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Acts, of the Fifty-first Year of His late Majesty King George *the Third and the Fifth Year of His late Majesty King* George *the Fourth, relative to the* Bridgewater *and* Taunton *Canal Navigation:* And whereas under the said Acts, or some or one of them, the said Company of Proprietors have formed a Canal called the *Bridgewater* and *Taunton* Canal, from or near to the Town of *Taunton* to or near a Place called *Huntworth*, communicating with that Part of the River *Tone* commonly called the *Parrett*, and it would be of public Utility if a new Cut for the Navigation of Barges, Boats, Vessels, and Rafts were made from and out of the said *Bridgewater* and *Taunton* Canal in the Parish of *North Petherton* in the County of *Somerset*, through and below the Town of *Bridgewater*, and communicating with the River *Parrett*, and also a Basin for the resting, loading, and unloading of Ships, Barges, Boats, and other Vessels at or near the End of the said new Cut below the said Town of *Bridgewater*, and communicating with the said River *Parrett*, with proper Works belonging thereto respectively: And whereas it is expedient that certain of the Provisions of the said recited Acts should be altered or amended; but the several Purposes aforesaid cannot be effected without the Authority of Parliament: May it therefore please Your 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 it shall be lawful for the said Company of Proprietors or their Successors to make, construct, and complete, and at all Times maintain, a Cut or Canal navigable for Barges, Boats, Vessels, and Rafts from and out of the said *Bridgewater* and *Taunton* Canal in the Parish of *North Petherton* aforesaid, through and below the Town of *Bridgewater*, and communicating with the River *Parrett*, and also a Basin for the resting, loading, and unloading of Ships, Barges, Boats, and other Vessels at or near the End of the said new Cut below the said Town of *Bridgewater*, and communicating with the said River *Parrett*, and such Locks, Piers, Wharfs, Quays, Landing Places, Warehouses, Tunnels, Drains, Feeders, Bridges, Towing Paths, Roads, Channels, Entrances, and generally all such other Works, Conveniences, Matters, and Things for the supplying of the said Cut and Basin with Water, and for the general Purposes of the said Cut and Basin, as the said Company shall think necessary or expedient, and to supply the said new Cut and Basin with Water by means of the Springs to be found in making the same, and by means of the Water in the said Canal, and by means of a Stream of Water called *Town Mill Stream*, and numbered "28" in the Map or Plan herein-after mentioned as being in the Parish of *Bridgewater*, and which said Stream now runs into that Part of the said River *Tone* commonly called the *Parrett*, and with Power to divert the said Stream into the said Cut in such Manner as the said Company may think fit, but subject to the Provisions of the said Two first-recited Acts as to Compensation to Owners and Occupiers of Mills and others, and which Provisions are herein-after made to extend to this Act: Provided nevertheless, that nothing in this Act, or in the said Map or Plan, or in the Book of Reference herein-after mentioned, contained, shall authorize the said Company to interfere with the Course or Use of a Stream of Water called *Petherton Brook* during any Part of its Course or Use, or at or near *Ford Gate* in the Parish of *North Petherton* in the said County of *Somerset*, or with the Lands or Grounds thereto adjoining, although a Part of the Course of the said

Company may make a Canal, Basin, &c.

Company not to interfere with Petherton Brook.

said Stream, and of such Lands or Grounds, be laid down in the said Map or Plan, and comprised in the said Book of Reference: Provided always, that nothing herein or in the said recited Acts contained shall prevent the said Company, in the Progress of making the said Cut, Basin, and Works hereby authorized to be made and constructed, from taking any Water lying within a Distance of Four hundred Yards thereof that may be requisite or proper for making and completing the same Cut, Basin, and Works, or for making temporary Channels or Cuts for obtaining a Supply of such Water for the same Purposes only, but on the contrary they are authorized to do so accordingly; but nothing herein contained shall authorize the said Company to take or retain any Water under any Circumstances from *Petherton Brook* aforesaid, or to interfere with the same.

Sewer and Works to be made on the Diversion of the Town Mill Stream.

II. And be it further enacted, That in the event of the said Company diverting into the said Cut the said Town Mill Stream, or any Part thereof, the said Company shall make previous Provision for the Sewage at present carried off by the said Mill Stream by means of a good and sufficient covered Sewer down to that Part of the River *Tone* commonly called the *Parrett*, and shall also provide for the constant Supply of fresh pure Water throughout the whole Length of the said Mill Stream, from the Point where the said Cut shall cross the same down to the Town Mill, in manner herein-after mentioned; and the said Company shall take care that by means of Dams the Surface Level of such Stream shall be kept up and maintained at its present ordinary or average Level or Height, and further, that a constant Supply of Water shall be kept running through the same as aforesaid by means of a Four-inch open Pipe, to be passed under the said Cut, communicating with and connecting the Waters of the Mill Stream above and below the Place where the said Cut shall cross the said Mill Stream, and the said Company shall take the Water from the Bottom of the said Mill Stream above such Place of crossing; and the said Sewer and other Works shall be constructed by the said Company according to such Plans and in such a Manner as shall be satisfactory to the Engineer of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of *Bridgewater* and the Engineer of the said Company, or an Umpire to be chosen by such Engineers in case they should not agree, and shall at all Times thereafter be kept and maintained by and at the Expence of the said Company.

The Corporation of Bridgewater may place a Pump in the Cut.

III. And be it further enacted, That inasmuch as the Town of *Bridgewater* is at present abundantly supplied with Water by means of the said Mill Stream, it shall be lawful for the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of *Bridgewater*, at their own Expence, in the event of the said Mill Stream being diverted by the said Company, to fix in *West Street* a Four-inch Hand Pump communicating with the said Cut, and thereby to pump Water out of the said Cut for the Supply of the Inhabitants of the said Town, and for watering the Streets thereof.

Plan, &c. deposited with the Clerk of the Peace to remain there, and be open to Inspection.

IV. And whereas a Map or Plan describing the Line of the said Cut, Basin, and Works, and the Lands through or over which the same are intended to be carried, together with a Section, and also a Book of Reference to the said Map or Plan, containing a List of the Owners and Occupiers or reputed Owners and Occupiers of such Lands, have been deposited in the Office of the Clerk of the Peace for the County of *Somerset*;

Somerset; be it therefore enacted, That the said Map or Plan, Section and Book of Reference, so deposited, shall remain and be kept with the said Clerk of the Peace, to the end that all Persons interested in any Manner therein may at all seasonable Times have Liberty to inspect the same, and to take or require the said Clerk of the Peace to deliver Copies thereof or Extracts therefrom at their Pleasure, paying to such Clerk of the Peace the Sum of One Shilling for every such Inspection, and One Shilling more for every Hour during which such Inspection shall continue after the first Hour, and at the Rate of Sixpence for every One hundred Words of such Copies or Extracts of or from such Book of Reference, and a reasonable Sum for such Copies or Extracts of or from the said Plan and Section, if respectively made by the Clerk of the Peace; and the said Map or Plan, Section and Book of Reference, or any Copy thereof, or of so much thereof respectively as shall relate to any Matter in question, purporting to be certified by the said Clerk of the Peace to be a true Copy, shall be good Evidence in all Courts of Law and elsewhere.

Limiting Deviation from Plan.

V. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That the said Company of Proprietors, in making the said intended Cut or Canal, shall not deviate more than One hundred Yards from the Course or Direction delineated in the said Map or Plan, nor shall any such Deviation extend unto the Lands or Grounds of any Person or Persons not mentioned in the said Book of Reference without his, her, or their Consent in Writing.

Errors or Omissions in Book of Reference not to impede the Works.

VI. And be it further enacted, That no Advantage shall be taken of or against the said Company, or any Interruption be given to the making the said Cut, Basin, and Works, on account of any Error or Omission in the said Book of Reference; but it shall be lawful for the said Company, by themselves, their Deputies, Agents, Officers, Surveyors, Servants, and Workmen, to enter into and upon and to take and use, for the Purposes of this Act, any Lands or Grounds set out and described in the said Map or Plan, notwithstanding any such Error or Omission, in case it shall appear to any Two Justices of the Peace acting for the said County of *Somerset*, and be certified in Writing under their Hands and Seals, that such Error or Omission proceeded from Mistake.

No Houses, &c. to be taken without Consent but those mentioned in the Schedule.

VII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That nothing herein contained shall authorize or empower the said Company of Proprietors, or any Person or Persons acting by or under their Authority, to take, use, injure, or damage, for the Purposes of this Act, any House or other Building which was erected or built on or before the Thirtieth Day of *June* One thousand eight hundred and thirty-six, or any Ground which was on that Day the Site of any House or other Building, or any Ground which was then set apart and used as and for a Garden, Orchard, Yard, Park, Paddock, Plantation, planted Walk or Avenue to a House, without the Consent in Writing of the Owners thereof and Persons interested therein respectively, other than and except the Premises specified in Schedule (A.) annexed to this Act.

Breadth of the Land to be used.

VIII. And be it further enacted, That the Lands or Grounds to be used for the said Basin, and the Wharfs, Quays, Warehouses, Entrances, and Works belonging thereto, shall not exceed Ten Acres, and the Lands or Grounds to be used for the said Cut, and the Towing Paths, Banks, and

and Side Drains thereof respectively, and the Ditches and Fences for separating such Towing Paths, Banks, and Side Drains from the adjoining Lands, and the Wharfs and Works, shall not exceed Forty Yards in Breadth, measured horizontally, except in such Places where the said Cut shall be raised higher or cut more than Six Feet deeper than the present Surface of the Land, and except in such Places where it shall be judged necessary for Barges, Boats, Vessels, and Rafts to turn, lie, or pass each other in, or where any Warehouse, Crane, or Weighing Beam shall be erected, or where any Wharf shall be made, for the landing or Delivery of any Goods, Wares, or Merchandize, nor more than One hundred Yards in Breadth in any Place for such Cut, and the Towing Paths, Banks, Side Drains, Ditches, Fences, Wharfs, and Works thereof, unless with the Consent of the Owners of the Lands or Grounds affected by such extra Quantity or Width.

Regulations as to Ascent to Bridges.

IX. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That in all Places where the Line of the Cut hereby authorized shall be made across any Road, the Bridges shall be constructed of Iron, Brick, or Stone; and the Ascent to any Bridge to be made over any Part of the said Cut for the Purpose of such Road shall not be made more than One Foot in Thirty-six Feet as to Streets and Turnpike Roads, and One Foot in Twenty-five Feet for other Highways, and One Foot in Twenty Feet as to other public or Occupation Roads; and all Bridges for Streets or Turnpike Roads shall be of the full Breadth of such Streets or Turnpike Roads, and not less than Fifteen Feet clear, and for other public or Occupation Roads of the clear Breadth of Fifteen Feet; and as to all of the said Streets, Turnpike Roads, and other public Highways, with a good and sufficient Parapet Wall or Fence on each Side thereof, of at least Five Feet of clear Height over the Surface of such Streets, Roads, and other public Highways.

Company not bound to purchase Surface of Lands above Tunnels.

X. Provided always, and be it enacted and declared, That the said Company shall not be bound to purchase the Soil or Surface of the Land or Ground through which any Tunnel shall be made, except in Cases where such Surface shall be within Ten Feet of the Top of such Tunnel, but the said Company shall be entitled to purchase all Rights and Easements requisite for the Construction and Use of every or any such Tunnel; and the Provisions as to Purchases, Conveyances, Purchase Monies, Compensation for Damages, and other Matters shall be deemed applicable, with reference to the Purchase of such Rights and Easements, so far as the Nature of the Case and Circumstances will admit.

Land to be paid for within Two Years.

XI. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That as to any Land or Hereditaments not paid for by the said Company within Two Years after the passing of this Act, the said Company shall not be at liberty to have, purchase, take, or use the same without the Consent in Writing of the Parties interested therein, or hereby enabled to sell and convey the same, under his, her, or their Hands, for that Purpose first had and obtained.

Works to be completed within Seven Years.

XII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That the Basin shall be commenced and carried on simultaneously with the Cut and other Works; and that in case the said Cut, Basin, and Works shall not be completed

completed within Seven Years from the passing of this Act, then after the Expiration of such Term the Powers hereby given for making the same shall cease and determine; but nevertheless, if any Portion thereof shall be so completed, and shall at any Time previously to the Expiration of Six Calendar Months after such Term of Seven Years be certified so to be in manner following, (that is to say,) as to any Works within the Borough of *Bridgewater*, by the Recorder of the said Borough at some General or Quarter Sessions of the said Borough, and as to any other Works by the Justices of the Peace for the said County of *Somerset* in General or Quarter Sessions assembled, all the Powers herein contained, so far as the same may be applicable to such completed Portion, shall remain in full Force.

The Communication with the Tone at Huntworth to be stopped up.

XIII. And be it further enacted, That when the Cut and Works hereby authorized to be made and constructed shall be so far completed as to form, by means thereof, and the existing Canal and Works, and the River *Tone*, a navigable Communication between the River *Parrett* and the Town of *Taunton*, the said Company of Proprietors shall close the existing Communication at *Huntworth* between the Canal and that Part of the River *Tone* commonly called the *Parrett*, and it shall be lawful for the said Company, if they shall see fit so to do, to fill up so much of the Canal as lies between that Point and the Point where the said new Cut shall join the said Canal.

Height of Water in the Works.

XIV. And be it further enacted, That the said Company shall construct the Cut, Basin, and other Works hereby authorized to be made and constructed in such a Manner as that the Water may be kept therein Three Feet higher than is shown by the Section deposited with the Clerk of the Peace of the County of *Somerset* as herein mentioned.

Waste Waters to flow at Huntworth.

XV. And be it further enacted, That all the waste Waters of the said Canal, Cut, and Basin shall flow over a Weir to be made by the said Company at *Huntworth*, so that all the Waters except Lockage Water shall still run along the Bed of that Part of the River *Tone* commonly called the *Parrett*, past the Town of *Bridgewater*, as at present.

Empowering Company to purchase additional Land.

XVI. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Company to contract with any Person or Corporation (willing to sell the same) for the Purchase of any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, not exceeding in the whole Ten Statute Acres, (in addition to the Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments by this Act or the said recited Acts authorized to be used,) in such Place or Places as shall be deemed eligible for the Purpose of enlarging the said Basin, of providing Yards, Wharfs, Quays, Landing Places, Warehouses, and other Buildings and Conveniences, for receiving, depositing, keeping, or carrying any Goods, Merchandize, or other Things, or for making convenient Roads or Ways thereto, or any other Purposes whatsoever connected with the Works by this Act or the said recited Acts authorized to be made, and the same Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments may be conveyed and used accordingly; and the Provisions herein contained, either expressly or by reference, as to the other Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments, or Works, shall apply to such additional Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments, and Works.

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Empowering Company to sell such Lands, and purchase others.

XVII. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Company from Time to Time to sell and dispose of such additional Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, or any Part or Parts thereof, and again from Time to Time in manner aforesaid, and with and subject to the like Provisions, to contract for and purchase any other Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments which the said Company shall deem more eligible for the Purposes aforesaid, and afterwards to sell and dispose of the same, or any Part or Parts thereof, so that the Number of Acres to be purchased and held by the said Company for any of the Purposes lastly herein-before mentioned shall not exceed at One Time the said Ten Statute Acres.

Company not to purchase more than Ten Acres from incapacitated Persons.

XVIII. And whereas the said Company, in addition to the Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments by this Act or the said recited Acts authorized to be used, are enabled by this Act to purchase of Persons and Corporations willing to sell the same Ten Statute Acres for the Purpose of enlarging the said Basin, of providing additional Yards, Wharfs, Quays, Landing Places, Warehouses, and other Buildings and Conveniences, or for other Purposes: And whereas it is expedient to restrain as hereafter mentioned the said Company from selling Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments so purchased from Corporations or Persons being under legal Disability or Incapacity, and again purchasing other Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments from the same or from any other Corporations or Persons being under legal Disability or Incapacity in lieu of the Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments so sold; be it therefore enacted, That it shall not be lawful for the said Company to purchase from any Corporation, Feoffee in Trust, Executor, Administrator, Husband, Guardian, Committee, or other Trustee for or on behalf of any Infant, Lunatic, Idiot, Feme Covert, or Cestuique Trust, or any Tenant for Life, or Person to whom or for whose Benefit Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments are limited in strict Settlement, or other Person being under legal Disability or Incapacity, more than such Ten Statute Acres for the Purposes last aforesaid; and in case the said Company shall purchase such Ten Statute Acres from any Corporations or other Persons under such legal Disability or Incapacity as aforesaid, and shall afterwards sell the Whole or any Part of such Ten Statute Acres so purchased, it shall not be lawful for the said Company to purchase of or from the same, or of or from any other Corporation or Person being under legal Disability or Incapacity, nor for the same nor for any other Corporation or Person being under legal Disability or Incapacity to sell to the said Company any other Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments in lieu of such Ten Statute Acres or any Part thereof so sold or disposed of by the said Company.

Tolls on the Cut.

XIX. And be it further enacted, That, except with respect to the Basin, and the Wharfs, Warehouses, and Works thereto belonging, as to which Provision is herein-after made, the Tolls, Rates, and Duties payable to the said Company in respect of the Cut and Works hereby authorized to be made and constructed shall be the same as those originally authorized by the said recited Act of the Fifty-first Year of King *George* the Third to be taken and levied: Provided always, that in Cases where any Goods, Wares, Merchandize, Commodities, Matters, or Things shall be carried or conveyed upon or along the Basin, or any Entrance thereto,

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or any Part or Parts thereof respectively, (except such Goods, Wares, Merchandize, Commodities, Matters, and Things as shall be transhipped within the said Basin from any Ship, Barge, Boat, or Vessel into any Ship, Barge, Boat, or Vessel, and which also shall have been or shall be carried or conveyed upon or along any Part of the new Cut hereby authorized to be made,) the said Basin and Entrance respectively shall, for the Purpose of computing the Canal Toll on such Goods, Wares, Merchandize, Commodities, Matters, and Things, be deemed as Part of the said new Cut.

Certain Provisions of 2 W. 4. c. 43. not to extend to Cut and Works hereby authorized to be made.

XX. And whereas by the said recited Act of the Second Year of His present Majesty it was (among other Things) enacted, that the said Company of Proprietors should not on any Pretence or for any Cause whatsoever ask, demand, take, or receive for any Coals or Culm which might be carried or conveyed from the Junction of the said Canal with the River *Parrett* through the said Canal, and from thence by the River *Tone* to the Town of *Taunton* aforesaid, any Rate, Toll, or Duty exceeding in the whole the Sum of One Penny Three Farthings for each and every Ton for each and every Mile, and so in proportion for any greater or less Quantity or for any greater or less Distance, nor for any Bricks which might be so carried or conveyed any Rate, Toll, or Duty exceeding in the whole the Sum of Two-pence for each and every Thousand for each and every Mile, and so in proportion for any greater or less Quantity or any greater or less Distance, nor on any other Goods, Wares, and Merchandize which might be so carried and conveyed any Rate, Toll, or Duty exceeding in the whole the Rate, Toll, or Duty then allowed by the said in part recited Act of the Fifty-first Year of King *George* the Third; provided always, that the Provisions of the same Act as to fractional Parts of a Mile and Ton should remain in force; provided also, that the whole Distance between the Junction of the said Canal with the said River *Parrett*, and the Landing Places or Wharfs at or near the North Town Bridge in *Taunton*, for the Purpose of assessing such Toll, should be calculated at the Length of Twelve Miles only, but nevertheless nothing should prejudice any Right of the Company to charge a Toll for Twelve Miles on the said Canal from its Junction with the said River *Parrett* to the said Landing Places or Wharfs; now be it enacted and declared, That the said recited Provisions shall not extend to the Cut and Works hereby authorized to be made and constructed; but the said Provisions, so far as they relate to the Amount of the Tolls, shall be applicable to Coals, Culm, or Bricks to be carried or conveyed from the Junction of the Cut hereby authorized to be made, with the existing Line of Canal through the said Canal, and from thence by the River *Tone* to the Town of *Taunton*; and the said recited Provision as to the Distance of Twelve Miles shall be applicable to the Distance between such Junction and the said Landing Places or Wharfs at or near the North Town Bridge in *Taunton*, such last-mentioned Distance being to be deemed Twelve Miles, but Twelve Miles only: Provided nevertheless, that the said recited Provisions shall not be prejudiced or affected as to their present or existing Operation.

Tolls for using Basin.

XXI. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Company to demand and take, recover, collect, and receive, for all Ships and other Vessels coming into or departing from the said Basin, any

such Tolls, Rates, and Duties, not exceeding the Tolls, Rates, or Duties specified in Schedule (B.) to this Act, as shall be from Time to Time fixed by the said Company, and for all Goods, Wares, Merchandize, Passengers, Cattle, and Things which shall be landed from any Ship, Barge, Boat, Vessel, or Raft in the said Basin, or shipped from the Warehouses, Wharfs, or Quays belonging to the said Basin into any Ship, Barge, Boat, Vessel, or Raft in the said Basin, such Wharfage, Tolls, Rates, or Duties, not exceeding the Tolls, Rates, and Duties specified in Schedule (C.) to this Act, as shall be from Time to Time fixed by the said Company, and for all Goods, Wares, or Merchandize which shall be deposited in any of the Warehouses belonging to the said Basin such Tolls, Rates, and Duties as shall be from Time to Time fixed by the said Company, but so that the last-mentioned Tolls, Rates, and Duties do not exceed the Tolls, Rates, or Duties which shall have been taken in the Port of *London* during some Part of the Year preceding (such Year being to be calculated from the First Day of *January* to the Thirty-first Day of *December*): Provided always nevertheless, that nothing herein contained shall extend to impose any of the Basin Dues hereby authorized to be levied upon any Barge or Boat which shall enter into or depart from the said Basin from or to the River *Parrett* for the Purposes of loading or unloading to or from any Ship or Vessel lying in the said Basin.

Rates to be charged equally.

XXII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That the different Rates and Tolls to be taken by virtue of this or the said recited Acts on the several Lines of the Canal, Cuts, and Works shall at all Times respectively be charged equally and after the same Rate throughout the whole of the said several separate and respective Lines of the said Canal, Cuts, and Works respectively in respect of the same Description of Articles, Matters, and Things; and no Reduction or Advance in the said Rates and Tolls shall either directly or indirectly be made partially or in favour of or against any particular Person or Company, or be confined to any particular Part of any of the said several separate and respective Lines of the Canal, Cuts, and Works respectively, but every such Reduction or Advance of Rates or Tolls upon any particular Kind or Description of Articles, Matters, or Things shall extend to and take place throughout the Whole and every Part of the said several separate and respective Lines of the Canal, Cuts, and Works respectively upon and in respect of the same Description of Articles, Matters, and Things so reduced or advanced, and shall extend to all Persons whomsoever using the same, or carrying the same Description of Articles, Matters, or Things thereon; any thing to the contrary thereof in anywise notwithstanding.

Power to His Majesty to reduce Tolls on Foreign Vessels.

XXIII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for His Majesty by an Order of Council, or for the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, or any Three or more of such Lords Commissioners, by an Order in Writing, from Time to Time to reduce the Tolls, Rates, and Dues which shall be imposed on Foreign Vessels under the Powers of this Act on all or on such and on so many of such Vessels, and on all or on such and on so many of the Goods or Articles imported or exported in such Vessels, as His Majesty in and by such Order of Council as aforesaid or as the Lords Commissioners as afore-

said shall deem expedient, so as the same be not less than are hereby directed or authorized to be levied in respect of *British* Vessels.

Extra Basin and Wharfage Dues for Overtime.

XXIV. And be it further enacted, That in case any Ship, Barge, Boat, Vessel, or Raft shall be at the Quay of the said Company, or otherwise within the said Basin, or in case any Goods, Wares, Merchandize, Matters, or Things shall be in or upon any Wharf, Quay, or Landing Place of the said Company belonging to the said Basin, a longer Time than shall be from Time to Time fixed by the said Company in respect thereof respectively, then and in such Case it shall be lawful for the said Company to ask, demand, and collect, in respect of such Ship, Barge, Boat, Vessel, or Raft, Goods, Wares, Merchandize, Matters, or Things, such further Dues or Sums of Money as the said Company shall from Time to Time reasonably order.

Tonnage of Ships how to be ascertained.

XXV. And be it further enacted, That the Tonnage of all Ships and Vessels required to be registered by any Act or Acts for the Time being in force relating to the registering of *British* Ships or Vessels, and coming to or departing from the said Basin, shall be ascertained according to the certified Tonnage in the Ship's Register; and the Master or other Person having the Command of any Ship or Vessel is hereby required, under a Penalty of any Sum not exceeding Five Pounds, to produce such Certificate of Registry, at the Time of Payment of the said Tolls, Rates, and Duties, to the Person or Persons who shall be duly authorized to collect and receive such Tolls, Rates, and Duties; and in case of any Dispute in or about the same, or in case of any Dispute in respect of the Tonnage of any *British* Ship or Vessel not required to be registered, or of any Foreign Ship or Vessel, then the Tonnage of any such Ship or Vessel shall be ascertained in the Manner and according to the Directions of any Act or Acts for the Time being in force for the registering of *British* Vessels; and the said Company shall have full Power to enter into, measure, and gauge such Ship or Vessel accordingly, and the Expences of and attending the same shall be borne by the Party in fault; and if the same shall be the said Company, such Expences may be deducted from the Tolls, Rates, and Duties, or otherwise recovered from the said Company; and if the other Party shall be in fault, then such Expences may be recovered by the said Company by the Means by which the Tolls, Rates, and Duties shall be recoverable.

Copy of Manifest to be delivered.

XXVI. And be it further enacted, That the Master or Person having the Command of any Ship or Vessel, loaded or Part loaded, which shall enter the said Basin, shall, within Twelve Hours after entering the same, deliver a true Copy of the Manifest of the Cargo of such Ship or Vessel, signed by him, at the principal Office of the said Company in or near the said Basin, to such Officer or Servant of the said Company as shall be appointed for the Receipt thereof; and every such Master or Person refusing or neglecting so to do shall for every such Offence forfeit any Sum not exceeding Five Pounds.

Duties by whom to be paid.

XXVII. And be it further enacted, That the Tolls, Rates, Duties, and Charges which the said Company are by this Act authorized to demand and receive in respect of any Ship, Barge, Boat, Vessel, or Raft shall be paid by the Owner or by the Master or other Person having the Command

or Charge of any such Ship, Barge, Boat, Vessel, or Raft; and the Tolls, Rates, Duties, and Charges which the said Company are hereby authorized to demand and receive in respect of any Goods, Wares, Merchandize, or other Matters or Things shall be paid by the Owners, Importers, Exporters, Consignors, or Consignees of such Goods, Wares, Merchandize, Matters, or Things, and all such Tolls, Rates, Duties, and Charges shall be paid to such Person or Persons at such Place or Places, and in such Manner and under such Regulations as the said Company by themselves or their Committee shall from Time to Time order, direct, or appoint; and in case of Refusal or Neglect of Payment of any such Tolls, Rates, Duties, or Charges, or any Part thereof, on Demand, to the Person or Persons appointed to receive the same, it shall be lawful for the Person or Persons to whom such Tolls, Rates, Duties, or Charges ought to have been paid to detain or seize and distrain the Ship, Barge, Boat, Vessel, Raft, Goods, Wares, Merchandize, Matters, or Things in respect of which the same shall be payable, or any other Property on the Works of the Company belonging to the same Party, and the Premises so detained or seized and distrained to retain until the said Tolls, Rates, Duties, or Charges, and any others due from the said Party, and any Expence attending such Detention or Seizure and Distress, shall have been paid; and in case of the Neglect or Default in payment of the Tolls, Rates, Duties, Charges, and Expences for the Space of Five Days after such Distress or Distresses so made and taken, then the said Distress or Distresses shall, for or towards defraying the same, be appraised and sold as the Law directs in Cases of Distress for Rent, and the said Tolls, Rates, Duties, Charges, and Expences may be defrayed out of the Proceeds accordingly; and that in no Case shall any Person remove from any Wharf, Quay, Warehouse, or Place of the said Company any Goods, Wares, Merchandize, or other Matters or Things for which any Money shall have become due as aforesaid, without the Consent of the said Company or their Agent chiefly intrusted with the Care of any such Wharf, Quay, Warehouse, or Place, without Payment of such Money as shall be due for the same under the Provisions of this Act, under a Penalty of any Sum not exceeding Five Pounds, over and above the Amount which shall be so due as aforesaid: Provided always, that these Provisions shall not prejudice or affect any other Remedies of the said Company for the Recovery of the Tolls, Rates, Duties, Charges, and Expences.

For keeping clear the Entrance to the Cut.

XXVIII. And be it further enacted, That no Ship or Vessel or Raft of Timber, or other Substance, shall anchor or be put or placed in the River *Parrett* opposite the Entrance to the said Cut, Canal, or Basin, or within Twenty-five Yards of such Entrance on either Side; and if any Ship, Vessel, or Raft of Timber, or other Substance, shall do or be so, or be aground opposite such Entrance, or in any other Place, so as in any Manner to obstruct the Entrance to the said Cut, Canal, or Basin, and the Master or other Person having the Command or Care thereof shall not immediately, or so soon as the Depth of Water in the River will permit, on being thereunto required by the proper Officer of the said Company, remove such Ship, Vessel, or Raft of Timber, or other Substance, every Person so offending shall for every such Offence forfeit any Sum not exceeding Five Pounds, and also any Sum not exceeding Ten Shillings for every Hour that such Obstruction shall remain after such Notice; and it shall be lawful for the said Officer and his Assistants to remove the same

same at the Expence of the Owner of such Ship, Vessel, or Raft of Timber, or other Substance.

No Ship to enter under Sail.

XXIX. And be it further enacted, That before any Ship or Vessel shall enter the said Basin, such Ship or Vessel shall have her Sails taken down or furled so that she may not enter under Sail, upon pain that every Master, Commander, or Pilot having the Care of every such Ship or Vessel shall for every such Offence forfeit any Sum not exceeding Five Pounds.

Officer of Company to regulate the Mode of Ships entering the Basin.

XXX. And be it further enacted, That any Officer of the said Company duly authorized shall have full Power to direct all Ships and Vessels entering the said Basin or Channel leading from the River *Parrett* thereto to be dismantled in such Manner as he may think proper and safe, and to give Directions for topping, bracing, or striking Yards and Masts, taking in running Bowsprits, and for having substantial Hawsers and Towlines and Fasts to the Buoys or Mooring Posts, and also for the Regulation of the Equipment, Rigging, and Mode of lading of all Ships and Vessels in the said Basin, and also as to where such Ship or Vessel shall be anchored or moored, and during the Time the Delivery of every such Ship or Vessel, or when discharged of her Cargo, as to her having such Quantity of Ballast on board or dead Weight in her Hold, as he may judge requisite; and in case the Master or other Person having the Command of such Ship or Vessel shall not attend to such Directions, or if any Ship or Vessel shall be left in the said Basin without any Person on board, every such Master or other Person having the Command of such Ship or Vessel, or the Owner or Owners thereof, shall for every such Offence forfeit any Sum not exceeding Five Pounds; and the Owner or Owners of such Ship or Vessel shall also be answerable for all the Injury that may be sustained by any other Ship or Vessel, or by the said Company, through Neglect thereof; and it shall be lawful for the said Officer of the Company and his Assistants, at the Expence of the Owners of the said Ship or Vessel, to cause the said Directions to be attended to.

Company's Officers not to give Preference.

XXXII. And be it further enacted, That if any Officer or other Servant belonging to the said Company shall give an undue Preference or show any Partiality to any Ship, Barge, Boat, Vessel, or Raft in coming into, remaining in, or going out of the said Basin, or in shipping or unshipping, loading or unloading, weighing or depositing any Goods or other Things, every Person so offending shall forfeit for every such Offence any Sum not exceeding Forty Shillings.

Penalty on cutting Ropes, &c.

XXXII. And be it further enacted, That in case any Person shall wilfully or maliciously cut, break, or in any Manner destroy any Rope or other Thing by which any Ship, Barge, Boat, or other Vessel or Raft lying in the said Basin shall be moored or fastened, such Person shall for every such Offence forfeit any Sum not exceeding Five Pounds, over and above the Damages to be occasioned thereby.

Prohibition as to Combustibles.

XXXIII. And be it further enacted, That no Pitch, Tar, Rosin, Turpentine, Oil, or other combustible Matter shall be boiled or heated on board any Ship, Barge, Boat, or other Vessel lying within the said Basin, except

except in such Place or Places and in such Manner as shall be specially appointed by the said Company for that Purpose, nor shall any Gunpowder or loaded Gun whatever be brought into the said Basin on board any Ship, Barge, Boat, or other Vessel, upon pain that every Master or Owner of every such Ship, Barge, Boat, or Vessel shall forfeit for every such Offence any Sum not exceeding Ten Pounds.

Prohibition as to Fires, &c.

XXXIV. And be it further enacted, That if any Person shall have or keep, or cause to be had or kept, any Fire, Candle, Lamp, or Light lighted within the said Basin or the Works belonging thereto, either on board any Ship, Barge, Boat, or Vessel in such Basin or otherwise, save and except such Fires, Candles, Lamps, or Lights as shall be permitted by the Regulations of the said Company, every Person so offending shall for every such Offence forfeit any Sum not exceeding Five Pounds.

Obstruction to Officers.

XXXV. And be it further enacted, That if any Person shall obstruct or be aiding in obstructing any Constable, Watchman, or Person thereto duly appointed in going on board, or being in or upon any Ship, Barge, Boat, or other Vessel for the Purpose of searching for, discovering, or extinguishing any Fire, Candle, Lamp, Light, combustible Matter, or other Matter or Thing being or suspected to be therein, contrary to the Meaning of this Act, or for the Purpose of discovering any Theft or Embezzlement committed or suspected to have been committed in or about such Ship, Barge, Boat, or other Vessel, or for the Purpose of quelling any Riot or Disturbance therein, or for any other Purpose authorized by or by virtue of this Act, every Person so offending shall for every such Offence forfeit any Sum not exceeding Five Pounds.

Conservators of River Tone to inspect the Canal and Works yearly.

XXXVI. And whereas it is expedient and necessary, that after the said existing Communication at *Huntworth* between the *Bridgewater* and *Taunton* Canal and that Part of the River *Tone* commonly called the *Parrett* shall be closed as aforesaid, the Communication by Water from the Town of *Bridgewater* aforesaid by means of the said River *Parrett* into the said new Cut, Basin, and Works hereby authorized to be made and constructed, and from thence into the existing Canal and Works, should always be kept open and navigable for the Passage of Boats and other Vessels laden with Goods and Merchandize; be it therefore enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for the Conservators of the River *Tone* and their Successors, and they are hereby authorized and required, once in each and every Year at the least after such Communication at *Huntworth* shall be closed, to pass upon the said new Cut, Basin, and Works, as well as upon the other Part of the existing Canal and Works, without being subjected to any Toll or Charge, to inspect and see the State and Condition thereof; and the said Conservators shall at all Times thereafter be entitled to, and shall have, use, and enjoy, such and the same Powers, Rights, Remedies, and Privileges over, upon, and in respect of the said new Cut, Basin, and Works hereby authorized to be made and constructed as they are now entitled to have, use, and enjoy over, upon, and in respect of the said existing Canal and Works by virtue of the said Act of the Second Year of the Reign of His present Majesty; and the Provisions of the said last-mentioned Act shall thenceforth, as regards the said Conservators, in all respects be deemed to apply to the said Cut, Basin, and Works hereby authorized

to be made and constructed, in such and the same Manner as they are now applicable to the said existing Canal and Works: Provided nevertheless, that nothing herein contained shall enable the Conservators and their Successors, in the event of their being entitled to resume the Possession of the River *Tone*, as mentioned in the said Act of the Second Year of the Reign of His said present Majesty, to authorize the entering, passing, or repassing of any Barge, Boat, or Vessel whatsoever, laden or not laden, in or through any Part or Parts of the Cut, Basin, or Works hereby authorized to be made and constructed, upon any Condition or Payment, or in any Manner whatever, it being intended and declared that the Liberty in that Event granted to the said Conservators and their Successors by the same Act, authorizing the passing and repassing of Barges, Boats, or Vessels, shall apply only to the Cut made as provided for by the said last-mentioned Act to communicate with the Grand Western Canal: Provided also, that the closing of the said existing Communication at *Huntworth* shall not be deemed to occasion a Cesser of an effectual Water Communication between *Taunton* and *Bridgewater* and *Taunton* and the Grand Western Canal, or an Abandonment by the said Company of Proprietors of their Undertaking within the Meaning of the Provisions contained in the said last-mentioned Act relative to the Resumption of the said River *Tone* by the said Conservators or their Successors.

Committee to fix the Place of the Annual Meeting of Proprietors.

XXXVII. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the Committee of Management at any Meeting of the Committee to fix the Place for the holding of the Annual General Meeting of the Proprietors, and that Fourteen Days Notice at the least of every Annual General Meeting shall be given by public Advertisement signed by the Clerk of the said Company in some Newspaper circulated within the said County of *Somerset*.

Notices how to be given.

Place of holding Special Assemblies.

XXXVIII. And be it further enacted, That as to all Notices by the said recited Acts or any of them required to be given in a Newspaper or in the *London Gazette*, it shall be sufficient that the same be given in a Newspaper usually circulated in the County of *Somerset*, and in that alone; and that every or any Special Meeting of the Proprietors to be held under the said Acts or any of them may be held at any Place, wherever situate, to be mentioned in the Notice calling the same.

Chairman to be appointed at Meetings of Proprietors.

Adjournment of Meetings.

XXXIX. And be it further enacted, That the said Company, at their ordinary and Special General Meetings, shall appoint some Proprietor to be Chairman; and such Chairman, in addition to his Votes as a Proprietor or as a Proxy, shall also, in case of an Equality of Votes, have the decisive or casting Vote; and all Meetings, whether ordinary or special, of the said Company, may be adjourned from Time to Time and from Place to Place as shall be found expedient.

Directing how Proprietors should vote.

XL. And be it further enacted, That every Body Politic and Person entitled to a Share in the said Undertaking shall have a Vote for every such Share at every General Assembly of the Proprietors, whether ordinary or special, and that such Vote may be given either in Person or by Proxy, every such Proxy being a Proprietor, and any Proprietor being at liberty to hold Proxies for any Number of Shares.

XLI. And

General Meetings to consist of Proprietors of at least 200 Shares.

XLI. And be it further enacted, That if at any General Meeting of Proprietors, ordinary or special, there shall not be present in Person or by Proxy, within Two Hours from the Time appointed for such Meeting, Proprietors possessed of at least Two hundred Shares in the said Undertaking, no Business shall be done, but the Meeting shall stand adjourned to that Day Fortnight at the same Place and Hour, and if a sufficient Number of Proprietors shall not then attend as aforesaid the Meeting shall stand adjourned for Four Weeks at the same Place and Hour, and so from Time to Time as often as the same shall occur, until at any such Meeting there shall be a sufficient Number of Proprietors present as aforesaid, when the Meeting shall proceed to Business (and not before); and if such original Meeting shall have been the Meeting at which a Choice of a Committee ought to have taken place, the Committee before appointed shall continue to act and have their old Powers until a new Committee shall be appointed; and in case of Failure of assembling a sufficient Number of Proprietors at such First General Meeting, every Proprietor who shall not attend such Second or subsequent Meeting shall forfeit and pay to the said Company of Proprietors for every Share which such Proprietor shall possess in the said Undertaking the Sum of Forty Shillings.

Business at Special and adjourned General Meetings.

XLII. And be it further enacted, That no Business shall be transacted at any Special General Meeting other than the Business for which it shall have been called, and no other Business shall be transacted at any adjourned General Meeting, whether ordinary or special, than the Business left unfinished at the Meeting from which such Adjournment took place.

How joint Proprietors are to vote.

XLIII. And be it further enacted, That where any Share or Shares shall be held by Two or more Persons as joint Proprietors, the Proprietor whose Name shall stand first in the Books of the said Company in respect of such Share or Shares shall alone be entitled to vote at the Assemblies of Proprietors, and also to receive Notices to be given to the Proprietors, and every such Vote and Notice shall be deemed to be the Vote of and a Notice given to all the Owners of such Share or Shares.

Lunatics and Minors may vote by their Committees, &c.

XLIV. And be it further enacted, That in case any Proprietor shall be a Lunatic or a Minor, he or she being a Lunatic may vote by the Committee of his or her Estate, or being a Minor may vote by his or her Father or Guardian or any One Guardian; and the Committee, Father, or Guardian may vote either in Person or by Proxy.

Company to appoint a Treasurer and Clerk.

XLV. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Company at any General Meeting, whether ordinary or special, to appoint a Treasurer and also a Principal Clerk to the said Company, for such Period of Service, and with such Salaries or Remuneration, as shall to the said Company seem proper, and to alter and vary every or any Appointment of a Treasurer or Clerk from Time to Time; and the Committee of the said Company shall take sufficient Security from every such Treasurer and from every Collector and other Officer having the Care or Custody of any Money to be raised or received by virtue of the said

said recited Acts or this Act for the due Execution of their respective Offices; and such Clerk shall attend the General Meetings, whether ordinary or special, of the said Company, and the Meetings of the said Committee; and in case any Treasurer or Clerk shall die, be removed from or quit the Service of the said Company, it shall be lawful for the Committee to appoint any other fit Person or Persons to execute such Office in the Place of the Person or Persons who shall so die, be removed from or quit the Service of the said Company, and such Appointment shall remain in force until the same shall be nullified by some General Meeting, whether ordinary or special, of the said Company.

Committee of Ten Proprietors.

XLVI. And be it further enacted, That every Committee of Management hereafter to be appointed shall consist of Ten Persons only, each being a Proprietor of at least Five Shares.

Meetings of Committee.

XLVII. And be it further enacted, That the Committee shall meet at such Times and in such Places, and from Time to Time adjourn themselves to such other Times and Places, as they shall think fit; and that no public Notice by Advertisement need be given of any such Meeting; and at every Meeting of the said Committee One of the Members for the Time being present shall be appointed by the Members present Chairman for that Meeting; and all Questions, Matters, and Things which shall be proposed, discussed, or considered at such Meetings shall be finally determined by the Majority of Votes then present, the whole Number present not being in any Case less than Five, but that Number shall be sufficient for every Purpose; and no Member of the said Committee shall have more than One Vote, except the Chairman, who, in case of an equal Division, shall always have a second or casting Vote.

Temporary Appointment by Committee of Committee-man.

XLVIII. And be it further enacted, That when any Committee-man shall die, or cease to be a Proprietor of Five Shares (by which his Office shall *ipso facto* become void), or shall otherwise become disqualified for acting on the Committee, or shall by Writing under his Hand delivered to the Clerk of the said Company or any Member of the Committee resign his Office, it shall be lawful for the Committee at any of their Meetings to elect some other qualified Proprietor as a Committee-man in his Place; but no positive and absolute Disqualification shall arise by a Nonattendance or Refusal to act of or by a Committee-man at the Committee Meetings, unless at the Discretion of the other Members of the Committee.

General Meetings may authorize Committee to appoint a Sub-Committee.

XLIX. And be it further enacted, That the said Company of Proprietors may at any Meeting, ordinary or special, empower the Committee to appoint out of their own Body a Sub-Committee of not less than Three, and to vary such Appointment from Time to Time, any Three of whom may execute such of the Powers of the Committee as may be particularly specified by such Meeting, or as such Meeting may authorize the Committee to confer; and such Sub-Committee, if and when so appointed, but not otherwise, may act accordingly.

Receipts as to Money payable to Minors, &c.

L. And be it further enacted, That in all Cases where Money shall be payable to any Proprietor who shall be a Minor, Idiot, or Lunatic, the Receipt of the Father or Guardian of such Minor, or the Committee

of the Estate of such Idiot or Lunatic, shall be a sufficient Discharge for the same.

Power to raise Money by Mortgage.

LI. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Company of Proprietors from Time to Time, by an Order of any General Meeting of the said Company, whether ordinary or special, to borrow and take up at Interest, by way of Mortgage, any Sum or Sums of Money not exceeding in the whole, including what they now owe on Mortgage, the Sum of One hundred thousand Pounds on the Credit of the said Undertaking, including the Works by the said recited Acts and by this Act respectively authorized to be made and constructed, and the Lands, Property, Estate, and Effects generally belonging or to belong to the said Company; and the Mortgages already granted by the said Company shall be deemed to include the Works by the said recited Acts and this Act respectively authorized to be made and constructed, and all Lands, Property, Estate, and Effects generally now belonging or hereafter to belong to the said Company; and all Persons to whom such present and future Mortgages have been or shall be made, and those claiming by, from, through, or under such respective Mortgages, shall be equally entitled one with the other to their Proportions of the Tolls and Premises according to the respective Sums advanced, without any Preference by reason of the Priority of Date of any such Mortgage, or on any other Account whatsoever: Provided nevertheless, that nothing herein contained, save as after expressly mentioned, shall prejudice or affect the Priority of any Person or Persons claiming or to claim in respect of the Mortgages to the Exchequer Loan Commissioners referred to in the said recited Act of the Second Year of His said present Majesty, which last-mentioned Mortgages shall also be deemed to include the Works by the said recited Acts and by this Act respectively authorized to be made and constructed, and all Lands, Property, Estate, and Effects generally now belonging or hereafter to belong to the said Company: Provided also, that the present and future Mortgages may be transferred from Time to Time by the original Mortgagees and their Transferees as Occasion may require, and the Transferees for the Time being shall stand in the Place of the original Mortgagees, but subject to the Provisions of the said first-recited Act as to the Registry of Memorials thereof: Provided also, that as to any Mortgage or Transfer of a Mortgage already made or hereafter to be made to any Body or Bodies, Person or Persons whomsoever, it shall be sufficient, although the same may have purported or may purport to pass an Estate of Inheritance or of Freehold, or any other Interest, that the same shall have been or shall be made by a Simple Deed, without Livery or Lease for a Year, or any other Ceremonies.

In case Mortgages shall be paid off, the Company may raise the Amount again.

LII. And be it further enacted, That in case the said Company of Proprietors shall pay off the Sum to be due on any present or future Mortgage, or any Part thereof, then and in every such Case it shall be lawful for the said Company of Proprietors at any Time or Times thereafter again to raise in manner aforesaid, in lieu of the Principal Money so paid off by them, so much Money as they shall from Time to Time have paid off, and so from Time to Time as often as the same shall happen.

Motgages may be paid off on Six Months Notice.

LIII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Company of Proprietors, whatever may be the Form of any Mortgage, from Time to Time to pay off the Principal Money secured thereby at the Expiration of Six Calendar Months after Notice given to the Person entitled thereto of their Intention so to do.

Power to borrow Money from the Exchequer Loan Commissioners.

LIV. Provided always, and be it further enacted and declared, That nothing herein contained shall prevent the said Company from borrowing any Money so authorized to be raised by Mortgage as aforesaid, or any Part thereof, from the Loan Exchequer Bills Commissioners, or from any other Commissioners or Persons authorized by Parliament to make Loans on Public Works, upon the Credit of all or any Part of the Cut, Basin, and Works hereby authorized to be made and constructed, and the Tolls, Rates, and Profits thereof, and so as that such Commissioners or Persons may have a Priority of Claim upon the same Premises, or so much thereof as may be included in the Security or Securities, over every or any other Mortgagee or Creditor, but on the contrary it shall be lawful for the said Company so to do: Provided always nevertheless, and it is expressly enacted and declared, that save as to the Cut, Basin, and Works hereby authorized to be made and constructed, and the Tolls, Rates, and Profits thereof, neither the said Commissioners nor any other Person or Persons shall obtain, in respec of any future Loan or Loans, any Priority of Claim whatsoever; any Law, Statute, or Usage to the contrary thereof in anywise notwithstanding.

Sale of forfeited Shares.

LV. And be it further enacted and declared, That the Monies to arise by the Sale of the forfeited Shares referred to in the said recited Act of the Fifth Year of His late Majesty King *George* the Fourth, or any Part of such Monies, may be applied by the said Company in or towards the Discharge of the present or future Mortgage Debts due from the said Company, or for any other of the Purposes of the said recited Acts or this Act respectively.

Provisions of recited Acts to be applied to this Act.

LVI. Provided always, and be it enacted and declared, That the Canal, Cuts, and Works already made and constructed by the said Company (including the Cut made to communicate with the Grand Western Canal, as provided for by the said recited Act of the Second Year of His said present Majesty,) shall, together with the Cut, Basin, and Works to be made and constructed by virtue of this Act, be deemed One united and common Undertaking; and all the Powers as to Purchases, and Clauses as to Bye Laws and Penalties, and all other Powers, Clauses, Provisions, Matters, and Things contained in the said Three several recited Acts of the Fifty-first Year of King *George* the Third, the Fifth Year of King *George* the Fourth, and the Second Year of His said present Majesty, (except those which have been or which are repealed, altered, or varied,) shall, so far as they are applicable and consistent with the Powers and Provisions of this Act, extend to this Act, and the Cut, Basin, and Works hereby authorized to be made and constructed, as well as to the Canal, Cuts, and Works so already made and constructed as aforesaid, and be construed therewith and with relation thereto respectively, and that in as full, ample, and beneficial a Manner, to all Intents, Constructions, and Purposes whatsoever, as if the same had been repeated and re-enacted in this Act, and had made Part thereof, and made to extend to the said united and common

common Undertaking generally; but so as that nevertheless, in Cases where the Provisions of the said Act of the Fifth Year of King *George* the Fourth vary from those of the said Act of the Fifty-first Year of King *George* the Third, the Provisions of the said Act of the Fifth Year of King *George* the Fourth shall be adopted: Provided also, that any Warrant for summoning a Jury, and the Judgment to be given on the summoning of such Jury, may be in the Forms mentioned in Schedules (D.) and (E.) to this Act, or with such Variations as may be found expedient.

Same Person not to be Clerk and Treasurer.

LVII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That it shall not be lawful for the said Company to appoint the Person who may be appointed to act as their Clerk in the Execution of this or the said recited Acts, or the Partner of any such Clerk, or the Clerk or any Person in the Service or Employ of any such Clerk, or the Clerk or any Person in the Service or Employ of the Partner of any such Clerk, to be the Treasurer for the Purposes of this or the said recited Acts, or to appoint the Person who may be appointed Treasurer, or the Partner of any such Treasurer, or the Clerk or any Person in the Service or Employ of any such Treasurer, or the Clerk or any Person in the Service or Employ of the Partner of any such Treasurer, to be the Clerk to the said Company; and if any Person shall accept both the Offices of Clerk and Treasurer for the Purposes of this Act, or if any Person being the Partner of any such Clerk, or the Clerk or any Person in the Service or Employ of any such Clerk, or the Clerk or any Person in the Service or Employ of the Partner of any such Clerk, shall accept the Office of Treasurer, or shall act as a Deputy of such Treasurer, or in any Manner officiate for such Treasurer, or being the Partner of any such Treasurer, or the Clerk or any Person in the Service or Employ of any such Treasurer, or the Clerk or any Person in the Service or Employ of the Partner of any such Treasurer, shall accept the Office of Clerk in the Execution of this or the said recited Acts, or shall act as Deputy of such Clerk, or in any Manner officiate for such Clerk in the Execution of this Act, or if any such Treasurer shall hold any Place or Office of Profit or Trust under the said Company other than that of Treasurer, every such Person so offending shall for every such Offence forfeit and pay the Sum of One hundred Pounds to any Person or Persons who shall sue for the same, to be recovered, with full Costs of Suit, in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster* by Action of Debt or on the Case, or by Bill, Plaint, Suit, or Information, wherein no Essoign, Protection, or Wager of Law, nor more than One Imparlance, shall be allowed.

Notice of Injury to be given to Company before Complaint made.

LVIII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That the said Company shall not be obliged to receive or take notice of any Complaint or Complaints to be made by any Person or Persons whomsoever, nor shall any Proceedings be had or taken for any Injury or Damage by him, her, or them sustained or supposed to be sustained in consequence of the Execution of the Powers of this, or the said recited Acts respectively, unless Notice shall have been given in Writing, stating the Particulars of such Injury or Damage, and the Amount of Compensation claimed in respect thereof, by or on the Behalf of such Person or Persons, to the said Company of Proprietors or to their Principal Clerk within the Space of Six Calendar Months next after the Time that such Injury or Damage or supposed Injury or Damage shall have been sustained, or the doing or committing thereof shall have ceased.

LIX. And

Power to use temporarily adjoining Grounds.

LIX. And whereas in the Progress of the Works it may be necessary for the Company to use temporarily some of the adjoining Ground, which will not be ultimately required for the Purposes of this Act, and in such Manner as that it will be wholly impossible beforehand to estimate the Damages to be occasioned by such temporary Use thereof, or the Recompence that should be given; be it therefore declared and enacted, That in every or any such Case, but in no other, it shall be lawful for the said Company to use temporarily any Ground so situated without the previous Payment of any Sum or Sums in respect of Damages for the Use of such Ground; but immediately after such Use thereof shall have ceased, in case of Disagreement between the said Company and the Owners or Occupiers of such Ground as to the Amount to be paid for Damages or Recompence, the same shall be settled and ascertained by Two Justices of the Peace for the said County of *Somerset*, who shall order the same to be forthwith paid by the said Company, and they shall pay the same accordingly; and in the meantime a fair annual Rent shall be paid for the same, the Amount thereof, in case of Disagreement, to be settled and ascertained and ordered to be paid in like Manner.

Penalty for bathing in the Canal.

LX. And be it further enacted, That if any Person shall bathe in such Part of the Canal, Cuts, Basin, and Works by the said recited Acts and by this Act respectively authorized to be made and constructed, or any of them, as is not within Three Miles of the said Town of *Taunton*, without the Permission of the said Company or their Agents, every such Person shall forfeit and pay for every such Offence any Sum not exceeding Forty Shillings.

Court of Exchequer may order reasonable Expences of Purchases and Costs to be paid by the Company.

LXI. And be it further enacted, That where by reason of any Disability or Incapacity of any Person or Corporation entitled to any Lands or Hereditaments to be purchased, taken, or used under the Authority of this Act, or from any other Cause, the Purchase Money for any Lands or Hereditaments, or any Money to be paid by way of Recompence or Compensation for any Damage or Injury done to the same, shall be required to be paid into the Bank of *England*, it shall be lawful for the said Court of Exchequer to order the reasonable Costs, Charges, and Expences attending any such Purchase, taking, or using of Land, or which may be incurred in consequence thereof, and also all the Costs, Charges, and Expences of the Investment of such Purchase or Compensation Money in Government or Real Securities, and of the Re-investment of the same, or the Government or Real Securities purchased therewith, in the Purchase of other Lands and Hereditaments, together with the necessary Costs, Charges, and Expences of obtaining the proper Orders and of all other Proceedings for such Purposes, and for the Payment of the Dividends and Interest of the Government or Real Securities upon which such Purchase or Compensation Money may be invested, and for the Payment out of Court of the Principal of such Purchase or Compensation Money, or of the Government or Real Securities aforesaid, to be paid by the said Company, and the said Company shall from Time to Time pay such Sums of Money for the Costs, Charges, and Expences herein-before mentioned as the said Court shall direct.

Expences of deducing Titles to be paid by the Company.

LXII. And be it further enacted, That all the Costs, Charges, and Expences, on the Part as well of the Seller as the Purchaser, of all Conveyances and Assurances of any Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments which shall be purchased or taken by the said Company under the Authority of this Act, and of deducing, evidencing, and verifying such Title as the said Company may require to the said Lands, Tenements, and

Hereditaments, and of making out and furnishing such Abstract and such attested Copies as the said Company may require, and all Expences whatsoever incident to the Investigation, Deduction, and Verification of such Title, and the Title and Conveyance of such outstanding Terms and Estates as the said Company may require to be called in or conveyed, shall be exclusively borne and paid by the said Company; and the said Company, before entering into Possession of the Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments so purchased or taken, shall pay the Amount of such Costs, Charges, and Expences, or in case there shall be any Dispute about the same shall obtain such Order as herein-after mentioned, and shall deposit for the Purpose of paying the same in such Manner as herein-after mentioned the Amount of the Costs, Charges, and Expences claimed by the Party from whom the Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments shall be purchased or taken: Provided always, that the said Company shall not be prevented from entering into Possession of the Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments so purchased, by reason of the Nonpayment of the said Costs, Charges, and Expences, or by reason of the Order hereinbefore mentioned not having been obtained, or the Deposit herein mentioned not having been made, unless the Party from whom such Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments shall have been purchased shall, within Seven Days after Notice in Writing for that Purpose shall have been given to such Party by the said Company, deliver a Bill of such Parties said Costs, Charges, and Expences to the said Company.

How such Costs are to be ascertained.

LXIII. And be it further enacted, That if the said Company and the Party aforesaid cannot agree as to the Amount of such Costs, Charges, and Expences, the same shall be ascertained by the Court of Exchequer; and it shall be lawful for the said Court, on Petition to be presented by the said Company, to order and direct that such Costs, Charges, and Expences shall be referred to One of the Masters of the said Court to be taxed in the usual Manner, and such Order shall be served on the Party aforesaid, who shall be at liberty to proceed under the same; and after Taxation thereof it shall be lawful for the said Court to order and direct the Amount of such Costs, Charges, and Expences so taxed, together with the Costs, Charges, and Expences attending the Taxation thereof, or so much of the same as shall be payable by the said Company to the Party from whom such Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments shall have been purchased or taken, to be paid to the Party aforesaid: Provided always, that, subject as aforesaid, the said Company shall not be at liberty to enter into Possession of the Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments so purchased or taken until an Order shall have been made for the Taxation of the said Costs, Charges, and Expences, and shall have been served on the Party aforesaid, and the said Company shall have deposited in the Bank of *England*, in the Name and with the Privity of the said Accountant General of the said Court of Exchequer, to be placed to his Account there *ex parte* "The *Bridgewater* and *Taunton* Canal Company," pursuant to the Method prescribed by the Act passed in the First Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Fourth relating to the Court of Exchequer, the Amount claimed for such Costs, Charges, and Expences; which Sum shall be applied, under the Order of the said Court, in payment of the said Costs, Charges, and Expences: Provided always, that the Expence of determining such Costs, Charges, and Expences as aforesaid, and of obtaining the Order referring the same to be taxed, shall be paid and borne by the said Company, unless One

Sixth of the said Costs, Charges, and Expences shall be disallowed, in which Case the said Expences shall be paid and borne by the Party from whom the said Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments were purchased or taken, and the Amount thereof may then be paid to the said Company out of the said Sum so deposited by them as aforesaid.

Defenition of the Word Basin.

LXIV. And be it further enacted, That wherever the Word "Basin" occurs in this Act, the same shall for all the Purposes of this Act be considered as including therein not only the Basin, but the Entrance thereto, and the Lock communicating from the same into the River *Parrett*.

Saving of the Rights of the Corporation of Bridgewater, &c.

LXV. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That nothing herein contained shall prejudice or affect any of the Rights and Privileges of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of *Bridgewater*, or of the Harbour Master of *Bridgewater*, otherwise than is specially provided for by this Act.

Expences of this Act.

LXVI. And be it further enacted, That the Costs and Charges of obtaining and passing this Act, and of making the Surveys, Plans, and Estimates incident thereto, and all other Costs, Charges, and Expences concerning the same, shall be borne, paid, and defrayed by the said Company of Proprietors in preference to any other Payment whatsoever.

Public Act.

LXVII. And be it further enacted, That this Act shall be deemed and taken to be a Public Act, and shall be judicially taken notice of as such by all Judges, Justices, and others.

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The SCHEDULES to which this Act refers.

SCHEDULE (A.)

No. on Plan.	Description of Property.	Land Owners.	Occupiers.
		Parish of Bridgewater.	
1	Brick-yard and Buildings	John Sealy, Esq. - -	Himself.
3	Ditto - -	John Chapman, Esquire - -	Messrs. Sealy.
4	The Old Toll House and Garden - -	The Commissioners of the Bridgewater Turnpike Roads, and Colonel Tynte - -	Elizabeth Briffett.
5	Brick-yard and Buildings -	John Chapman, Esq. - -	Messrs. Sealy.
—	Ditto - -	Messrs. Brown and Champion -	Themselves.
6	Pasture, Barn, and Shed -	Mrs. Mary Burnell - -	Herself.
7	Orchard and Shed -	Jeffry Allen, Esq. - -	Thomas Rookley.
8	Rope-walk and Sheds -	William Peach - -	Himself.
10	Garden - -	Jeffry Allen, Esq. - -	Ditto.
11	Cottage and Garden -	Henry Harvey, Esq. - -	Thomas Prankard.
12	Orchard and Shed -	Colonel Tynte - -	William Mansfield.
—	Cottage - -	Joseph Bulpin - - -	James Lang.
—	Ditto - - -	Ditto - - -	James Turner.
—	Ditto - - -	Ditto - - -	Thomas Duddridge.
—	Ditto - - -	Ditto - - -	Henry Sealy.
—	Ditto - - -	Ditto - - -	John Brice.
—	Ditto - - -	Ditto - - -	Thomas Board.
—	Ditto - - -	Ditto - - -	Himself.
13	Garden - -	Colonel Tynte - -	William Mansfield.
—	Cottage and Garden -	James Stockham - -	James Wills.
—	Ditto - - -	Ditto - - -	William Mansfield.
14	Pasture and Shed -	Doctor Woollen, Lease under Colonel Tynte -	Thomas Baker.
—	An Inn and Garden -	James Culverwell - -	John Chamberlain.
15	Brick-yard and Buildings	Messrs. Brown and Champion -	Themselves.
—	House and Garden -	William Legg - -	Michael Tout.
16	Ditto - - -	Thomas Tucker - -	William Crocker.
17	Ditto - - -	Messrs. Hobbs and Hodge -	John Culverwell.
18	Cottage and Garden -	John Stacey - -	Himself.
22	Orchard and Buildings -	Reverend John Symes -	Joseph Hunt.
30	Cottage and Garden -	Abraham Frost - -	Himself.
—	Cottage - - -	Ditto - - -	William Fackrell.
—	Ditto - - -	Ditto - - -	James Hembrow.
—	Ditto - - -	Ditto - - -	John Ferris.
—	Ditto - - -	Ditto - - -	Richard Herford.
—	Ditto - - -	Ditto - - -	William Honniball.
—	Ditto - - -	Ditto - - -	Thomas Bidgood.

No. on Plan.	Description of Property.	Land Owners.	Occupiers.
32	Shed - - -	Thomas Ford - - -	Benjamin Ware.
—	Cottage and Garden -	Ditto - - -	Charlotte Lines.
—	Ditto - -	Ditto - - -	William Pearce.
—	Ditto - - -	Ditto - - -	James Norway.
—	Ditto - -	Ditto - - -	John Trunk.
—	Ditto - -	Ditto - - -	Benjamin Ware.
—	Ditto - -	Ditto - - -	Phillis Warren.
—	Ditto - - -	Ditto - - -	Robert Duddridge.
—	Ditto - -	Ditto - - -	John Crocker.
—	Ditto - -	Ditto - - -	Benjamin Ware, jun.
—	Ditto - - -	Ditto - - -	Henry Bunny.
—	Ditto - -	Ditto - - -	John Liscombe.
—	Ditto - -	Ditto - - -	Charles Washer.
—	Ditto - -	Ditto - - -	William Turner.
—	Ditto - - -	Ditto - - -	John Duckham.
33	Ditto - -	Thomas Helliar, Lease under the Corporation of Bridgewater	James Crocker.
32	Ditto - - -	Ditto - - -	Robert Brewer.
35	House and Garden -	William Burge - -	Himself.
36	A Beerhouse and Garden	William Manchip - -	Robert Badger.
37	Cottage and Garden -	John Sealy, Esq. - -	Thomas Rugg.
—	Ditto - -	Ditto - - - -	Charles Stacey.
—	Ditto - -	Ditto - - -	Richard Board.
—	Ditto - - -	Ditto - - - -	Robert Baker.
—	Ditto - -	Ditto - - -	William Jarvis.
—	Ditto - - -	Ditto - - - -	Thomas Boys.
38*a*	Nursery - -	Thomas Row, or —— Evans -	Lake and Evans.
46	Garden - - -	Trustees of the Unitarian Chapel	Robert Salisbury.
49	Buildings and Yard -	Henry Ford, Esq. - -	Himself.
50	Pasture and Yard -	Ditto - - -	Ditto.
51	Bank of River Parrett, Landing Place, and public Footpath -	Henry Ford, Esq., or the Corporation of Bridgewater, as Conservators of the River Parrett	The Public.

Parish of Wembdon.

1	Barton and Shed -	Thomas Symes, Esq. - -	Thomas Rookley.
1	Pasture and Shed -	Samuel Freeman - -	Himself.
2	Malt-Shovel Inn and Garden	Robert Poles - -	Ditto.

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SCHEDULE (B.)

RATES OF TONNAGE.

First Class.

Vessels entering with Cargoes or departing with Cargoes:

Inwards.

	s.	*d.*
For every Ship or other Vessel which shall enter the said Basin from any Part of Great Britain, Ireland, the Isle of Man, or any of the Islands of Guernsey, Jersey, Alderney, and Sark, per Ton Measurement	0	4
From any other Part of Europe, except Places within the Straits of Gibraltar and round the North Cape, and from all British Colonies, per Ton Measurement	0	6
From any Port or Place in Europe round the North Cape, any Port or Place within the Straits of Gibraltar, whether in Europe, Asia, or Africa, and any Port or Place in the United States of America, per Ton Measurement	0	8
From any Port or Place in any other Part of the World, per Ton Measurement	0	10

Outwards.

For every Ship or other Vessel which shall depart from the said Basin to any Part of Great Britain, Ireland, the Isle of Man, or any of the Islands of Guernsey, Jersey, Alderney, and Sark, per Ton Measurement	0	1½
To any other Part of Europe, except Places within the Straits of Gibraltar and round the North Cape, or to any British Colony, per Ton Measurement	0	6
To any Port or Place in Europe round the North Cape, any Port or Place within the Straits of Gibraltar, whether in Europe, Asia, or Africa, any Port or Place in the United States of America, per Ton Measurement	0	8
To any Port or Place in any other Part of the World, per Ton Measurement	0	10

Second Class.

Vessels entering without Cargoes or in Ballast:

For every Ship or other Vessel which shall enter into the said Basin, per Ton Measurement	0	4

THIRD CLASS.

	s.	*d.*
For every Ship or other Vessel with a Cargo which shall enter the said Basin, and depart therefrom without breaking Bulk, or which shall discharge and afterwards take on board and depart with the same Cargo, per Ton Measurement -	0	4

And in estimating the Dues contained in this Schedule every Vessel of less Burthen than Twenty Tons Measurement shall be rated at Twenty Tons Measurement.

SCHEDULE (C.)

RATES OF WHARFAGE,

EXCLUSIVE OF CRANAGE.

	s.	*d.*
For every Passenger - - - - - -	0	2
For every Horse, Mare, and Gelding, and every Head of horned Cattle - - - - - - -	0	2
For every Head of Sheep, Swine, and other Beast - -	0	1
For every Ton of Coal, Culm, and Iron, or other metallic Ore or Earth of any other Kind - - - -	0	2
For every Ton of Cast, Bar, Bolt, Rod, Sheet, and Hoop Iron	0	3
For every Ton of Ironmongery and Iron Wire - -	0	6
For every Ton of Tin Plates - - - -	1	0
For every Ton of Lead, Copper, Tin, and other Metals -	1	0
For every Ton Weight of Mahogany and other fine Woods -	1	0
For every Standard Hundred of One hundred and twenty Deals, and Deal Ends Twelve Feet long, One and a Half Inch thick, and Eleven Inches wide - - - - -	1	0
For every customary Hundred of Staves - - -	0	6
For every Ton Weight of other Timber - - -	0	6
For every Ton Weight of Oak Bark - - - -	1	0
For every Quarter of Corn - - - -	0	2
For every Twenty Bags or Barrels of Flour or Meal -	1	0
For every Ton of Salt - - - - -	0	3
For every One hundred of Paving, Brick, and Malt-kiln Tiles -	0	4
For every One thousand Bricks or Pantiles - -	0	6
For every Ton of Slates - - - - - -	0	4
For every Ton of other Stones - - - -	0	2
For every Chaldron of Lime - - - - -	0	2
For every Ton of Manure - - - - - -	0	1

And so in proportion for any greater or less Quantity:

For every other Article of Goods, Wares, or Merchandize whatsoever, such reasonable Wharfage Rates, Rents, and Sums of Money as the said Canal Company shall from Time to Time order and direct, so that such Rates, Rents, and Sums of Money shall not exceed the Sums then usually paid for or in respect of Wharfage in the Port of London.

SCHEDULE (D.)

Form of Warrant for summoning a Jury.

To *A. B.* Esquire [*or* to *C. D.* Gentleman, one of the Coroners, *or* to *E. F.* Esquire, late Sheriff] of the County of Somerset.

We, *G. H.*, *I. K.*, and *L. M.*, being Three of the Committee of Management [*or* Sub-Committee] of the Company of Proprietors of the Bridgewater and Taunton Canal Navigation, in pursuance and in exercise of the Power and Authority vested in such Committee [or Sub-Committee] by a certain Act of Parliament made and passed in the Year of the Reign o fHis Majesty King William the Fourth, intituled "An Act," &c. [*here set forth the Title of the above Act*], do by this our Warrant under our Hands and Seals require you the said Sheriff [*or* Coroner *or* late Sheriff] to impannel at least good and lawful Men of your County, qualified according to the Laws of this Realm to be returned for Trials of Issues in His Majesty's Courts of Record at Westminster, and not being possessed of any Share or Shares in the said Canal Navigation, and not enjoying any Office of Trust or Profit under the said Company, and not being interested in the Matter in question, [*or* in the several Matters in question or any of them,] to assess the Sum or Sums of Money to be paid by the said Company for the Purchase of the Freehold and Inheritance in Fee Simple [*or the Interest, whatever it may be,*] of and in so much of the following Lands, Tenements, or other Hereditaments, that is to say, [*here describe the Property in question by Reference to the Map and Book of Reference deposited with the Clerk of the Peace, or otherwise,*] as shall be required by the said Company, or as the said Company may be bound to purchase for the Purposes of the said Act, and the Sum or Sums, if any, to be paid by the said Company by way of Recompence for Damages occasioned by the said Company to the said Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments [*or* for Damages claimed by *A. B.* of *C. D.* of &c. in respect of [*here describe or refer to the Property in respect of which the Damages are claimed*], by reason of the Construction of the Works by the said Act authorized to be made, or the Execution of any of the Powers given by the said Act; and that you cause the said good and lawful Men so impannelled as aforesaid to come and appear before you the said Sheriff [*or* Coroner *or* late Sheriff] on the Day of instant [*or* next] at the Hour of in the Forenoon, at the House called or known by the Name of in the Town [*or* City] of in your County, so that the Sum or Sums of Money to be paid by the said Company as aforesaid may be assessed before you by the Oath of of the said good and lawful Men. As witness our Hands and Seals this Day of in the Year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred .

G. H. (L. S.)
I. K. (L. S.)
L. M. (L. S.)

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SCHEDULE (E.)

Form of Judgment.

Somersetshire, to wit. } I *A.B.* Esquire, Sheriff [*or C.D.* Gentleman, one of the Coroners, *or E.F.* Esquire, late Sheriff] of the County of Somerset, do certify, That the Sum to be paid by the Company of Proprietors of the Bridgewater and Taunton Canal Navigation under an Act of Parliament made and passed in the Year of the Reign of His Majesty King William the Fourth, intituled "An Act", &c. [*here set forth the Title of the above Act*], to *A.B.* of for the Purchase of the Freehold and Inheritance in Fee Simple [*or the Interest, whatever it may be,*] of and in the following Lands, Tenements, and other Hereditaments, that is to say, [*here describe the Property in question by Reference to the Map and Book of Reference deposited with the Clerk of the Peace, or otherwise,*] hath been this Day duly assessed before me at ; and the Sum to be paid by the said Company of Proprietors under the said Act to the said by way of Recompence for Damages occasioned by the said Company of Proprietors to the said Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments by reason of the Construction of the Works by the said Act authorized to be made, or the Execution of any of the Powers given by the said Act, hath been this Day duly assessed before me at [*or* the Sum to be paid by the Company of Proprietors of the Bridgewater and Taunton Canal Navigation under an Act of Parliament made and passed in the Year of the Reign of His Majesty King William the Fourth, intituled "An Act," &c. [*here set forth the Title of the above Act*], to *A.B.* of by way of Recompence for Damages occasioned by the said Company of Proprietors to the following Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments [*here describe or refer to the Property*] by reason of the Construction of the Works by the said Act authorized to be made, or the Execution of the Powers given by the said Act, hath been this Day duly assessed before me at]; and the said several Sums were [Sum was] awarded to be paid by the said Company of Proprietors to the said *A.B.* [*or* it hath been in pursuance of an Act of Parliament made and passed in the Year of the Reign of His Majesty King William the Fourth, intituled "An Act", &c. [*here set fort h the Title of the above Act*], found before me that *A.B.* of, &c. hath not established the Claim made by him against the Company of Proprietors of the Bridgewater and Taunton Canal Navigation for Damages alleged to have been occasioned by the said Company to the following Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments [*here describe or refer to the Property by reason of the Construction of the Works*] by the said Act authorized to be made, or the Execution of the Powers given by the said Act.] Given under my Hand and Seal at this Day of in the Year of our Lord .

A.B.
or C.D. (L. S.)
E.F.

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