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Cap. ix.

An Act for restoring to the City and County of *Bristol* a Portion of the ancient Boundary of the same. [22d *April* 1842.]

WHEREAS previous to the passing of a certain Act of the Sixth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *William* the Fourth, intituled *An Act to provide for the Regulation of Municipal Corporations in* England *and* Wales, the Metes and Bounds of the City of *Bristol* and County of the same City, as well by Land as by Water, were ascertained and defined by divers Charters and Acts of Parliament: And whereas by the said recited Act it is enacted, that after the passing of that Act the Metes and Bounds of the several Boroughs named in the First Section of the Schedules therein referred to (which includes the City and County of *Bristol*), for the Purposes of that Act, should be the same as the Limits thereof respectively settled and described in an Act passed in the Second and Third Year of the Reign of His then present Majesty, intituled *An Act to settle and describe the Divisions of Counties, and the Limits of Cities and Boroughs, in* England *and* Wales, *so far as respects the Election of Members to serve in Parliament;* nevertheless it was provided, that, notwithstanding any thing therein contained, no Parish or Place, or Part of any Parish or Place, which was detached from the main Part of such Borough, or County of a City, or Town Corporate, should, after the passing of that Act, be included within

5 & 6 W. 4. c. 76.

2 & 3 W. 4. c. 64.

within any such Borough or County, and subject to that Provision the Metes and Bounds of every such Borough and County should include the whole of the Liberties of such Borough or County by Land and by Water, as the same then were or were taken to be; and it was further enacted, that every Place and Precinct which should be included within the Metes and Bounds of any Borough as therein-before provided, and none other, should be Part of such Borough, and in those Boroughs which were Counties of themselves should be Part of such County, and of none other, and in every Case in which the Metes and Bounds of any Borough or County under the Provisions of the said reciting Act should not include any Place or Precinct which before the passing of the said Act was Part of such Borough or County, such Place or Precinct should thenceforth be taken to be Part of the County wherein such Place or Precinct was situate, or with which it had the longest common Boundary: And whereas an Act was passed in the Seventh Year of the Reign of His said late Majesty, intituled *An Act to make temporary Provision for the Boundaries of certain Boroughs*, by which it is enacted, that so much of the said Act of the Sixth Year of the Reign of His said late Majesty, for regulating Corporations, as provides that the Metes and Bounds of every Borough and County named in the said Act should include the whole of the Liberties of such Borough and County by Land and by Water, be thereby repealed, and that, notwithstanding any thing in the said Act contained, no Part of any County, or of the Liberties of any Borough, Town, or City, named in the First Sections of the Schedules therein referred to (which includes the City and County of *Bristol*), which before the passing of the said Act was not Part of such Borough, Town, or City, or within the Parliamentary Boundary of such Borough, Town, or City, should be taken to be within the Metes and Bounds of any such Borough, Town, or City, or within the County of such Borough, Town, or City, or to be within the Jurisdiction of the Justices of such Borough, Town, or City, or County of a Borough, Town, or City; but every such Part, until Parliament should otherwise direct, should be taken to be within and to be subject to the same Jurisdiction as the County, Riding, Parts, or Divisions of a County, other than a County of a Borough, Town, or City, wherein such Part is situated, or within which it has the longest common Boundary: And whereas by reason of the passing of the said recited Acts, or one of them, a considerable Portion of the City of *Bristol* and County of the same City, by Water and by Land, as the same existed prior to the said Act of the Sixth Year of the Reign of His said late Majesty, hath been cut off and separated from the said City and County: And whereas by reason of the Extent of such Water Jurisdiction, and by reason of the same being locally situated in several Counties, much Difficulty would arise in determining the County, Parts or Divisions of a County, to which respectively the same belongs, and there would be Danger that Offences committed within the same might go unpunished, and much Inconvenience would arise if such Land (which adjoins principally the River *Avon*, and over Portions of which Towing Paths used for the Navigation of the said River have been formed,) as was heretofore within the said City and County were subject to a separate Jurisdiction; and it is therefore expedient that such Water and Land should be

6 & 7 W. 4. c. 103.

be restored to the Jurisdiction of the said City and County as the same existed prior to the said Acts, and that the said recited Acts should be altered; but the same cannot be effected without the Aid and 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, That so much of the said recited Acts, whereby any Part of the City of *Bristol* and County of the same City, by Land or by Water, as the same existed prior to the said Act of the Sixth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty, have been cut off or separated from the said City and County of the same City, shall be repealed.

So much of recited Acts as separates any Part of the City of Bristol repealed.

II. And be it enacted, That henceforth the Metes and Bounds of the City and County of *Bristol* shall include, not only the District settled and described as the Limits thereof in the said Act passed in the Session of Parliament holden in the Second and Third Years of the Reign of His said late Majesty, intituled *An Act to settle and describe the Divisions of Counties, and the Limits of Cities and Boroughs, in* England *and* Wales, *so far as respects the Election of Members to serve in Parliament*, but also all such District as was included within the City of *Bristol* and County of the same City, or within the said City and County of *Bristol*, by virtue of any Laws, Statutes, Usages Royal, and other Charters, Grants, and Letters Patent, previously to the passing of the said Act of the Sixth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty, and as is not included within the District described as the Limits of the said City and County, under and by virtue of the said herein-before mentioned Act of the Session of Parliament holden in the Second and Third Years of the Reign of His late Majesty, and that the said several Districts, Places, and Precincts, as well by Water as by Land, hereby included within the said Metes and Bounds, and every Part and Parcel of such Districts, Places, and Precincts, shall, from and after the passing of this Act, be within and be Part and Parcel of the City and County of *Bristol*, and none other, and shall be called and known by the Name and Style of the City and County of *Bristol*, and shall be within the Jurisdiction, Power, and Authority of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the City of *Bristol*, and their Officers, and of the Sheriff, Coroner, Escheator, Recorder, Justices, and other the Officers and Ministers of the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, of the said City and County of *Bristol*: Provided nevertheless, that nothing in this Act contained shall extend or be construed to extend in any Manner to affect a certain Act of Parliament passed in the Second Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *William* the Fourth, intituled *An Act to amend the Representation of the People in* England *and* Wales, or a certain other Act passed in the Third Year of the Reign of His said late Majesty, intituled *An Act to settle and describe the Divisions of Counties, and the Limits of Cities and Boroughs, in* England *and* Wales, *in so far as respects the Election of Members to serve in Parliament*, or the Election of Mayor, Aldermen, and Councillors for the said City and County of *Bristol*, or their Officers, under the Provisions of the said recited Acts or either of them.

Restoring Part of former Jurisdiction to the City of Bristol.

2 & 3 W. 4. c. 45.

2 & 3 W. 4. c. 64.

III. And

Certain judicial and other Proceedings declared valid.

III. And be it enacted, That all judicial or other legal Proceedings which since the passing of the said Acts or either of them shall have been commenced and finally determined within the City and County of *Bristol*, against any Person whomsoever, for or by reason of any thing done or omitted to be done within the Metes and Bounds of the City and County of *Bristol*, as the same were ascertained and defined previously to the passing of the Act of the Sixth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty, which ought to have been commenced or prosecuted within some adjoining County, Part or Division of a County, shall nevertheless be as valid and effectual as if the same had been commenced and prosecuted within such County, Part or Division.

For paying Expences of this Act.

IV. And be it enacted, That the Expences of obtaining and passing this Act shall be paid out of the Borough Fund of the said City and County, in preference to all other Payments whatsoever.

Public Act.

V. And be it enacted, That this Act shall be a Public Act, and shall be judicially taken notice of as such.

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