuch Rates and Sums of Money as might or would be chargeable upon the ſaid Houſes ſo to be taken down in purſuance of the ſaid Act, as if the ſaid Houſes were ſtanding.

Reſervation of Rights to the Proprietors of the Bridge Water-works.

Provided always, and it is hereby further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That nothing in this preſent Act contained ſhall extend, or be conſtrued, deemed, or taken to extend, to impower the ſaid Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons of the ſaid City, in Common Council aſſembled, to remove or alter any of the Arches under the ſaid Bridge, or any Engines fixed up therein, which now belong to the Proprietors of the London Bridge Water-works, or to take away any Right which the ſaid Proprietors of the ſaid London Bridge Water-works now have to the Uſe or Enjoyment of any of the Arches of the ſaid Bridge, by Grant or Leaſe from the ſaid Mayor and Commonalty, and Citizens of London, for raiſing Water therefrom.

If the Court ſhall remove any of the Water Pipes,

Provided further, and it is hereby alſo enacted, That if for the enlarging or altering the ſaid Bridge, or any of the Arches thereof, in purſuance of this Act, the ſaid Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons, in Common Council aſſembled, ſhall cauſe to be amoved, or taken away, any of the Leaden Pipes which belong to the ſaid Proprietors of the ſaid London Bridge Water-works, and now lie on, or contiguous to, the ſaid Bridge, for conveying Water from their Water-works, then, and in ſuch Caſe, the ſaid Proprietors of the ſaid London Bridge Water-works ſhall have Liberty, and they are hereby authorized, at all Times then after, at their Coſts, to place or lay down, in lieu of ſuch Pipes which ſhall be ſo amoved or taken away, other Lead or Iron Pipes upon and over ſuch Part and Parts of the ſaid Bridge, and contiguous thereto, as ſhall be agreed on between them and the ſaid Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons, in Common Council aſſembled; and that until the Pipes which now lie on, or contiguous to, the ſaid Bridge ſhall be amoved or taken away, the ſaid Proprietors of the ſaid London Bridge Water-works are hereby authorized, from time to time, as Occaſion ſhall require, to repair or amend the ſame; and after the Amoval or taking away any of the Leaden Pipes now lying on, or contiguous to, the ſaid Bridge, from time to time, to amend or repair, as Occaſion ſhall require, all other Lead or Iron Pipes which ſhall then after be placed or laid down on, or contiguous to, the ſaid Bridge, by the Proprietors of the ſaid London Bridge Water-works, with the Approbation of the ſaid Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons, in Common Council aſſembled, ſo as by the doing thereof

the Proprietors may lay down others, where agreed on;

and repair the ſame as Occaſion ſhall require,

the said Bridge, or any of the Arches thereof, be not prejudiced, and so as the Proprietors of the said London Bridge Water-works for the time being do and shall, at all Times hereafter, make good all Damage which shall at any Times be done to the said Bridge, or the Pavement thereon, or any of the Arches thereof, by the taking up, laying down, or repairing, any of such Pipe or Pipes, and forthwith after any such Damage shall at any Time be done. so as they make good all Damages.

And, for preventing any Damage to the London Bridge Water-works, be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if it shall be found necessary to take down or alter any of the Piers of the said Bridge, in order to enlarge any of the Arches thereof, and thereby the raising of Water by the said Works shall be prejudiced; that then, and in every such Case, the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons of the said City, in Common Council assembled, shall, and they are hereby required, on Complaint and Proof of such Damage, to stop or pen up, or cause to be stopped or pent up, a like Body of Water as shall be discharged by the taking down or altering any of the said Piers, for the Use of the Proprietors of the said Water-works. If in altering the Piers, a Deficiency of Water for the Water works shall insue, a Body of Water for that Purpose to be pent up.

And forasmuch as the widening and enlarging the Passage over and through the said Bridge before-mentioned, and the purchasing such Houses, Edifices, and Ground as aforesaid, and the making Satisfaction herein before-directed, will be attended with considerable Charge and Expence, be it therefore enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That from and after the said Twenty fourth Day of June, there shall be due and paid to the Receiver or Receivers, Collector or Collectors, to be nominated and appointed as herein after is mentioned, for Pontage, or in the Nature of a Toll, for passing over the said Bridge, over and above the Toll now paid and payable for loaded Waggons, Carts, Drays, and Carriages, passing over the said Bridge, the following Sums of Money (that is to say) Additional Toll to be paid by Carriages and Horses passing over the Bridge.

For every Horse drawing any Coach, Chariot, Hearse, Berlin, Landau, Calash, Chaise, or Chair, over the said Bridge, the Sum of One Halfpenny. The Tolls.

And for every such Coach, Chariot, Hearse, Berlin, Landau, Calash, Chaise, or Chair, One Penny.

And for every Horse not drawing, passing over the said Bridge, One Halfpenny.

Hackney Coaches empty, exempted from Toll.

Tolls to be paid but Once a Day;

which are vested in the City;

Provided always, That no Hackney Coach which shall pass over the said Bridge empty, or the Horses drawing the same, shall pay any Toll whatsoever; nor shall any Horse, or any Coach or Carriage whatsoever, pay more than Once a Day for passing over the said Bridge: Which said respective Sums of Money shall and may be demanded and taken in the Name of Pontage, or as a Toll or Duty; and the Monies to be raised thereby, and all other Monies to be received by Authority of this Act, are hereby vested in the said Mayor and Commonalty, and Citizens of the said City of London, and their Successors; and the same, and every Part thereof, shall be paid, applied, disposed of, and assigned, to and for the several Uses, Intents, and Purposes, and in such Manner, as is herein mentioned and directed; and the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons, in Common Council assembled, or such Persons as they shall depute, are hereby impowered to levy the Toll or Duty hereby required to be paid, upon any Person or Persons who shall, after Demand thereof made, neglect or refuse to pay the same as aforesaid, or to deny or hinder any Passage over the said Bridge, until Payment thereof; which said Toll or Duty shall or may be levied by Distress of any Horse or Horses, or Carriage, upon which such Toll or Duty is by this Act imposed, or upon any other of the Goods and Chattles of such Person or Persons as ought to pay the same; and all such Horses or Goods may be detained till such Toll or Duty, with the reasonable Charges of such Distress, shall be paid; and it shall be lawful for the Person or Persons so distraining, after the Space of Four Days after such Distress made and taken, to sell such Horse or Horses, or other Goods or Chattles, so distrained, for Payment of the said Toll or Duty, rendering to the Owner or Owners thereof the Overplus, upon Demand, after Satisfaction of the said Toll or Duty, and the reasonable Charges in or about making such Distress, detaining, keeping, and selling the same, shall be deducted and paid.

and may be levied by Distress and Sale.

Gates and Toll-houses may be erected on or near the Bridge.

And be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons, in Common Council assembled, or such Person or Persons as they shall appoint, shall and may erect, or cause to be erected, a Gate or Gates, and also a Toll-house or Toll-houses upon, in, or near the said Bridge.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That from and after the said Twenty fourth Day of June, One thousand seven hundred and fifty six, there shall be due and paid to the Receiver or Receivers, Collector or Collectors,

Collectors, who shall be appointed by the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons, in Common Council assembled, by the Owner or Owners of every Hoy, Barge, Vessel, Lighter, or other Craft, having any Goods on Board, every Time any such Hoy, Barge, Vessel, Lighter, or other Craft, shall pass through any of the Arches of the said Bridge, the several Tolls or Sums of Money following; that is to say, Toll to be paid by loaded Vessels passing under the Bridge.

For every Hoy, Barge, Vessel, Lighter, or other Craft, having any Goods on Board not exceeding Five Tons Burthen, the Sum of Two Pence. The Tolls.

For every such Hoy, Barge, Vessel, Lighter, or other Craft, not exceeding Ten Tons, the Sum of Three Pence.

For every such Hoy, Barge, Vessel, Lighter, or other Craft, not exceeding Twenty five Tons, Six Pence.

And for every such Hoy, Barge, Vessel, Lighter, or other Craft, above the Burthen of Twenty five Tons, One Shilling.

Save and except out of such Tolls, all such Crafts as shall be loaded only with Straw, Manure, Dung, Compost, or Lime, to be used for Tillage. Exemptions from Tolls.

All which Tolls or Sums of Money shall, from time to time, be paid within the Space of Three Months after every such Hoy, Barge, Vessel, Lighter, or other Craft, shall have passed through the said Bridge; and if any Owner or Owners of any such Hoy, Barge, Vessel, Lighter, or other Craft, which shall so pass through the said Bridge, shall, for the Space of Three Months, neglect or refuse to pay the Tolls or Rates herein before appointed to be paid for every such Hoy, Barge, Vessel, Lighter, or other Craft, which shall so pass through the said Bridge, he and they shall forfeit and pay for every Offence the Sum of Five Pounds, to be levied, from time to time, by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattles of the respective Owner or Owners of any such Hoy, Barge, Lighter, Vessel, or other Craft, which shall so pass through the said Bridge, together with the reasonable Charges of every such Distress and Sale; all which Forfeitures, when recovered, shall go and be applied to the Uses of this Act. Payment of the said Tolls to be made within Three Months, on Penalty of 5 l.

Provided always, and be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That it may and shall be lawful for the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons, in Common Council assembled, from time to time, to compound or agree by the Year, or otherwise, with the Owner or Owners Court may compound with Owners of Vessels for Tolls.

ers of any Hoy, Barge, Vessel, Lighter, or other Craft, having Goods on Board, to pass through the Arches of the said Bridge, for such Sum of Money, and to be paid in such Manner as the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons, in Common Council assembled, shall think fit or reasonable; any thing herein before contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

Owner's Name and Tonnage to be painted on some conspicuous Parts of the Vessel,

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That from and after the Twenty ninth Day of September, One thousand seven hundred and fifty six, the Owner or Owners of every Hoy, Barge, Vessel, Lighter, or other Craft (other than such Crafts as are herein before excepted) which shall pass with Goods on Board, through any of the Arches of the said Bridge, shall cause his, her, or their Name or Names, and Place or Places of Abode, together with the Tonnage of such Hoy, Barge, Vessel, Lighter, or other Craft, to be painted on some conspicuous Place or Part thereof; and the Owner or Owners of every such Hoy, Barge, Vessel, Lighter, or other Craft (except as aforesaid) who shall omit so to do, shall, over and besides the Toll herein before appointed to be

on Penalty of 20 s. besides the Tolls;

paid for passing through any of the Arches of the said Bridge, and the Penalty herein before inflicted in case of Nonpayment thereof) forfeit the Sum of Twenty Shillings every Time any such Hoy, Barge, Vessel, Lighter, or other Craft (other than such Crafts as are herein before excepted) shall pass with Goods on Board, through any of the Arches of the said Bridge, without having the Name or Names, and Place or Places of Abode of the Owner or Owners thereof painted on some conspicuous Place or Part of such Hoy, Barge, Vessel, Lighter, or other Craft, as also the Tonnage thereof; and every such Forfeiture shall be paid on the Conviction of every such Offender or Offenders by his, her, or their Confession, or on

to be paid on Conviction to the Informer,

the Oath of One or more credible Witness or Witnesses before any Justice of the Peace of the City, County, Division, or Place, where such Owner or Owners shall live, or be found, to the Person or Persons who shall make Information or Complaint to such Justice, of any such Omission or Default as aforesaid, and on the Offender or

and may be levied by Distress and Sale.

Offenders on such Conviction refusing or neglecting to pay the Money which shall be forfeited as aforesaid; the same may and shall be levied by Distress and Sale of the Offenders Goods, rendering to the Owner or Owners thereof, the Overplus, if any, after the reasonable Charges of every such Distress and Sale shall be paid.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That it shall and may be lawful for any Justice or Justices

of the Peace of any County, City, or Liberty, within whose Jurisdiction any Person or Persons subject and punishable by this Act for neglecting or refusing to pay any of the Tolls or Sums of Money herein before appointed to be paid for any such Hoy, Barge, Vessel, Lighter, or other Craft, which shall pass through any of the Arches of the said Bridge with Goods on Board, or who shall neglect or refuse to pay any Composition-money agreed to be paid by him, her, or them, in lieu of such Tolls, shall reside or be found, to summon before him or them the Party or Parties accused of Neglect or Refusal to pay the same Tolls or Sums of Money, or Composition-money; and on Appearance of the Parties accused, or on his, her, or their Contempt in not appearing, upon Proof on Oath by One or more credible Witness or Witnesses of the Service of such Summons or Summonses on the Party or Parties against whom the same was or were granted, or of leaving the same at his, her, or their usual Place of Abode, with some Person there of his, her, or their Family, every such Justice and Justices is and are hereby required to proceed to the Examination of the Witness or Witnesses upon Oath (which Oath every such Justice is hereby authorized to administer) and thereupon to hear, adjudge, and determine concerning the Matters complained of, and to issue Warrants for recovering the Money forfeited or due, by Distress and Sale of the Offenders Goods, so as the Offender or Offenders be thereof first duly convicted by any such Justice in like Manner as Justices may do for any Offences committed within their respective Jurisdictions; and every such Warrant and Act done by any such Justice, and by any Constable, Headborough, Tythingman, or other Person, in Obedience to the Warrant of any such Justice, shall be as effectual in Law, as if the same had been granted or done within the proper Limits of their own Jurisdiction.

Justice may summon Defaulter for Nonpayment of Tolls, and issue his Warrant for levying thereof, &c.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Tolls and Duties payable by this Act, shall not be rated or taxed for or towards the Land Tax, Church, Poor, or any other Rates or Taxes, Ward or Parochial, or for or towards the Repairs of any Highways.

Tolls not rateable to any Tax.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That all and singular the Tolls and Duties raised and imposed by this Act, and all other Money which shall be levied or recovered, or received by virtue hereof, shall, from and after the said Twenty fourth Day of June, be, and the same are hereby vested in the said Mayor, Commonalty, and Citizens of London, and their Successors; and the Money arising therefrom, shall be recovered, accounted

Tolls, &c. vested in the City, and to be applied for the Purposes of this Act.

counted for, paid, and applied, in such Manner, for such Time, and for such Purposes, as by this Act is directed.

Court may borrow Money on the Credit of the Tolls.

And, forasmuch as the borrowing Money upon the Credit of this Act, will be the most effectual Method to accomplish the Ends designed thereby; be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons, of the said City, in Common Council assembled, shall and may, and they are hereby impowered, from time to time, to borrow under the Common Seal of the said City, upon the Credit of the said Tolls and Duties created by this Act, any Sum or Sums of Money, at a Rate or Rates of Interest, not exceeding Four Pounds per Centum per Annum, which said Money so to be borrowed shall be applied to the Purposes of this Act.

Clerk and other Officers to be appointed.

And, to the end the said Tolls and Duties may be duly accounted for; be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons, of the said City of London, in Common Council assembled, to nominate and appoint a proper Person or Persons to be their Clerk or Clerks, and such other Officers under them, for the Execution of the Powers hereby vested in them, as they shall deem proper; which Clerk or Clerks shall write and keep proper Entries, from time to time, of all such Matters, Proceedings, and Things, as shall be done in pursuance of this Act; and likewise to nominate and appoint such Person or Persons to be Receiver or Receivers, Collector or Collectors, of the said Tolls or Duties, as they shall think fit, who shall give Security for the due accounting for, and paying into the Chamber of the said City of London, the Monies by them collected, and for their Honesty and good Behaviour in their Office, or Place of Collector or Collectors, Receiver or Receivers; and all Persons by this Act liable to pay the said Tolls or Duties, or any of them, are required to pay the same, after the Rates aforesaid, to such Receiver or Receivers, Collector or Collectors, as aforesaid; and all such Receivers and Collectors shall respectively pay the same into the Chamber of the said City of London, and shall also upon Oath (if thereunto required by the said Court of Mayor and Aldermen) give in a true and perfect Account in Writing, under their respective Hands, of all Money which they and every of them shall to such Time have received, paid, and disbursed, by virtue of this Act, or by reason of their respective Offices; and the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons, of the said City of London, in Common Council assembled, shall and may, out of the Monies

Collectors to give Security.

Tolls to be paid to them; who are to pay the same over into the Chamber of *London*.

arising, or to be received by the said Tolls, or otherwise, by virtue of this Act, make such Allowances unto such Receiver and Receivers, Collector or Collectors, and all other Officers and Persons to be employed by or under them, for their Care and Pains in the Execution of their respective Offices, as they the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons, in Common Council assembled, from time to time shall think fit and reasonable; and in case any such Receiver or Receivers, Collector or Collectors, of the aforesaid Tolls or Duties, so to be paid as aforesaid, or any of them, shall not make such Account and Payment, as by this Act is directed, according to the Orders and Directions of the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons, in Common Council assembled, then any Justice or Justices of the Peace for the said City of London shall commit such Party or Parties to His Majesty's Gaol of Newgate, there to remain without Bail or Mainprize, until they shall have made a true Account and Payment as aforesaid, or compounded for the same, with the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons, in Common Council assembled, and paid the Money by every such Composition stipulated to be paid; which Composition the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons, in Common Council assembled, are hereby authorized, from time to time, to make and receive, if they shall so think fit, in full Satisfaction for all Money that shall be then due from such Person or Persons.

Salaries to be allowed to Officers.

Collectors not making due Account and Payment, to be committed.

Court may compound.

And be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That every Receiver or Collector of any Money, payable by virtue of this Act, shall pay the Money he or they shall receive, into the Chamber of the City of London, as he or they shall receive the same, in such Manner that he or they shall never have a Fund exceeding Fifty Pounds at a Time in his or their Hands, for the Space of Ten Days, provided the said Chamber of London be open to receive the same; and if any such Receiver or Collector shall keep or retain in his Hands, more than the said Sum of Fifty Pounds, longer than Ten Days, he and they shall respectively forfeit and pay the Sum of Five Pounds for every Offence, of which he or they shall be convicted before the Mayor of the said City of London, or any Justice of the said City, by the Oath of any One or more credible Witness or Witnesses, or by his or their Confession; all which Forfeitures shall be levied by Distress and Sale of the Offenders Goods, rendering the Overplus, if any, after the reasonable Charges of such Distress and Sale shall be paid, to the Owners thereof, and shall be recovered and applied to the Uses of this Act.

Collector never to keep more than 50*l.* in his Hands at one Time, of the Tolls, but to pay the same into the Chamber of *London*,

on Penalty of 5*l.*

And

Chamberlain to give Receipts for the said Money;

And be it also enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Chamberlain of the said City of London for the time being, or such of his Clerks who shall be appointed by him for this Purpose, shall be obliged, and he and they is and are hereby required to give Receipts for all Money which shall be paid into the said Chamber of London, in pursuance of this Act, without Fee or Reward; and that the said Chamberlain of the said City of London for the time being is hereby authorized and required, out of the Money which shall be so paid into the said Chamber of the said City of London, under this Act, and so far as the same will extend or be sufficient, from time to time to answer and pay all Sums of Money which shall be drawn upon him, or ordered to be paid by the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons of the said City of London, in Common Council assembled, for or in respect of any thing which shall be due or payable by virtue of, or under this Act.

and to issue out the same on Order from the Court.

Receipts and Disbursements to be entered in Books to be kept by the Chamberlain,

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That there shall be provided and kept by the Chamberlain of the City of London for the time being, One or more Book or Books, in which all the Receipts and Disbursements of the Money arising and received by virtue of this Act, shall from time to time be fairly set down and entered, truly expressing the Times when, and the Names of the Persons respectively, from and by whom the same were so received, and to whom and for what Uses or Purposes the same shall have been disbursed; and an Account of such Receipts and Payments shall be fairly drawn out and stated, and signed by the said Chamberlain Once in every Year, and delivered by him to the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons, of the said City, in Common Council assembled, who are hereby impowered, from time to time, to audit, or cause the same to be audited, and to settle the same; and after every such Audit shall be made, the Chamberlain of the said City of London for the time being, shall yearly lay before each House of Parliament, a true Copy of every such Account, or an Abstract thereof, within Twenty Days after the Opening of every Session of Parliament.

Accounts to be audited annually,

and laid before Parliament.

Power of putting this Act in Execution may be delegated to a select Committee.

Provided likewise, and it is hereby also further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That all and every the Powers and Authorities in and by this Act given and granted to the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons, of the said City of London, in Common Council assembled, shall and may at all Times hereafter be exercised and performed as fully and effectually to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever, by any Committee who shall be appointed from time

to time, by the ſaid Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons, of the ſaid City of London, in Common Council aſſembled, for putting in Execution this Act, or performing any Matters hereby directed to be done, according to the Authorities which from time to time, by the ſaid Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons of the ſaid City of London, in Common Council aſſembled, ſhall be delegated or given to ſuch Committee; and that all and every Acts, Matters, and Things, which at any Times hereafter ſhall be done or tranſacted by any ſuch Committee who ſhall be appointed as aforeſaid, ſhall be as valid and effectual, to all Intents and Purpoſes whatſoever, as if the ſame were or had been done, tranſacted, or performed by the ſaid Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons of the ſaid City of London, in Common Council aſſembled; any thing in this Act before contained to the contrary thereof in any wiſe notwithſtanding.

Order of Juſtice, &c. not liable to be quaſhed for want of Form,

And it is hereby alſo enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That no Order which ſhall be made by any Juſtice or Juſtices by virtue of or under this Act, or any other Proceedings to be had touching the Conviction or Convictions of any Offender or Offenders againſt this Act, ſhall be quaſhed or vacated for want of Form only; or be removed or removeable by Certiorari, or any other Writ or Proceſs whatſoever, into any of His Majeſty's Courts of Record at Weſtminſter.

nor removed by *Certiorari*.

Perſons aggrieved may appeal to the General or Quarter Seſſions.

Provided always, and it is hereby further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That in caſe any Perſon or Perſons ſhall think him, her, or themſelves aggrieved by any Orders or Proceedings of any Juſtice or Juſtices of the Peace, which ſhall be made or had under this Act, it ſhall and may be lawful for ſuch Perſon or Perſons to appeal to the Juſtices of the Peace at their next General Quarter Seſſions of the Peace to be held for the County, City, or Borough, in which any Warrant ſhall be ſo granted, or Order ſo made; and the Juſtices of ſuch ſaid General Quarter Seſſions are hereby required to hear and finally determine every ſuch Appeal and Appeals, and ſhall award to the Party or Parties for whom ſuch Appeal ſhall be determined, ſuch Coſts as to them in their Diſcretion ſhall ſeem reaſonable, and ſhall raiſe and levy by their Order or Warrants ſuch Coſts as ſhall be awarded by Diſtreſs and Sale of the Goods and Chattles of any Perſon or Perſons who ſhall be ordered to pay the ſame.

Court may award Coſts.

Charges of paſſing this Act to be paid out of the firſt Money raiſed.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That all the Coſts and Charges of obtaining, or by Reaſon of paſſing this Act, ſhall, as ſoon as may be, be paid out

out of the Money to be raised and received by virtue thereof.

Tolls to continue till the Principal and Interest of Money borrowed be repaid.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the several Tolls and Duties hereby appointed to be raised and levied for the Purposes aforesaid, shall have Continuance and be received, had, raised, collected, and taken, until such Time as the Money which shall be borrowed by virtue of this Act, and the Interest thereof, shall be fully satisfied and paid.

Limitation of Actions.

And be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Action shall be brought, or Suit commenced against any Person or Persons, for any Thing done in pursuance of this Act, or in relation to the Premisses, or any of them, such Action or Suit shall be laid or brought within Six Months next after the Fact done; and shall be laid or brought in the City of London or County of Surry, and not elsewhere; and the Defendant or Defendants in such

General Issue.

Action may plead the General Issue, and give this Act and the Special Matter in Evidence at any Trial to be had thereupon, and that the same was done in pursuance and by Authority of this Act; and if the same shall appear to have been so done, or if any such Action or Suit shall not be brought within the Time before limited, or shall be brought in any other County or Place than as aforesaid, then the Jury shall find for the Defendant or Defendants; or if the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs shall become Nonsuited, or suffer a Discontinuance of his, her, or their Action or Actions; or if a Verdict shall pass against the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs; or if upon Demurrer Judgement shall be given against the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs, the said

Treble Costs.

Defendant or Defendants shall have Treble Costs, and shall have such Remedy for recovering the same, as any Defendant or Defendants hath or have for Costs in other Cases by Law.

Publick Act.

And it is hereby further enacted, That this Act shall be deemed a Publick Act; and shall be taken Notice of as such by all Judges, Justices, and other Persons whatsoever, without specially pleading the same. 7

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