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Cap. cxxxvii.

An Act for continuing the Term and amending and extending the Provisions of the Act relating to the *Brighton, Cuckfield, and Lovell Heath* and *Cuckfield and West Grinsted* Turnpike Roads.

[3d *July* 1854.]

WHEREAS an Act was passed in the Sixth Year of the Reign of His Majesty King *George* the Fourth, intituled *An Act for more effectually repairing the Roads from* 6 G. 4. c. xxxix.
the Gloucester *Hotel in the Town of* Brighthelmstone, *through the Towns of* Cuckfield *and* Crawley, *to the* County Oak *on* Lovell Heath, *and certain other Roads therein mentioned, and also for making and maintaining a Branch of Road from* Ansty Cross *in the Parish of* Cuckfield *to* West Grinsted, *all in the County of* Sussex: And whereas the Term granted by the said recited Act, and continued from Time to Time by divers Acts of Parliament for continuing certain Turnpike Acts for limited Periods, and the Powers granted by the said recited Act, will expire on the First Day of *November* One thousand eight hundred and fifty-four, unless the same be further continued: And whereas the Trustees acting in execution of the Acts from Time to Time existing for the Management of the said Roads have, in pursuance of the Powers and Authorities thereby given, borrowed Sums of Money on the Credit of the

Tolls thereby granted, a considerable Portion of which said Sums of Money still remains due and owing; and the same cannot be paid off, nor can the said Roads be effectually kept in repair, unless the Term granted by the said recited Act, and so continued as aforesaid, be further continued, and further Powers be granted: And whereas it is considered expedient that the said recited Act should be repealed, and that further and more effectual Powers should be granted instead thereof; but the same cannot be effected without the Authority of Parliament: May it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 Queen'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, as follows; that is to say,

Interpretation of Terms.

I. That in this Act the following Words and Expressions shall have the several Meanings hereby assigned to them, unless there be something in the Subject or Context repugnant to such Construction; (that is to say,)

Words importing the Singular Number shall include the Plural Number, and Words importing the Plural shall include the Singular Number:

The Word "Person" shall be understood to include "Corporation:"

Words importing the Masculine Gender shall include Females:

The Expression "the Trustees" or "the said Trustees" shall mean the Trustees for the Time being acting in execution of this Act:

The Expression "the Roads" or "the said Roads" shall mean the Roads to which this Act applies:

The Expression "Toll Gate" or "Toll Gates" shall include Turnpikes, Side Gates, Bars, and Chains.

Recited Act repealed.

II. That upon the Thirty-first Day of *October* next after the passing of this Act the said recited Act shall be repealed, and that this Act shall thereafter be put into execution during the Term and for the Purposes herein-after mentioned.

Monies and Property vested in new Trustees.

III. That all Rents, Arrears of Tolls, and other Monies due to, and all Monies, Property, and Choses in Action vested in, the Trustees under the Act hereby repealed, shall immediately on the Commencement of this Act be vested in the Trustees for executing this Act, and such last-mentioned Trustees may sue for and recover the same, and act in respect thereof, as fully and effectually as if the same had been vested in them under the said Act hereby repealed, and they shall be liable to all the Debts and Engagements to which the Trustees acting under the said recited Act were liable at the Repeal thereof.

IV. That

Books to be Evidence.

IV. That all Books containing the Accounts and Proceedings of the Trustees for executing the Act hereby repealed, and of the Trustees for executing the Three Acts firstly therein recited, and by the said Acts or any or either of them made Evidence, shall and may be given in Evidence in all Cases of Appeal, and in all Prosecutions, Suits, and Actions whatever, in such and the same Manner as if the said Act had not been repealed.

Appointment of Trustees.

V. That all Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the Time being respectively acting for the County of *Sussex*, together with Sir *Charles Merrick Burrell* Baronet, *Percy Burrell*, *Walter Wyndham Burrell*, *Charles Bayntun*, *Thomas Jones Bellamy*, *William Borrer*, *Nathaniel Borrer*, *John Hamlin Borrer*, *John Borrer*, *Thomas Spry Byass*, *William Boxall*, *William Percival Boxall*, *Carey Hampton Borrer* Clerk, *George Blaker* of *Pangdean*, *Edward Smith Bigg*, *Edwin Boxall*, *William Catt*, *John Leighton Wade Dennett*, *Charles William Elwood*, *William Furner*, *John Gainsford*, *Henry Holman*, *George Philcox Hill*, *George Harrington*, *Charles Smith Hannington*, *Samuel Hannington*, *Eardley Nicholas Hall*, *Philip Jenner*, *Walter Kelly* Clerk, *Robert Loder*, *William Marshall*, *Thomas Astley Maberly* Clerk, *John Manship Norman*, *William Brewer Otter* Clerk, *John Paine*, *Robert Podmore*, *Lawrence Charles Lennox Peel*, *Manaton Pipon*, *Avery Roberts*, *Thomas Scrase*, *William Stanford* of *Etons*, *Warden Sergison*, *Henry Rule Sarel* Clerk, *Lawrence Dennett Smith*, *Henry Smithers*, *Lawrence Smith*, *John Hamlin Smith*, *Edward Stanford*, *William Tanner*, *Henry Pagden Tamplin*, *Hampton Weekes*, *Richard Weekes*, *George Weekes*, *Frederick Weekes*, *Thomas West*, *James Wood*, *John Wood*, *Henry Catt*, *George Cheesman* junior, *Charles Cheesman*, *John Allfree*, *William Hallett*, *James Cordy*, *William Blaber*, *John Yearsley*, *William Lambert*, *Lewis Slight*, *Arthur Corfe Mills*, *William Blaker Coffin*, *John Cutler*, *Joseph Mayer Montefiore*, *Hedworth Hylton Jolliffe*, *George Cuddington Bethune* Clerk, *Thomas Broadwood*, *John Broadwood* junior, *William Sergison* Clerk, *James Tusler*, *Albert Pelly*, *Joseph Jeffery Joseph Gainsford*, *Frederick Waller*, and their Successors, being duly qualified to act as Trustees of Turnpike Roads in *England*, shall be Trustees for putting this Act into execution.

Power to appoint additional Trustees.

VI. That it shall be lawful for the said Trustees at any Meeting under this Act to elect any Number of Persons duly qualified to act as Trustees of Turnpike Roads in *England*, not exceeding Six in the whole, to be Trustees for the Purposes of this Act in addition to the Trustees hereby nominated, and such Trustees so elected shall have the same Powers and Authorities for executing this Act as if they had been hereby appointed.

VII. That

First Meeting of Trustees.

VII. That the said Trustees shall hold their First Meeting at the *King's Head* Inn, in *Cuckfield*, or at some other convenient Place in the Neighbourhood of the said Roads, on the Day of the Commencement of this Act, between the Hours of Eleven of the Clock in the Forenoon and Three of the Clock in the Afternoon, and shall then and from Time to Time thereafter adjourn to and meet at such Time and at such Places in the Neighbourhood of the said Roads as they shall think proper.

Power to appoint Committees.

VIII. That the said Trustees may appoint a Committee or Committees out of their own Number to take the Care and Management of any particular Part or Parts of the said Roads, or to execute any of the Purposes of this Act, according to such Rules, Instructions, and Regulations as shall be made or laid down by the said Trustees at any General or Special Meeting, and the said Committee or Committees and their Surveyor may proceed and act according to such Appointment, but shall always be accountable according to the Rules, Instructions, and Regulations so to be made or laid down.

Roads to which Act applies.

IX. That this Act shall be put in execution for the Purpose of more effectually improving, maintaining and keeping in repair the Turnpike Road leading from the Northern Boundary of the Parish of *Brighthelmstone* in the County of *Sussex*, at or near the *Hare and Hounds* Inn in the same Parish, through the Towns of *Cuckfield* and *Crawley*, to the *County Oak* on *Lovell Heath* in the County of *Sussex*, also the Roads leading from the Bridge at or near *St. John's Common* in the Parish of *Clayton* aforesaid to *Butler's Green* and *Tyler's Green* in the said Parish of *Cuckfield*, and also the Branch Road leading from *Ansty Cross* in the Parish of *Cuckfield*, through the Parishes of *Bolney* and *Cowfold*, to the said Turnpike Road leading from *Horsham* to *Steyning*, at or near *Buck Barn* in the Parish of *West Grinsted* aforesaid.

Present Tolls continued for a Time.

X. That, notwithstanding the Repeal of the said recited Act, the several Tolls thereby granted and made payable shall continue to be paid at the Toll Gates to be continued or erected on or on the Sides of the said Roads until the Fifth *Tuesday* next after the Commencement of this Act.

Power to take Tolls herein mentioned.

XI. That upon and after the Fifth *Tuesday* next after the Commencement of this Act, and at all Times thereafter, it shall be lawful for the said Trustees to demand and take or cause to be demanded or taken at the several and respective Toll Gates which shall be upon, across, or on the Sides of the said Roads respectively the several Tolls or Sums following; (that is to say,)

For every Horse, Mule, Ass, or other Beast drawing any Coach, Berlin, Landau, Hearse, Machine, Chariot, Chaise, Caravan, Calash, Chaise Marine, Car, Fly, Chair, or other such like Carriage, the Sum of Sixpence:

For every Horse, Mule, Ass, or other Beast drawing any Waggon, Wain, Cart, or other such like Carriage, the Sum of Fourpence:

For every Horse, Mule, Ass, or other Beast, laden or unladen, and not drawing, the Sum of Twopence:

For every Dog or Goat drawing any Truck, Cart, or other Carriage or Vehicle, the Sum of One Penny:

For every Drove of Oxen, Cows, or Neat Cattle, the Sum of Tenpence *per* Score, and so in proportion for any less Number:

For every Drove of Calves, Sheep, Lambs, or Swine, the Sum of Fivepence *per* Score, and so in proportion for any less Number:

For every Carriage propelled or drawn by Steam or other Power than Animal Power, the Sum of One Shilling for each Wheel:

For every Velocipede or other such like Carriage or Machine, the Sum of Twopence:

Which said Tolls respectively shall be taken before any Horse, Mule, Ass, or other Beast or Animal, Cattle or Carriage whatsoever, shall be permitted to pass through any Toll Gate which shall be continued or erected by virtue of this Act upon or across the said Roads or on the Sides thereof respectively.

As to the Fraction of a Halfpenny in Tolls.

XII. That in all Cases where there shall be a fractional Part of a Halfpenny on the Amount of the Tolls by this Act authorized to be collected, the Sum of One Halfpenny shall be payable and paid in lieu of such fractional Part.

Carriages laden with Chalk exempt from Toll.

XIII. That nothing herein contained shall extend or be construed to extend to authorize the said Trustees to demand or take, or cause to be demanded or taken, any Toll for or in respect of any Horse, Mule, Ass, or other Beast drawing any Waggon, Wain, Cart, or other Carriage laden with Lime, Chalk, or Chalk Marl to be used for manuring or improving Land.

Tolls to be paid on every Change of Carriage.

XIV. That the Tolls hereby made payable shall be paid for all Horses, Beasts, Animals, or Cattle drawing any Carriage as often as such Carriage shall be changed, in the same Manner as if no previous Payment of Tolls in respect of such Horses, Beasts, Animals, or Cattle had been made on the same Day.

Postchaises, &c. to pay every fresh Hiring.

XV. That the Tolls hereby made payable shall be paid for all Horses or other Beasts or other Animals not drawing which shall be let out to Hire, and for all Horses and other Beasts or Animals drawing any Postchaise or other Carriage let out to Hire, as often as any new Hiring shall take place, in the same Manner as if no previous Payment

of Toll in respect of such Horses, Beasts, or Animals had been made on the same Day.

Regulations as to Stage Coaches, &c.

XVI. That the Tolls hereby made payable for or in respect of all Horses or other Beasts drawing any Stage Coach, Van, Waggon, Caravan, Omnibus, or other Stage Carriage carrying Passengers or Goods for Payment, Hire, or Reward shall be payable and paid for every Time of passing, returning, or repassing through any of the said Toll Gates respectively.

Respecting Toll Gates.

XVII. That (except as herein-after provided) the several Toll Gates and Toll Houses now standing or being upon or across the said Roads or on the Sides thereof respectively shall be continued until removed by any Order of the said Trustees; and (except as aforesaid) it shall be lawful for the said Trustees to order and cause to be set up in, upon, or across the said Roads, or on the Sides thereof respectively, any Toll Gate or Toll House, and to remove the present or any future Toll Gate or Toll House: Provided always, that (except as aforesaid) no Toll Gate shall be removed, erected, or set up upon or across the said Roads or on the Sides thereof unless the same shall be ordered to be removed, erected, or set up at a Special Meeting of the Trustees holden for that Purpose, in conformity with and after such Notices as are required by the Fifth Section of an Act passed in the Ninth Year of the Reign of King *George* the Fourth, intituled *An Act to amend the Acts for regulating Turnpike Roads*.

9 G. 4. c. 77.

Preston Gate to be discontinued.

XVIII. That the Toll Gate called the *Preston* Gate in the Parish of *Preston*, with the Side Bars thereof, shall be discontinued, and that henceforth no Toll Bar or Side Gate shall be erected or Toll taken nearer to the Parish of *Brighton* than a Stone to be fixed by the Side of the Road at a Point on the said Road One hundred Yards North of the House now occupied by *Edward Hamshar* in the Hamlet of *Withdean* in the Parish of *Patcham*.

Power to Trustees to sell and convey Toll Houses not required.

XIX. That it shall and may be lawful for the said Trustees, where any Toll House or the Garden and Appurtenances thereto belonging shall not encroach on the said Roads or the Sides thereof, to sell and dispose of any such Toll House as may become useless, and the Land or Ground upon which it stands or may be erected, together with any Garden and Appurtenances belonging thereto, as they shall think proper, either by Public Sale or Private Contract, for the best Price that may be obtained for the same, and to convey the same to the Purchaser or Purchasers thereof; and such Conveyance under this Act, executed by any Three of the said Trustees, shall confer a good and indefeasible Title to the Person or Persons purchasing

chasing the same, his or their Heirs and Assigns; and such Conveyance shall be in the Form contained in the Schedule to this Act annexed, and the Purchase Money shall be paid to the Treasurer of the said Trustees for the Time being, and his Receipt alone shall be a good and valid Receipt to such Purchaser for the Purchase Money expressed therein: Provided always, that such and the like Preference and Priority of purchasing at a fair Valuation the Premises so to be sold shall always be given to the Owner of the Land immediately behind the said Toll House and Garden whose Frontage to the said Road shall be obstructed or interfered with by such Toll House and Garden as aforesaid, as is by the Statute for regulating Turnpike Roads in that Part of *Great Britain* called *England* directed to be given in case of the Sale of any Piece or Pieces of Ground not wanted for the Purpose of a Turnpike Road; but in case any such Toll House as aforesaid shall encroach on the said Road or any Part thereof, the same shall be pulled down by the said Trustees, and the Site of the said Toll House and Garden, so far as the same formed Part of the Road, shall be laid into the Road and form Part of the same.

No more than One Toll to be paid for passing and returning on the same Day between Brighthelmstone and Cuckfield, and Butler's Green and Tyler's Green.

XX. That no more than One Toll shall be demanded or taken for or in respect of any Horses, Cattle, Beasts, or Carriages for once passing and returning on the same Day, to be computed from Twelve of the Clock in one Night to Twelve of the Clock in the succeeding Night, through all or any of the Toll Gates erected or to be erected on the said Roads between the Towns of *Brighthelmstone* and *Cuckfield* aforesaid, and on the said Roads leading from the Bridge aforesaid to *Butler's Green* and *Tyler's Green* aforesaid; but that all and every the same Horses, Cattle, Beasts, Animals, and Carriages in respect of which a Toll shall have been paid at either of the said Toll Gates, and denoting which Payment a Note or Ticket, Notes or Tickets, shall be produced, which Note or Ticket, Notes or Tickets, the Collectors are hereby required to deliver gratis, shall once pass and return on the same Day Toll-free through all the said Toll Gates erected or to be erected on the said Road between the Towns of *Brighthelmstone* and *Cuckfield* aforesaid, and on the said Road leading from the Bridge to *Butler's Green* and *Tyler's Green* aforesaid; but if any Horses, Cattle, Beasts, Animals, or Carriages in respect of which a Toll shall have been paid as aforesaid shall pass a Second Time through either of the said Toll Gates, then and in that Case the said Toll shall be again payable in respect of such Horses, Cattle, Beasts, and Carriages, and so *toties quoties* for every Time such Horses, Cattle, Beasts, Animals, or Carriages shall pass on the same Day through the same Toll Gate as aforesaid.

XXI. That

One Toll between Cuckfield and Lovell Heath.

XXI. That no more than One Toll shall be demanded or taken for or in respect of any Horses, Cattle, Beasts, Animals, or Carriages for once passing and returning on the same Day (to be computed as aforesaid) through all or any of the Toll Gates erected or to be erected on the said Roads between the Town of *Cuckfield* and the *County Oak* on *Lovell Heath*; but that all and every the same Horses, Cattle, Beasts, Animals, and Carriages in respect of which a Toll shall have been paid at either of the said last-mentioned Toll Gates, and denoting which Payment a Note or Ticket, Notes or Tickets, shall be produced (which Note or Ticket, Notes or Tickets, the Collectors are hereby required to deliver gratis), shall once pass and return on the same Day Toll-free through all the said last-mentioned Toll Gates; but if any Horses, Cattle, Beasts, Animals, or Carriages in respect of which a Toll shall have been paid as aforesaid shall pass a Second Time through either of the said last-mentioned Toll Gates, then and in that Case the said Toll shall be again payable in respect of such Horses, Cattle, Beasts, Animals, and Carriages, and so *toties quoties* for every Time such Horses, Cattle, Beasts, Animals, or Carriages shall pass on the same Day through the same Toll Gate as last aforesaid.

One Toll between Cuckfield and the Cowfold and Henfield Turnpike.

XXII. That no more than One Toll shall be demanded or taken for or in respect of any Horses, Cattle, Beasts, Animals, or Carriages for once passing and returning on the same Day (to be computed as aforesaid) through all or any of the Toll Gates erected or to be erected on the said Road or Branch of Road between the Town of *Cuckfield* and the *Cowfold and Henfield* Turnpike Road; but that all and every the same Horses, Cattle, Beasts, Animals, and Carriages in respect of which a Toll shall have been paid at either of the said last-mentioned Toll Gates, and denoting which Payment a Note or Ticket, Notes or Tickets, shall be produced, (which Note or Ticket, Notes or Tickets, the Collectors are hereby required to deliver gratis,) shall once pass and return on the same Day Toll-free through all the said last-mentioned Toll Gates; but if any Horses, Cattle, Beasts, Animals, or Carriages in respect of which a Toll shall have been paid as aforesaid, shall pass a Second Time through either of the said last-mentioned Toll Gates, then and in that Case the said Toll shall be again payable in respect of such Horses, Cattle, Beasts, Animals, and Carriages, and so *toties quoties* for every Time such Horses, Cattle, Beasts, or Carriages shall pass on the same Day through the same Toll Gate as last aforesaid.

One Toll between the Cowfold and Henfield Turnpike, and the

XXIII. That no more than One Toll shall be demanded or taken for or in respect of any Horses, Cattle, Beasts, Animals, or Carriages for once passing and returning on the same Day (to be computed as aforesaid) through all or any of the Toll Gates to be erected on the said

said Branch of Road between the *Cowfold and Henfield* Turnpike Road aforesaid and the before-mentioned Turnpike Road leading from *Horsham* to *Steyning* aforesaid; but that all and every the same Horses, Cattle, Beasts, Animals, and Carriages in respect of which a Toll shall have been paid at either of the said last-mentioned Toll Gates, and denoting which Payment a Note or Ticket, Notes or Tickets, shall be produced, (which Note or Ticket, Notes or Tickets, the Collectors are hereby required to deliver gratis,) shall once pass and return on the same Day Toll-free through all the said last-mentioned Toll Gates; but if any Horses, Cattle, Beasts, Animals, or Carriages in respect of which a Toll shall have been paid as aforesaid shall pass a Second Time through either of the said last-mentioned Toll Gates, then and in that Case the said Toll shall be again payable in respect of such Horses, Cattle, Beasts, Animals, and Carriages, and so *toties quoties* for every Time such Horses, Cattle, Beasts, Animals, or Carriages shall pass on the same Day through the same Toll Gate as last aforesaid.

Turnpike leading from Horsham to Steyning.

XXIV. That whenever and so long as the Interest upon all existing Mortgages upon the Tolls of the said Roads shall be duly paid at the Rate herein-after mentioned within One Calendar Month next after the same shall become due, no Holder of any Mortgage shall be entitled to enter into possession of the Toll Gates, Bars, Chains, Toll Houses, or Buildings upon the said Roads, or into the Receipt of the Tolls arising thereon, or of the Rent payable upon any letting of such Tolls; and every Mortgagee entering into possession of such Toll Gates, Bars, Chains, Toll Houses, or Buildings, or into the Receipt of such Tolls or Rents, shall pay the Interest from Time to Time becoming due, at the Rate herein-after mentioned, upon all the existing Mortgages according to their respective Priorities, and may also reimburse himself any Costs to which he may be entitled; and every such Mortgagee so being in possession or receipt as aforesaid shall, within Twenty-one Days next after each of the yearly Days whereon the Interest on such existing Mortgages shall be payable, render to the Clerk to the said Trustees for the Time being a full and true Account of his Receipts and Expenditure while so in possession or receipt as aforesaid, with proper Vouchers for the same; and if it shall appear by any such Account that the Interest due at the Rate herein-after mentioned on such Mortgages up to the last of such yearly Days, and all such Costs as aforesaid, have been fully paid and satisfied, then such Mortgagee shall, when thereunto required by the said Trustees, pay over to their Treasurer the Balance (if any) remaining in his Hands, and deliver up possession of the said Toll Gates, Bars, Chains, Toll Houses, and Buildings, and the Receipt of the said Tolls, and of any such Rent as aforesaid, to the said Trustees or any Person appointed by them to receive the same, anything in the Act or in any

Mortgagees not to take possession of Toll Houses, &c. but for Arrears of Interest.

Statute or Law in force relating to Turnpike Roads in *England*, to the contrary notwithstanding.

Application of Monies.

XXV. That all Monies which shall come to the Hands of the Trustees by virtue of this Act shall be applied as follows; (that is to say,)

Firstly, in paying and discharging the Costs and Expenses attending the applying for, obtaining, and passing this Act, or incidental thereto:

Secondly, in paying the Expense of providing and erecting a new Toll House and Toll Gate in lieu of the *Preston* Gate hereinbefore directed to be discontinued:

Thirdly, in paying the Expenses of erecting, providing, and repairing the several Toll Gates and Toll Houses, and in paying the Salaries of Officers employed in the Execution of this Act, and the Cost attending the Management of the said Roads, such Expenses, Salaries, and Costs not to exceed in the whole the Sum of One hundred and seventy-four Pounds in any One Year over and above the Costs of prosecuting and defending any Actions, Suits, and Proceedings which may be brought or taken by or against the said Trustees, and the Salaries of Toll-gate Keepers:

Fourthly, in paying the Expenses (not exceeding the Sum of Eight hundred and fifty Pounds in any One Year) of maintaining and keeping in repair the said Roads:

Fifthly, in paying Interest after the Rate of Three Pounds Ten Shillings *per Centum per Annum* upon so much of the present Preference Debt of Two thousand seven hundred and sixty-one Pounds as shall for the Time being remain due and owing:

Sixthly, in paying Interest at the Rate aforesaid upon so much of the Debt of Four thousand seven hundred Pounds, borrowed under the Powers of the Act hereby repealed, as shall for the Time being remain due and owing:

Seventhly, in reducing, paying off, and discharging in manner herein-after mentioned the said Preference Debt of Two thousand seven hundred and sixty-one Pounds:

Eighthly, in reducing, paying off, and discharging in manner herein-after mentioned the said Principal Sum of Four thousand seven hundred Pounds:

Ninthly, in paying any further Expenses (beyond the said Sum of Eight hundred and fifty Pounds) of maintaining, keeping in repair, and improving the said Roads, and of putting this Act into execution in reference thereto.

As to Mode of discharging Debt.

XXVI. That when and so often as the Sum applicable to the Discharge of the Principal Monies for the Time being owing on the Credit

Credit of the said Tolls shall amount to the Sum of Two hundred Pounds, the Trustees shall, at any General Annual or other Meeting, apply such Sum in the Payment of a proportionate Part of the said Principal Monies to the Persons entitled thereto, according to the Priorities of Payment herein-before provided, and shall, Twenty-eight Days at least before such General Annual or other Meeting, cause Notice to be given of such Meeting and of the Purposes thereof, so far as the same shall relate to the Application of such Sum, by Circular addressed to such Creditor at his last known Place of Abode, and forwarded to him by Post, and at such Meeting the Trustees shall apply such Sum or a Portion thereof (as the Case may require) in or towards the Discharge of Monies owing on the Security of the said Tolls to the Creditor who shall, by Proposal in Writing transmitted to the Clerk of the Trustees before such Meeting, have offered to accept the lowest Composition in respect of such Monies, and after Payment of such Creditor as aforesaid shall apply the Surplus (if any) of such Sum or a Portion thereof (as the Case may require) in or towards the Payment of other Monies owing on the Security of the said Tolls, according to their Priorities of Payment, to the Creditor who, by Proposal as aforesaid, shall have offered to accept the next lowest Composition in respect of the Principal Monies due to him, and so in like Manner until the Sum applicable to such Payment shall be exhausted; and if and whenever Two or more Creditors, by such Proposals as aforesaid, shall have offered to accept an equal Rate of Composition, it shall be lawful for the Trustees to determine by Lot the Preference between or amongst such Creditors, or to pay such Composition rateably between or amongst such Creditors as the Trustees shall think fit; and if there be no such Proposal as aforesaid, or if there be any Surplus of the Sum applicable to such Payments after applying the same as far as may be necessary in or towards the Discharge of the Monies to which such Proposals as aforesaid relate, the Trustees may apply the Sum applicable to such Payments, or the Surplus thereof, (as the Case may be,) rateably amongst the Creditors on the said Tolls, or may pay the same to such of them as may be determined by Lot, as the Trustees shall think fit.

No more Money to be borrowed on the Tolls.

XXVII. That it shall not be lawful for the said Trustees to borrow any further Sum or Sums of Money on the Credit of the Tolls by this Act authorized to be taken.

No Money to be laid out or collected in Towns.

XXVIII. That no Money shall be laid out on the said Roads within the Limits of any Act of Parliament passed for the Improvement of any Town, nor shall any Toll be collected therein.

Directions as to certain Roads shut

XXIX. And whereas by the said Act passed in the Forty-seventh Year of the Reign of His said late Majesty it was enacted, that it should be

up under the Powers of a former Act.

be lawful for the Trustees acting in the Execution thereof, or any Five or more of them, to shut up or cause to be shut up a certain Lane or Road leading out of the Town of *Crawley*, by a Messuage or Premises then or then late in the Occupation of *Elizabeth Sadler*, towards *Ifield* in the County of *Sussex*, and also a Lane, called *Cleaver's Lane*, leading out of the said Turnpike Road in the Parish of *Cuckfield* near to a certain Farm called *Beech Farm* or *High Beech*, and out again on the said Turnpike Road at *Holmstead Hill*, and also Two other Lanes or Roads at or near *Ansty Cross* in the said Parish of *Cuckfield*, leading out of the said Turnpike Road into the Lane or Highway leading from *Anstey Cross* aforesaid to *Bolney*, and also a certain Road or Way leading out of the Village of *Preston on the Downs* towards *Hove* in the said County of *Sussex*, by erecting or causing to be erected any Gate or Gates, Rail or Rails, Fence or Fences, at the Ends leading out of the said Turnpike Road: And whereas the said Trustees did cause the said several Lanes or Roads to be shut up accordingly: And whereas, in pursuance of the Provisions of the Act herein-before recited and hereby repealed, the said Lane called *Cleaver's Lane* has been reopened for the Benefit of the Public, and the said several other Lanes or Roads have remained shut up: Be it therefore further enacted, That the said Lane called *Cleaver's Lane* shall be and remain open in such and the same Manner as the same now is, and that all and singular the said several Lanes or Roads by the said last-mentioned Act directed to be shut up as aforesaid shall (notwithstanding the Repeal of the said last-mentioned Act) be and continue shut up, and that it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Trustees for executing this Act to erect or cause to be erected and continued any Gate or Gates, Rail or Rails, Fence or Fences, at the Ends of the said several Lanes or Roads leading out of the said Turnpike Road, and if any Person shall destroy or damage any Gate, Rail, or Fence already erected or hereafter to be erected at the Ends of the said Roads or Lanes or either of them aforesaid, every Person so offending shall, over and above the Damages occasioned thereby, forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Five Pounds, One Moiety whereof shall be paid to the Treasurer to the said Trustees, to be applied by him towards the Purposes of this Act, and the other Moiety to the Informer or Person suing for and recovering the same.

Roads not exempted from Provisions of future General Acts.

XXX. That nothing herein contained shall be deemed or construed to exempt the Roads comprised in this Act from the Provisions of any General Act relating to the Consolidation or other improved Management of Turnpike Roads which may pass during the present or any future Session of Parliament.

XXXI. That

Commencement and Term of Act.

XXXI. That this Act shall commence and take effect on the First Day of *November* next after the passing thereof, and shall continue in force for the Term of Twenty-one Years, and from thence to the End of the Session of Parliament which shall then next follow.

Short Title.

XXXII. That in citing this Act in other Acts of Parliament, and in legal Instruments and in all Proceedings whatsoever, it shall be sufficient to use the Expression "The *Brighton, Cuckfield, and West Grinsted* Turnpike Roads Act, 1854."

Public Act.

XXXIII. That this Act shall be deemed and taken to be a Public Act, and shall be judicially taken notice of as such.

SCHEDULE referred to by this Act.

By virtue and in pursuance of an Act passed in the Session of Parliament held in the Seventeenth Year of the Reign of Her Majesty Queen Victoria [*here insert the Title of this Act*], in consideration of the Sum of to *A.B.*, the Treasurer appointed by the Trustees for putting the said Act into execution, having been this Day paid by *C.D.* of , we, whose Names are hereunto subscribed and Seals affixed, being Three of the said Trustees, do hereby grant, release, and convey to the said *C.D.*, his Heirs and Assigns, all [*describing the Premises to be conveyed*], together with all Ways, Rights, and Appurtenances thereto belonging, to hold the Premises to the said *C.D.*, his Heirs and Assigns, for ever, according to the true Intent and Meaning of the said Act.

In witness whereof, we have hereunto set our Hands and Seals, this Day of in the Year of our Lord .

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