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An Act to ſupply ſome Defects in the Laws for repairing and rebuilding County Bridges, for repairing, enlarging, erecting, and providing Houſes of Correction, and for paſſing Rogues and Vagabonds.



Whereas it does and may happen that when County Bridges are to be rebuilt or repaired, a Piece or Parcel of Ground thereto adjoining may be of great Uſe or Service, either for enlarging ſuch Bridges, or more commodiouſly rebuilding them: And whereas there is no Power given by the Laws in being for the rebuilding or repairing of County Bridges, to the Juſtices of the Peace to purchaſe any ſuch Pieces or Parcels of Ground: And whereas by an Act made in the Thirteenth Year of the Reign of His preſent Majeſty, intituled, An Act for the amending and enforcing the Laws relating to Rogues, Vagabonds, and other idle and diſorderly Perſons, and for reducing the ſame into one Act of Parliament; and alſo for amending the Laws for erecting, providing, and regulating Houſes of Correction; it is (amongſt other things) enacted, That upon the Preſentment of the Grand Jury at the Aſſizes, Great Seſſion, or General Gaol Delivery, held for any County or Liberty, that there is no Houſe of Correction, and that it will be neceſſary to provide One or more Houſe or Houſes of Correction in ſuch County or Liberty, or that the Houſe or Houſes of Correction in any ſuch County or Li- Preamble, reciting the Act 13 *Geo.* II.

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berty is or are not sufficient, and want to be enlarged; the Justices of the Peace at their General or Quarter Sessions, shall have Power to build, erect, or enlarge One or more fit or convenient House or Houses of Correction, or to purchase One or more convenient House or Houses for that Purpose, or to purchase Land to erect such House or Houses of Correction upon, and to make a convenient Backside or Backsides, Outlet or Outlets thereto: And whereas in some Counties and Liberties, where it is necessary to have a House or Houses of Correction, there is or may be no Assize, Great Sessions, or General Gaol Delivery, and in Consequence there can be no Presentment of such Grand Jury, so that in such Cases the said Act is rendered ineffectual: Therefore for the better repairing and rebuilding County Bridges, and for supplying the Defects of the said recited Act, so far as the same relates to the repairing, enlarging, building, and providing Houses of Correction, 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 from and after the Twenty fourth Day of June, One thousand seven hundred and forty one, the Justices of the Peace of any County, City, Riding, Liberty, or Division, at their General Sessions, or General Quarter-sessions assembled, or the major Part of them, shall have Power, and are hereby authorized to purchase of, or agree or contract with any Person or Persons, Bodies Politick or Corporate, for any Piece or Parcel of Land adjoining or near to any County Bridge within the Limits of their respective Commissions, for the more commodious enlarging, or convenient rebuilding the same; which Pieces or Parcels of Land shall not exceed One Acre in the whole for any such Bridge, and shall from time to time be paid for by the respective County Treasurers, out of any Monies raised or to be raised by Virtue of an Act made in the Twelfth Year of the Reign of his present Majesty, intituled, An Act for the more easy assessing, collecting, and levying of County Rates; such Treasurers being thereunto authorized, by Orders under the Hands and Seals of the respective Justices of the Peace at their General Sessions, or General Quarter-sessions, or the major Part of them; which Lands so purchased, shall be conveyed to such Person or Persons as the said Justices of the Peace at their General Sessions, or General Quarter-sessions, or the major Part of them shall respectively appoint, in Trust, and for the

Justices at their Quarter-sessions may purchase Lands to build County Bridges,

Uſes and Purpoſes of enlarging or rebuilding ſuch Bridges reſpectively.

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 forty one, the Juſtices of the Peace of any County, City, Riding, Liberty, or Diviſion, at their General Seſſions, or General Quarter-ſeſſions aſſembled, or the major Part of them, where there ſhall be no Aſſizes, Great Seſſion, or General Gaol Delivery held upon the Preſentment of the Grand Jury to ſuch Juſtices at their General Seſſions, or General Quarter-ſeſſions, ſhall have as full Power and Authority to repair or enlarge any Houſe or Houſes of Correction already built, or to purchaſe any Houſe or Houſes, for a Houſe or Houſes of Correction, or to build or erect any Houſe or Houſes of Correction, or to purchaſe Land to erect ſuch Houſe or Houſes of Correction upon, and to make a convenient Backſide or Backſides, Outlet or Outlets thereto, as if ſuch Preſentment had been made at the Aſſizes, Great Seſſion, or General Gaol Delivery, in ſuch Manner as is directed, and by the ſame Ways and Means as are provided in and by the ſaid recited Act, made in the Thirteenth Year of the Reign of His preſent Majeſty; any thing in the ſaid Act contained to the contrary thereof in any wiſe notwithſtanding. and have Power to enlarge Houſes of Correction.

And whereas it is enacted in and by the ſaid Act, made in the Thirteenth Year of the Reign of His preſent Majeſty, That the Juſtice or Juſtices of the Peace, who ſhall make any Paſs for conveying any Rogue, Vagabond, or incorrigible Rogue, ſhall at the ſame Time cauſe to be delivered to the Conſtable a Certificate, aſcertaining the Manner of conveying ſuch Rogue, Vagabond, or incorrible Rogue; and that when the Place to which the Perſon or Perſons apprehended are to be ſent, lies remote, and there be One or more Counties, Ridings, or Diviſions intervening, the Conſtable or other Officer, to whom ſuch Paſs and Certificate ſhall be given, ſhall forthwith cauſe the Perſon or Perſons therein named, to be conveyed to the next Houſe of Correction in the ſame County, Riding, or Diviſion, where he or they ſhall dwell: And whereas it has been ſometimes found inconvenient, and has created an extraordinary Expence, to ſend the Perſon or Perſons apprehended, who was or were to be immediately paſſed to ſome diſtant County, Riding, or Diviſion, by ſuch Juſtice or Juſtices, to the Houſe of Correction in the ſame County, Riding, or Diviſion, where he or they dwell, ſuch Houſe of Correction often lying out of the direct Way, to the Place where

such Person or Persons was or were to be passed; for Remedy whereof be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That from and after the said Twenty fourth Day of June, One thousand seven hundred and forty one, it shall and may be lawful for any Justice or Justices of the Peace, to send any Person or Persons who shall be apprehended as a Rogue, Vagabond, or incorrigible Rogue, to the House of Correction in the County, Riding, or Division, where he or they dwell, or to any other House of Correction in the next County, Riding, or Division, as shall be most convenient for the passing such Person or Persons; any thing in the said Act contained to the contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding.

Justices of the Peace may send Vagabonds to the House of Correction, &c.

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