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An Act for completing the Improvement of the Port of *Briſtol*. [21ſt *March* 1808.]

WHEREAS an Act was paſſed in the Forty-third Year of the Reign of His preſent Majeſty, intituled, *An Act for improving and rendering more commodious the Port and Harbour of* Briſtol; whereby the Mayor, Burgeſſes, and Commonalty of the City of *Briſtol*, and their Succeſſors, the Maſter, Wardens, and Commonalty of the Society of Merchants of the ſaid City and their Succeſſors, and the ſeveral Perſons ſubſcribing towards the Sum of Two hundred and fifty thouſand Pounds, therein named and deſcribed, are incorporated by the Name and Style of *The Briſtol Dock Company*, and are empowered and required to make and maintain, among certain other Works therein deſcribed, a Canal or Entrance Baſon in *Rownham Mead*, in that Part of the Pariſh of *Cliſton* which lies in the City of *Briſtol*, ſuch Entrance, Canal, or Baſon, to communicate, by ſufficient Gates and Locks, with the Floating Harbour, and alſo with the Merchants Floating Dock; and by the ſaid Act, in addition to the Sum of Two hundred and fifty thouſand Pounds, ſubſcribed or to be ſubſcribed as therein mentioned, the ſaid *Briſtol* Dock Company were empowered to borrow and take up at Intereſt, on the Credit of the Rates and Duties thereby granted, a further Sum of Money not exceeding Fifty thouſand Pounds: And by the ſaid Act it is enacted, That in caſe the ſeveral Works thereby authorized to be made, ſhould not be completed and finiſhed within Four Years next after the Works thereby authorized ſhould have been begun, and Notice given in manner therein mentioned, then all and every the

43 G. 3, c. 140.

Rates and Duties thereby impoſed and made payable ſhould ceaſe, and be no longer paid or payable, until the Expiration of Three Calendar Months after the Works thereby authorized to be made ſhould have been completed and finiſhed, and Notification made thereof in Manner therein mentioned: And whereas an Act was paſſed in the Forty-ſixth Year of the
45 G. 3. c. 35. Reign of His preſent Majeſty, intituled, *An Act to alter and amend an Act, paſſed in the Forty-third Year of the Reign of His preſent Majeſty, intituled,* 'An Act for improving and rendering more commodious the Port and Harbour 'of Briſtol, *and for extending the Powers and Proviſions of the ſaid Act*;' whereby the ſaid Dock Company are authorized to vary and alter the Works by the before recited Act directed to be made, in Manner therein ſet forth, and to form, lay out, and maintain a Road for Horſes, Carts, Carriages, and Foot Paſſengers, along a certain Canal or Feeder in the Pariſhes of *Saint George* and *Saint Philip* and *Jacob*, in the County of *Glouceſter*, acroſs and over a Dam at *Totterdown*, and along the Side of the new intended Courſe of the River *Avon:* And the ſaid Dock Company being unable, on account of the ſaid Proviſion contained in the ſaid Act hereinbefore recited, for ceaſing the Rates and Duties thereby impoſed, to borrow the Sum of Fifty thouſand Pounds, they the ſaid Dock Company are by the ſaid Act authorized to make additional Calls on the Proprietors of Stock or Shares in the ſaid Undertaking, ſo as ſuch Calls did not exceed in the Whole the Sum of One hundred and thirty-five Pounds upon each Share: And whereas it will be of great publick Utility that Two Piers and a Drawbridge or Swivel Bridge ſhould be erected and maintained acroſs the River *Avon*, oppoſite to the lower End of *Princes Street*, in the Pariſh of *Saint Stephen*, in the City of *Briſtol*, to that Part of the Pariſh of *Bedminſter* which lies in the ſaid City of *Briſtol*, with a Road or Way from the ſaid Pier in the Pariſh of *Bedminſter*, into the Road or Way adjoining to the ſaid intended Courſe of the River *Avon*; and that ſuch Pier ſhould be ſo conſtructed, and furniſhed with ſuch Gates, as to keep up the Water in the upper Part of the Floating Harbour to be made as directed by the ſaid recited Acts, when there ſhall be Occaſion to let off the Water from the lower Part of the ſaid Harbour; and alſo to keep in the Water in the lower Part of the ſaid Floating Harbour, when there ſhall be Occaſion to let the Water off from the upper Part thereof: And whereas the propoſed Communicating Lock between the Entrance Baſon in *Rownham Mead* aforeſaid and the Merchants Floating Dock, is unneceſſary, and will be attended with Inconvenience to the ſaid Floating Dock: And whereas the ſeveral Works authorized and required by the ſaid recited Acts and this Act cannot be proceeded with, and the ſeveral Powers and Proviſions of the ſaid recited Act and of this Act put into complete Execution, for the Sum of Three hundred thouſand Pounds, originally propoſed to have been raiſed and borrowed for improving and rendering more commodious the ſaid Port and Harbour of *Briſtol*: And whereas the ſaid *Briſtol* Dock Company have, in order to proceed with the ſaid Works, procured a temporary Aid, and incurred Debts to a conſiderable Amount; for the Re-payment of which it is neceſſary to provide: And whereas the Works for improving the Harbour of *Briſtol* will be of great publick Utility; and it is expedient that the Board of Directors of the ſaid *Briſtol* Dock Company ſhould be enabled to raiſe a ſufficient Sum of Money for the Diſcharge of the Debts they have incurred, and for completing the ſaid Works: And whereas to enable the *Briſtol* Dock Company to raiſe a ſufficient Sum of Money, and for other Purpoſes, it will be neceſſary and expedient to alter, amend, and enlarge

Two Piers, a Bridge, and a Road neceſſary to be executed.

the Powers and Provisions of the said recited Acts: Now therefore may it 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 for the better enabling the Directors nominated for managing the Affairs and Business of the *Bristol* Dock Company, to raise a further Sum of Money for carrying into Execution the Powers and Provisions of the said recited Acts and of this Act, so much of the said Act first herein-before recited as enacts, that in case the Works thereby required to be made shall not be completed and finished within Four Years next after the said Works shall have been begun, and Notice given thereof in Manner therein mentioned, all and every the Rates and Duties thereby imposed and made payable shall cease and be no longer payable, until the Expiration of Three Calendar Months after the Works thereby authorized to be made should have been made, completed, and finished, and Notification made thereof in Manner therein mentioned, shall be and the same is hereby repealed; and all and singular the Rates and Duties payable under and by virtue of the said recited Acts and of this Act, on Shipping, Goods, and Merchandize, and on Houses, and the Tolls on the Road and Dams, shall be from Time to Time payable in Manner directed by the said recited Acts and of this Act, but subject nevertheless to the Clauses for ceasing the same herein-after contained.

Repealing so much of 43 G. 3. as relates to the finishing of the Works within a Time therein limited.

II. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for the said Directors, or any Five or more of them, to raise in all or any, or such of the Ways or Means herein-after mentioned, as shall from Time to Time be determined on by any General Meeting of the said *Bristol* Dock Company, to be held in Manner specified and directed by the said recited Acts, such Sum or Sums of Money as shall or may be necessary for discharging all and every the Debt and Debts, Sum and Sums of Money due and owing by the said *Bristol* Dock Company, or the Directors nominated and appointed for managing and conducting the Affairs and Business of the said Company, or any or either of them, on Behalf of the said Dock Company, or for which they now do, or at any Time hereafter shall or may stand engaged, and for carrying into Execution the Powers and Provisions of the said recited Acts and of this Act.

Power to raise a further Sum of Money.

III. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That nothing in this Act contained, shall extend, or be construed to extend to enable the said Dock Company to raise any further or additional Sums of Money, than the Sum of One hundred and eighty thousand Pounds, by Promissory Notes or Calls, as herein-after directed.

Such further Sum not to exceed 180,000l.

IV. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Directors or any Five or more of them, to raise any Part or Parts of the Money necessary for the Purposes aforesaid by Loan, from the Proprietors of Shares in the said Undertaking, in case such Proprietors shall be willing to subscribe, or if not from any Person or Persons willing to advance the same; and that such Loans shall be secured by the Promissory Notes of the said Company, signed by their Treasurer on their Behalf; in which Notes it shall be expressed that an Interest after the Rate of Five Pounds *per Centum per Annum* shall be payable Half-yearly; and that the Principal thereby secured shall be payable immediately on the Expiration of Six Calendar Months next

How Money to be raised.

next after Notice in Writing ſhall have been left by the Holder of ſuch Note at the *Briſtol* Dock Office for the Payment thereof; and all and every ſuch Promiſſory Notes ſhall be transferrable by Indorſement thereon.

Proviſion for Payment of Intereſt on Notes.

V. And be it further enacted, That the Intereſt of the Money ſo to be borrowed and ſecured by Promiſſory Notes, ſhall be paid Half-yearly to the ſeveral Perſons entitled thereto, in preference to any Intereſt or Dividends due or payable by virtue of the ſaid recited Acts or of this Act, to any Proprietor or Proprietors of Shares or Stock in the ſaid Undertaking; and that all and ſingular the Rates, Tolls, and Duties, authorized to be taken by the ſaid recited Acts and this Act ſhall be a Security for the due and punctual Payment thereof; and in caſe the ſaid Intereſt, or any Part thereof, ſhall be in arrear by the Space of Three Calendar Months after the ſame ſhall become due and payable, and after Demand made of ſuch Intereſt from the Treaſurer of the ſaid Company, or in caſe the Principal Monies ſecured by the ſaid Notes or either of them, ſhall not be paid at the Expiration of Six Calendar Months after Notice requiring ſuch Payment ſhall have been left at the *Briſtol* Dock Office, then and in ſuch Caſes the Treaſurer or Treaſurers of the ſaid *Briſtol* Dock Company ſhall and may, and he and they is and are hereby authorized and required, by and out of all Rates, Dues and Duties, or by and out of any Sum and Sums of Money which may be received on the Credit of ſuch Rates and Duties by any of the Means in the ſaid recited Acts or this Act mentioned, which ſhall come to his or their Hands ſubſequent to ſuch Demand of Intereſt, or Notice to pay off the ſaid Principal Monies, to pay off and diſcharge all Principal or Intereſt, or both, as the Caſe may be, which ſhall or may be due or owing to the Holder or Holders of ſuch Note or Notes who ſhall or may have demanded the Intereſt, or given Notice for Payment of the Principal Monies due on ſuch Note or Notes; and in caſe more than one Holder of the Promiſſory Notes of the ſaid Company ſhall demand the Intereſt due on ſuch Notes, or give Notice for the Payment of the Principal Monies thereby ſecured, then and in ſuch Caſe ſuch Holder or Holders of Notes ſhall have Preference and Priority of Payment according to the Dates of their reſpective Demands of Intereſt, or Service of Notices for Payment of their Principal Monies.

Holders of Notes may become Proprietors:

VI. And be it further enacted, That the reſpective Holders of the ſaid Promiſſory Notes ſhall have and be entitled to an Option, inſtead of receiving back the Principal Monies thereby ſecured, of being admitted to and becoming Proprietors of Stock in the ſaid *Briſtol* Dock Fund, at Par; (that is to ſay), of being admitted to and becoming Proprietors of One hundred Pounds Stock, for or in reſpect of every One hundred Pounds Principal Money ſo ſecured, in caſe ſuch Holders reſpectively of the ſaid Notes ſhall give to the Clerk or Clerks of the ſaid *Briſtol* Dock Company, or leave for them at the *Briſtol* Dock Office within Three Years from the Date of ſuch Notes reſpectively, and at leaſt Three Calendar Months previous to the Day or reſpective Days on which ſuch Holders ſhall reſpectively deſire to become Proprietors as aforeſaid, a Notice in Writing of ſuch their Wiſh or Intention.

And becoming ſo, ſhall be incorporated with the ſaid Company.

VII. And be it further enacted, That all Perſons to whom any ſuch Notes as aforeſaid ſhall be given, or who ſhall from Time to Time be entitled thereto and to the Principal Money and Intereſt thereby ſecured, as Indorſees or otherwiſe, at or before the Expiration of the ſaid Term of Three Years, on

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such Option or Election being made, and Notice thereof so given as aforesaid to become Proprietors of Stock in respect thereof, shall be admitted Proprietors in the said Fund accordingly, and shall be, and they are hereby declared to be Owners and Proprietors of such Stock as he, she, or they shall or may by virtue of such Note or Notes and Election to be made as aforesaid become entitled to, and shall be and they are hereby united to and incorporated with the said Company; and the several Powers, Directions, Forfeitures, Penalties, and Provisions contained in the said recited Acts (subject nevertheless to the Provisions, Directions, and Regulations herein contained), shall extend to the Nature of the Property, Sale, and Disposal of, and transferring of such Stock, in like Manner as if such Stock had been originally subscribed for, and as if the Money to be subscribed for by virtue of this Act was Part of the Money authorized to be raised by the said first-recited Act, and as if the said several Powers, Directions, Penalties, Forfeitures, and other Provisions contained in the said recited Acts or any of them, and not hereby abrogated or altered, were repeated or re-enacted in this Act.

Power to make Calls.

VIII. And be it further enacted, That if the said *Bristol* Dock Company, at any Meeting to be held as aforesaid, shall deem it expedient and necessary for the Benefit and Advantage of the said Dock Company, or if the said Dock Company cannot procure the Whole or any Part of the Money necessary for the Purposes aforesaid, on such Promissory Notes as aforesaid, then it shall be lawful for the said Directors of the said Company, or any Five or more of them, and they are hereby authorized and empowered to raise such additional Sum or Sums of Money as shall not have been so borrowed, and as shall or may be necessary for discharging all and every the Debt and Debts, Sum and Sums of Money due and owing by the said *Bristol* Dock Company, or by the said Directors, or any or either of them, on Behalf of the said Company, or for which they now are, or shall or may stand engaged on any Part or Parts thereof; and for paying off any Promissory Note or Promissory Notes called in under the Powers and Provisions of this Act, or any Part or Parts thereof, and for carrying into Execution the Powers and Provisions of the said recited Acts and this Act, by Calls on the Proprietor or Proprietors of Stock or Shares in the said Undertaking, their Executors, Administrators, or Assigns, according to the Amount of the Stock or Shares of such Persons respectively, so that no One Call shall exceed the Sum of Ten Pounds for each One hundred Pounds Stock in the said Undertaking; and no Calls to that Amount to be made at less than Two Calendar Months from the preceding Call, which Money so to be called shall be paid to such Person or Persons, and in such Manner, as the said Directors shall appoint.

Calls for Money respited, in Cases where Proprietors shall advance Money on Promissory Notes.

IX. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That if any Proprietor or Proprietors of Stock in the said Undertaking shall subscribe or advance any Sum or Sums of Money upon any Promissory Note or Promissory Notes, that then and in such case the Call or Calls from Time to Time made, in respect of the Shares or Stock held by such Person or Persons, shall, to the Amount of the Promissory Note or Promissory Notes so taken, and from Time to Time outstanding, be and continue respited, and not be paid or payable for such Time, and until a Notice or Notices for Repayment of the Money due on such Promissory Note or Promissory Notes, shall have been given in Manner herein-before directed; and that from and immediately

immediately after such Notice or Notices shall have been given as aforesaid, the Call or Calls so respited shall become and be payable, and in case the same shall not be paid or discharged within Three Calendar Months after such Notice shall have been given to or left at the last or usual Place of Abode of the Person or Persons in whose Names for the Time being the Stock in respect of which the Calls shall have been so respited, shall stand, that then and in such Case all and every the Powers, Remedies, and Provisions of the said recited Acts for recovering Calls, for forfeiting, selling, or disposing of Stock in the said Undertaking, upon which Calls shall be unpaid, shall be extended to the Stock on which such respited Calls shall have become payable, to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever.

Regulations in the Act of 46 G. 3. as to relinquishing Shares, to extend to this Act.

X. And be it further enacted, That the several Regulations, Provisions, and Clauses contained in the said recited Acts, allowing Proprietors to relinquish their Shares, upon giving Notice within Three Calendar Months after the passing this Act, for Sale of such Shares so relinquished, for Recovery of Calls and Arrears, and for Forfeiture of Stock on Nonpayment of Calls, shall be and the same are hereby extended to the Stock to be created, and the Calls to be made under and by virtue of this Act, and that as fully as if such Clauses, Powers, and Provisions, were herein repeated.

Extending the Time for completing the Works.

XI. And whereas the said Directors have, for the greater Accommodation of the Trade of the said Port of *Bristol*, determined to wall the Entrance Basons at *Rownham Meads* and at *Trim Mills*, and on account thereof, and of the intended Erections of the Piers and Bridge at *Princes Street*, and from certain Difficulties which have occurred and may occur in the Construction of the Works, and from other Causes, it is expedient that the Time allowed to the said Dock Company, for completing and finishing the several Works authorized by the said recited Acts and this Act, shall be extended; be it therefore enacted, That in case all the several Works authorized to be made by the said recited Acts and this Act, (save and except the Towing Path authorized and required to be formed between *Hanham Mills* and the Engine Mill, the Alterations required to be made in the Lock at *Hanham* and the Works required to be executed for the Protection of the Estates of the Duchess of *Chandos* and *William Gore Langton* Esquire,) shall not be completed and finished, and the Completion thereof duly proved before the Justices of the Peace in and for the City and County of *Bristol* in Quarter Sessions assembled, and certified by Writing under the Hand of the proper Officer of the Court, and a Copy of such Certificate inserted in the *London* Gazette and Two or more of the *Bristol* Papers, on or before the First Day of *May* One thousand eight hundred and nine, then and in such Case the Rates and Duties imposed by the said recited Acts shall cease and be no longer paid and payable, until the Expiration of Three Calendar Months after the said Works shall have been so completed and finished, and certified and advertised as herein-before directed; and from and after the Expiration of Three Calendar Months after the said Works shall have been completed and finished, certified and advertised as aforesaid, all and singular the Rates and Duties imposed and made payable by the said recited Acts, and not hereby altered, varied, or repealed, shall recommence and be again paid and payable, until the same shall be redeemed in Manner in the said recited Acts and this Act declared.

If Works not completed within a limited Time, Rates by the said Acts to cease.

At the Expiration of Three Months after the Works are finished, the Rates granted by the former Acts to be again paid.

Directors to divide Money among Stockholders,

XII. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Directors, or any Five of them, and they are hereby required

to divide all and every the Sum and Sums of Money from Time to Time divisable among the Stock-holders in the said Concern, under the Provisions of the said recited Acts and this Act, by Two Half-yearly Payments or Dividends; and that the said Directors shall be at Liberty, in calculating the First Half-yearly Dividend, to retain such Part or Parts of the Sum or Sums then in Hand as shall be from Time to Time deemed reasonable and proper, for the Purpose of equalizing, as near as may be, such Half-yearly Payments or Dividends.

A Sinking Fund to be created for paying off the Debt of the Port.

XIII. And be it further enacted, That for the more speedy Discharge of the Capital or Joint Stock of the said *Bristol* Dock Company, or of any Sum or Sums of Money to be borrowed by them for the Purposes mentioned in the said recited Acts and this Act, there shall from and after the First Day of *May* next after the Completion of the said intended Works, and Commencement of the additional Rates herein-after granted, be annually and every Year appropriated and paid over by the Directors of the said *Bristol* Dock Company, unto the Chamberlain or the Time being of the said City of *Bristol*, the Treasurer for the Time being of the Society of Merchant Venturers of the said City of *Bristol*, and the Treasurer for the Time being of the said Dock Company, the Sum of Five hundred Pounds of lawful Money of *Great Britain*, for forming an immediate Sinking Fund for the Discharge of such Capital or Joint Stock of the said *Bristol* Dock Company, and of such Sum or Sums of Money to be borrowed by them as aforesaid.

Whenever the Income of the Dock Company shall be more than sufficient to pay 8l. per Centum, the Surplus to be added to the Sinking Fund.

XIV. And it is hereby further enacted, That the Annual Surplus, Profits, Income, and Gain, which from Increase of Trade or otherwise, shall at any Time or Times hereafter be received by the *Bristol* Dock Company more than sufficient to pay the respective Holders of Stock in the said Concern a Dividend of Eight Pounds *per Centum per Annum* on such Stock, shall be by the said Company annually paid over to the Chamberlain for the Time being of the City of *Bristol*, to the Treasurer for the Time being of the Society of Merchant Venturers, and the Treasurer for the Time being of the *Bristol* Dock Company, in Addition to and Augmentatation of the Sinking Fund herein-before created, and to be applied in paying the Debts and extinguishing the Stock of the said Company.

Trustees for managing the Sinking Fund.

XV. And it is hereby further enacted, That the Chamberlain for the Time being of the City of *Bristol*, the Treasurer for the Time being of the Society of Merchants, and the Treasurer for the Time being of the *Bristol* Dock Company, shall be and they are hereby nominated and appointed Trustees of the said Sinking Fund; and they are hereby required to pay, apply, and dispose of the same in Manner herein-after directed, of and concerning the same; any Thing herein or in the said recited Acts or either of them, to the contrary thereof in anywise notwithstanding.

Application of the Sinking Fund.

XVI. And it is hereby further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Trustees, and they are hereby required from Time to Time to lay out and invest the Sum and Sums of Money paid over to them as aforesaid, in the Purchase of Stock in the Funds of the *Bristol* Dock Company, at the lowest Price at which such Stock can be bought, whenever the same shall be under Par, so that One hundred Pounds Stock may be purchased for less than One hundred Pounds Sterling, and that such Stock shall

ſhall be veſted in the Names of the ſaid Truſtees who ſhall be entitled to and ſhall receive Dividends in reſpect thereof in the ſame Manner as other Holders of Stock in the ſaid Fund; and ſuch Dividends when ſo received, ſhall conſtitute and form Part of the ſaid Sinking Fund, and be applied therewith; and when ſuch Stock cannot be purchaſed under Par as aforeſaid, then they the ſaid Truſtees ſhall and they are hereby required to lay out and inveſt all Sum and Sums of Money paid over to them, and ariſing from the ſaid aggregate Sinking Fund, in the Purchaſe of Stock in the Publick Funds or on Government Security; ſuch Stock or Security nevertheleſs to be from Time to Time ſaleable, and the Proceeds thereof, together with the Intereſt and Dividends ariſing thereon, to be from Time to Time applied as herein directed touching the ſaid Sinking Fund.

Proviſions in caſe the Stock ſhall be at and above Par.

XVII. And be it further enacted, That in caſe the Stock in the *Briſtol* Dock Fund ſhall be and continue at and above Par, then and in ſuch Caſe the Sums forming the ſaid aggregate Sinking Fund, together with all Intereſt and Dividends ariſing therefrom, ſhall be by the ſaid Truſtees from Time to Time, as the ſame ſhall come into their Hands, inveſted and continued in the Publick Funds, or in other Government Securities, until the ſame ſhall have accumulated to the Amount of One-tenth Part of the Stock in the ſaid Dock Funds then remaining unpurchaſed by the ſaid Truſtees, valuing the ſame at Par; and the ſaid Truſtees ſhall then certify the ſame to the ſaid Dock Company at their next General Half-yearly Meeting, held under the Power and by the Direction of the ſaid firſt recited Act; and the ſaid Dock Company ſhall, at the General Meeting at which ſuch Certificate ſhall be read or received, appoint and fix a Time for the Re-purchaſe or Diſcharge at Par of Ten Pounds on each One hundred Pounds Stock, not then purchaſed by the ſaid Truſtees, at the Diſtance of Three Calendar Months at the leaſt, and within Six Calendar Months at the moſt from ſuch Meeting, which Time ſo to be appointed as aforeſaid for the Diſcharge of the ſaid Stock, and the Place where the ſame is to be paid and received, ſhall be notified by Advertiſement in the *London* Gazette, and in Two *Briſtol* Papers at leaſt, and by Writing affixed on the Exchange and Council Houſe of the City of *Briſtol*; and from and after the Time fixed as aforeſaid for the Purchaſe of the ſaid One-tenth Part of the Stock of the ſaid Company, the whole Dividends, Intereſts, or Amount, that would have been payable Half-yearly on ſuch Stock ſo purchaſed by the ſaid Truſtees, if the ſame had not been bought in, ſhall be paid to the ſaid Truſtees, and be by them applied in Aid of and to the Purpoſes of the ſaid aggregate Sinking Fund, and ſo from Time to Time and until the Whole of the Stock of the ſaid Company ſhall have been re-purchaſed, and become veſted in the ſaid Truſtees; and from and after the Time ſo as aforeſaid fixed and appointed for Payment and Diſcharge of any One-tenth Part of each One hundred Pounds Stock, the Proprietors or Owners of ſuch Stock ſhall receive Dividends only on the Proportions thereof ſo remaining from Time to Time not appointed to be diſcharged.

An Account to be kept of the Sinking Fund.

XVIII. And it is hereby further enacted, That the ſaid Truſtees ſhall keep a correct Account of all and every Sum of Money received by them on Account of the ſaid aggregate Sinking Fund, of all Tranſactions in the Publick Funds or other Publick Securities, and of the Dividends or Intereſt ariſing therefrom, and of the Appropriation thereof in the Purchaſe of Stock in the Dock Company's Funds, ſpecifying all the Particulars relative thereto,

to, and of every other Transaction, Receipt, and Charge, connected therewith; and shall, on the First Day of *May* in every Year, draw up a fair Statement thereof, Debtor and Creditor, shewing the Balance then remaining in their Hands (if any) the Sums standing in the Publick Funds or in other Government Securities in their Names, and the whole Amount of Stock in the Funds of the *Bristol* Dock Company which has been purchased, and is vested in them in Trust as aforesaid, and deliver one Copy thereof authenticated by their respective Signatures to the Mayor, Aldermen, and Common Council of the City of *Bristol*, one other Copy thereof to the Master, Wardens, and Commonalty of Merchant Venturers of the City of *Bristol*, and one other Copy thereof to the Directors for the Time being of the *Bristol* Dock Company; and that such Account shall be annually inserted in the *London* Gazette and Two of the *Bristol* Newspapers.

Two Piers and Drawbridges to each, to be made between the lower end of Princes Street and Part of the Parish of Bedminster.

XIX. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for the said *Bristol* Dock Company, and they are hereby authorized and required, by themselves or their Deputies, Agents, Servants, and Workmen, to make, complete, and maintain Two Piers, with a Drawbridge or Swivel Bridge therein, between the lower End of the Parish of *Saint Stephen* in the said City of *Bristol*, and that Part of the Parish of *Bedminster* which lies in the said City of *Bristol*, and a Road or Way from the said Pier in the Parish of *Bedminster*, such Road not to exceed the Breadth of Forty Feet, into the Road formed or intended to be formed by the said Dock Company, along or by the Side of the said new intended Course of the River *Avon*; such Piers to be furnished with Gates or other Contrivances for the Purposes of keeping up the Water in the upper Part of the said intended Floating Harbour when it may be necessary for letting off the Water from the lower Part thereof, and for retaining the Water in the lower Part of the said Float when it may be necessary to let off the Water from the upper Part thereof, but not otherwise, but so nevertheless that the Water in the said Floating Harbour shall be kept up in the Part thereof, from Time to Time, remaining at or above the Level of the Sixteen-Feet Mark on the Gauge Post at the Mouth of the River *Frome*, and not higher.

Vesting Lands, &c. at the Gib Ferry, for the Purpose of making Piers and a Bridge.

XX. And whereas the Road or Way from the intended Pier or Bridge in the Parish of *Bedminster* into the said Road adjoining the intended Course of the River *Avon*, will be laid out, formed, and made across and over certain Lands and Hereditaments belonging to the Dean and Chapter of the Cathedral Church of the Holy and Undivided *Trinity* of *Bristol*, which are held under them by *Sidenham Teast*, of the City of *Bristol*, Shipwright, and across and over the Land of *Richard Sargent Fowler*, of the City of *Bristol* Esquire: And whereas the said Dean and Chapter are seised of Two Ferries across the River *Avon*, called the *Gib Ferry* and *Trim Mill Ferry*, which are also held by the said *Sidenham Teast* as their Lessee, and which Ferries will be injured, destroyed, or rendered less valuable by the said intended Piers and Bridge; now be it further enacted, That from and after the passing of this Act, all and every the Powers, Clauses, and Provisions of the said recited Acts, for enabling the Directors of the *Bristol* Dock Company to purchase such Part and Parts of the Houses, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, mentioned in certain Books of Reference in the said Act first herein-before recited and referred to, as was or were necessary for the Works therein specified, for enabling incapacitated Persons to sell, for assessing the Value by a Jury in case the Parties refuse or are unable

unable to ſell, to direct the Application of Purchaſe Monies, and for veſting Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, purchaſed by the ſaid Dock Company, in them and their Succeſſors; and all other the Clauſes and Proviſions in the ſaid recited Act, reſpecting Purchaſes and Compenſations, ſhall be and the ſame are hereby extended to the ſaid Fences of the ſaid Dean and Chapter, the Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments of the ſaid Dean and Chapter, and the Lands of the ſaid *Richard Sargent Fowler*, through, upon, or over which the Road hereby authorized and required to be made, will be laid out and formed; and that as fully and effectually as if ſuch Clauſes were herein repeated and re-enacted.

Power to erect Toll Houſes, and take Tolls, &c.

XXI. And be it further enacted, That it ſhall and may be lawful for the Directors of the ſaid *Briſtol* Dock Company, and they are hereby required to erect and build, or cauſe to be erected and built on or adjoining the ſaid Piers or Bridge, a Toll Houſe, Bar or Gate, or Toll Houſes, Bars or Gates, as ſhall or may be neceſſary; and that it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the Dean and Chapter of the Cathedral Church of the Holy and Undivided *Trinity* of *Briſtol*, and their Succeſſors, and their Leſſee or Leſſees, or the Agents and Receivers of the ſaid Dean and Chapter, or their Leſſees, from Time to Time, and at all Times after the Completion of the ſaid intended Road, Piers and Bridge, to have, receive, and take ſuch and the ſame Rates and Tolls on Foot Paſſengers, and for Trucks and Perſons wheeling the ſame and paſſing the ſaid Bridge, as are now payable by Foot Paſſengers and Perſons wheeling Trucks, and croſſing at the ſaid Ferry called the *Gib Ferry*; and that the ſaid Dean and Chapter and their Leſſees, ſhall have the like Powers and Authorities for enforcing Payment of the ſaid Foot and Truck Tolls, to be collected on the ſaid Bridge, as they now have for enforcing Payment of Tolls at the ſaid Ferry called the *Gib Ferry*; and that it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the ſaid *Briſtol* Dock Company, and their Succeſſors, to take and receive from Time to Time, and at all Times after the Completion of the ſaid intended Road, Piers and Bridge, and until the ſame ſhall be redeemed in Manner directed in and by the ſaid recited Acts, ſuch and the ſame Rates and Tolls for Horſes, Carts, and Carriages, paſſing acroſs or over the ſaid intended Piers and Bridge, as are granted and made payable by the Powers, Clauſes, and Proviſions of the ſaid recited Act of the Forty-ſixth Year of the Reign of His preſent Majeſty, upon and for Horſes, Carts and Carriages paſſing through the Turnpike or Toll Gates to be erected on the Road laid out under the Proviſions thereof; and that all and every the Powers, Clauſes, and Proviſions of the laſt mentioned Act, for diſtraining in caſe of Non-payment of ſuch Tolls, and all other the Clauſes, Powers, and Proviſions therein contained reſpecting ſuch Tolls, and all Penalties, and Puniſhments on Perſons evading ſuch Tolls, ſhall be, and the ſame are hereby extended to the Toll Gates or Bars to be erected as aforeſaid, and the Tolls and Duties hereby made payable to the ſaid *Briſtol* Dock Company, and that as fully and effectually as if the ſame were herein repeated and re-enacted, in reſpect of the ſaid Tolls and Rates hereby made payable to the ſaid Dock Company.

Veſting ſuch Piers and Bridge in the Dock Company.

XXII. And be it further enacted, That the ſaid Piers and Bridge, and alſo the ſaid intended Road, ſhall be and the ſame hereby is and are veſted in the ſaid *Briſtol* Dock Company and their Succeſſors; and the ſaid

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Briſtol Dock Company and their Succeſſors are hereby required, from Time to Time to repair, amend, ſuſtain, maintain, and keep the ſaid Road, Piers and Bridge, in, by, and with all and all Manner of needful and neceſſary Reparations and Amendments whatſoever.

Piers and Bridge to be kept in Repair by the Dock Company.

XXIII. And be it further enacted, That in caſe the ſaid Piers and Bridge ſhall be at any Time or Times hereafter, from Accident or Decay, ſo much injured or damaged that the Paſſage thereof ſhall be dangerous or impracticable; then and in all ſuch Caſes it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the ſaid Dock Company and they are heredy directed, as often as Occaſion ſhall require, to provide a convenient and proper Foot and Carriage Ferry acroſs the ſaid River as near as conveniently may be to the ſaid Bridge or Piers; and to collect and take for paſſing over at the ſaid Ferry ſuch Rates and Duties, Rate and Duty, as is and are hereby directed to be paid for paſſing over the ſaid Bridge; but the ſaid Dock Company, and the Leſſees or Leſſee for the Time being of the Tolls upon Horſes and Carriages, are and is to be accountable to the ſaid *Sidenham Teaſt*, or to the Leſſees or Leſſee for the Time being of the Tolls payable by Foot Paſſengers, and for Trucks and Wheels drawn by any Perſon or Perſons, for all ſuch Tolls as ſhall be collected and taken by them for and in reſpect of ſuch Foot Paſſengers, Trucks and Wheels, as aforeſaid.

Power to remove Rownham Ferry, with the Conſent of Dean and Chapter.

XXIV. And be it further enacted, That it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the ſaid Dean and Chapter, and their Succeſſors, or their Leſſee or Leſſees, with their Conſent under their Common and Chapter Seal, to remove the Ferry called *Rownham Ferry*, to any other Part of the ſaid River *Avon*, within One hundred Yards of the preſent Ferry or Slips, and to form any Slip or Slips or Landing Places on the Towing Paths of the ſaid *Briſtol* Dock Company, and again to remove back ſuch Ferry at their Diſcretion, but with ſuch Conſent as aforeſaid; and ſuch Ferry ſhall, notwithſtanding any ſuch Removal or Alteration, be deemed and conſidered as an ancient and immemorial Ferry, and be entitled to all and ſingular the Rights, Privileges, and Advantages, attached to the ſaid Ferry called *Rownham Ferry*, before ſuch Removal or Alteration as aforeſaid.

Towing Path in Canons Marſh to be of a certain Breadth.

XXV. And be it further enacted, That in caſe the *Briſtol* Dock Company ſhall make, form, or lay out a Towing Path in *Canons Marſh*, in the Pariſh of *Saint Auguſtine the Leſs*, in the City of *Briſtol*, on Land belonging alſo to the ſaid Dean and Chapter, now in Poſſeſſion of the ſaid *Sidenham Teaſt*, as their Leſſee, that ſuch Towing Path ſhall not exceed Six Yards in Breadth, to be meaſured from High Water Mark, and to commence to or from the Style or Gate now ſtanding and being at the Weſt End of *Canons Marſh* aforeſaid, and extend to the Corner of a Yard in the Occupation of *Joſeph Manfield*, Boat Builder, on the Eaſt End thereof; and that the Compenſation for the Uſe of ſuch Towing Path ſhall be ſettled, aſcertained, and determined, in Manner ſpecified in and by the ſaid Acts and this Act.

Preſerving the Lands at Canons Marſh to the Dean and Chapter, except as to a Towing Path.

XXVI. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That nothing in the ſaid recited Acts or in this preſent Act contained, ſhall extend or be conſtrued to extend to authorize the ſaid Dock Company to uſe the ſaid Ground for any other Uſe than as a Towing Path, nor to hinder, prevent, or

or reſtrain the ſaid Dean and Chapter, their Succeſſors, Leſſees, and Aſſigns, from making, building or maintaining in or upon *Canons Marſh* aforeſaid, any Dock or Docks, Wharf or Wharfs, Yard or Yards, Buildings, or other Improvements which they the ſaid Dean and Chapter, their Succeſſors, Leſſees, or Aſſigns, now are or at any Time or Times hereafter may be enabled legally to make, build, and maintain, or from forming or making any Cut or Cuts, Canal or Canals, through ſuch intended Towing Path, and through any Part of *Canons Marſh* aforeſaid, into any ſuch Docks, Yards, Wharfs, or other Improvements, in which caſe alſo the ſaid Dock Company, for ſo long as they ſhall have the Uſe of ſuch Towing Path, ſhall make, maintain, and repair the neceſſary Drawbridges or Swivel Bridges for the Purpoſe of continuing the ſaid Towing Path at their own Expence, nor to hinder or prevent the ſaid Dean and Chapter, their Succeſſors, Leſſees, or Aſſigns, from uſing any Part of the Water of the Floating Harbour for any Docks, Cuts, or Canals, to be made as aforeſaid; and that it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the ſaid Dean and Chapter, and their Succeſſors, Leſſees, and Aſſigns, to open the ſaid Drawbridges or Swivel Bridges from Time to Time, and whenever neceſſary, for uſing and enjoying the ſaid Docks, Cuts, Canals, Wharfs, Yards, Buildings, or Improvements.

Power given to erect Mills between the new and old Courſe of the River Avon.

XXVII. And whereas the ſaid Dock Company have Power and Authority under the Proviſions of the ſaid firſt recited Act, to make and erect ſuch and ſo many Mill or Mills at *Rownham Mead*, in that Part of the Pariſh of *Clifton* which lies in the City of *Briſtol*, as they ſhould ſee fit; now it is hereby further enacted, That it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the ſaid *Briſtol* Dock Company to erect and make any Mill or Mills between the new Courſe of the River *Avon* and the old Courſe thereof, ſo that the ſame be at leaſt Five hundred Yards below the Confluence of the Rivers *Avon* and *Froome*, and to make uſe of and employ, or grant Power and Authority to any Perſon or Perſons whomſoever to uſe and employ any Part of the Waſte Water of the ſaid Floating Harbour for ſuch Mill or Mills, upon ſuch Terms, and under ſuch Reſtrictions, as the ſaid Directors ſee fit and neceſſary; reſerving nevertheleſs, on ſuch Grants, the entire Controul of the Water of the ſaid Floating Harbour, whenever neceſſary, to ſcour the Harbour, and for other Purpoſes: Provided alſo, that nothing herein contained ſhall extend, or be conſtrued to extend, to authorize the ſaid Dock Company to keep in their own Poſſeſſion, or work on their own Account, any of the ſaid Mills which ſhall be erected and built under the Authority of this Act.

An Option given to Landlords to try their Rights before a Jury and Judge of Aſſize;

XXVIII. And be it further enacted, That if any Perſon or Perſons, Body or Bodies Politick, Corporate or Collegiate, who ſhall or may require the ſaid Dock Company to purchaſe or make Compenſation for any Docks, Mills, Houſes, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, rendered uſeleſs, injured, or made leſs valuable, by the ſeveral Works and Improvements authorized to be made by the ſaid recited Acts, and this preſent Act, ſhall not agree in Manner in the ſaid recited Acts mentioned, touching ſuch Purchaſe or Compenſation; or if, on Account of Abſence or Diſability of ſuch Parties, or other Circumſtances, ſuch Agreement ſhall be impracticable; then and in ſuch Caſe ſuch Diſpute, Requiſition, or Claim, ſhall be ſettled and adjuſted, either by a Jury to be impannelled or ſummoned before the Juſtices in Quarter Seſſions, where ſuch Property was ſituate, before the paſſing of the ſaid firſt mentioned Act, in Manner in and by

by the ſaid Act authorized and directed; or if the Owners or other Perſons intereſted therein ſhall make their Option, and determine to have the ſame ſettled and determined and adjudged before a Judge or Judges of Aſſize appointed for the County of *Somerſet*, the County of *Glouceſter*, or for the City and County of *Briſtol*, at ſome Aſſizes to be there held, and of ſuch Determination ſhall give Notice in Writing to the Directors of the ſaid Company within One Calendar Month after Tender or Notice from the ſaid Dock Company to ſuch Party or Parties, of the Amount they are willing to give for ſuch Purchaſe or Compenſation, and in caſe no ſuch Tender ſhall be made, then within Three Calendar Months after Notice, and within Two Years after any Injury ſuſtained, then and in ſuch Caſe ſuch Diſpute, Requiſition, or Claim, ſhall accordingly be ſettled, determined, and adjuſted by a Jury to be impannelled, ſummoned, and ſworn, before a Judge of Aſſize for the Counties of *Somerſet* or *Glouceſter*, or for the City and County of *Briſtol*, at ſome Aſſizes to be there held, in ſuch and the ſame Manner as in and by the ſaid laſt mentioned Act is directed touching the ſummoning, impannelling, and ſwearing of Juries before the Juſtices of Quarter Seſſions, to aſſeſs the Amount of Monies to be paid for the Purchaſe of Houſes, Buildings, Lands, and Premiſes, for making the ſaid Works and Improvements thereby directed.

and to call for a Special Jury.

XXIX. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That if the Owner or Perſon intereſted in ſuch Hereditaments and Premiſes, or the ſaid Directors, ſhall be deſirous that ſuch Diſpute, Requiſition, or Claim as aforeſaid, ſhall be ſettled, determined, and adjuſted by a Special Jury, then and in ſuch Caſe the ſame ſhall be determined, adjuſted, and ſettled by a Special Jury accordingly, to be choſen, ſtruck, ſummoned, impannelled, and ſworn before the Juſtices in Quarter Seſſions, or before the Judge of Aſſize before whom the ſaid Queſtion ſhall be heard [as the Caſe may be] in ſuch and the ſame Manner as Special Juries are by Law choſen and ſtruck for Trial of Civil Suits, and to be ſummoned, impannelled, and ſworn in ſuch and the like Manner as by the ſaid Act of the Forty-third of His preſent Majeſty is directed, touching the ſummoning, impannelling, and ſwearing of Juries, to aſſeſs the Amount of Monies to be paid for the Purchaſe of Houſes, Buildings, Lands, and Premiſes, for the making the Works thereby directed to be made, or as near thereto as the diffetent Natures of a Special Jury and a Common Jury will admit: And it is hereby declared, That the ſaid Juſtices or Judge of the Aſſize [as the Caſe may be] ſhall have ſuch and the ſame Powers over the Jury and Perſons ſummoned as are by the ſaid Act of the Forty-third Year of His preſent Majeſty given over the Juries and Perſons thereby authorized to be impannelled, ſummoned, and ſworn, or as are by Law veſted in any Juſtice of the Peace or Judge of Aſſize, in any relation to Jurors or Perſons ſummoned and appearing before them reſpectively, on the Trial of Civil Suits.

Part of the ſaid recited Acts repealed.

XXX. And be it further enacted, That ſo much of the ſaid firſt-recited Act as directs and requires the ſaid Company to make, complete, and maintain a Communicating Lock and Gates between the ſaid Canal or Entrance Baſon in *Rownham Meads* and the Merchants Floating Dock, ſhall be and the ſame hereby is repealed.

The Dock Company to lower the Lock into the Merchants Floating Dock.

XXXI. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said *Bristol* Dock Company, and they are hereby authorized and required, by themselves, their Deputies, Agents, Workmen, and Servants, to lower the present Entrance Lock into the Floating Dock, in such Manner and to such Depth as the Master, Wardens, and Commonalty of Merchant Venturers of the said City of *Bristol* shall require, so as not to give less than Fifteen Feet and Six Inches Water at the least, on the Sill of the said Lock; and also to make, complete, and maintain, between the Entrance Bason in *Rownham Mead* and the said Floating Dock, good and sufficient Culverts and Pipes for draining and again filling the said Dock; and also to make, complete, and maintain, at the Eastward End of the said Entrance Bason, and near adjoining the said Floating Dock, a good and sufficient Wharf or Quay of the Length of One hundred Yards.

A certain Wharf or Quay to be considered as Part of the Floating Dock.

XXXII. And be it further enacted, That such Wharf or Quay shall be deemed in every respect as Part of the Merchants Floating Dock, and shall be subject to the Controul and Management of the Floating Dock Master for the Time being; and that any Ship or Vessel, Ships or Vessels, which under and by virtue of an Act passed in the Sixteenth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled, *An Act to remove the Danger of Fire among Ships in the Port of* Bristol, *by preventing the landing certain Commodities on the present Quays, and for providing a convenient Quay and proper Place for landing and storing the same; and for regulating the said Quay, and the Lighters, Boats, and other Vessels carrying Goods for Hire, within the said Port of* Bristol, and for other Purposes therein mentioned, are obliged to discharge their Cargoes, or Part thereof, at the said Floating Dock, shall and may, if the Master or Commander, Masters or Commanders of such Ship or Vessel, Ships or Vessels, shall be thereunto required by the Master for the Time being of the said Floating Dock, discharge their Cargoes or such Part thereof as the said Dock Master shall direct, at the said intended Wharf or Quay to be formed and laid out by the said Dock Company, at the Eastward End of the said Entrance Bason in *Rownham Mead*; and all and every the Dues and Duties made payable by the said last mentioned Act, and all and singular the Powers, Provisoes, Clauses, and Conditions therein contained, shall be paid and payable, and have full force and effect in every Case respecting the said Wharf or Quay to be made as aforesaid, and respecting Ships and Vessels, and the Cargoes, or the Parts thereof, discharged at such Wharf, in such and the same manner, and so fully and effectually in all Respects, and to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever, as if such Wharf or Quay was Part of the said Merchants Floating Dock, or had been originally comprized in the said Act of the Sixteenth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, or as if all and every the Clauses, Powers, Provisions, and Provisoes, Penalties, Matters and Things contained in the said Act were herein repeated and re-enacted, as to, for, and concerning the said intended Wharf or Quay, and Vessels or Cargoes discharged or to be discharged thereat.

For more effectually enabling the Society of Merchants to receive Rates.

XXXIII. And be it further enacted, That for the better enabling the Master, Wardens, and Commonalty of Merchant Venturers of the said City of *Bristol*, to have and receive the several Rates and Duties imposed and made payable by the said Act of the Sixteenth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty herein mentioned, all and singular the Ship and Ships which,

which, under and by virtue of the ſaid laſt mentioned Act, are obliged to diſcharge their Cargoes or Part therof at the Merchants Floating Dock, and alſo the Goods, Wares, and Merchandizes comprized in ſuch Cargoes reſpectively, ſhall be and the ſame are hereby declared to be ſubject and liable to the Rates and Duties payable for or in reſpect of ſuch Ships, Goods, Wares, or Merchandizes reſpectively; and in caſe the Rates and Duties payable for or in reſpect of ſuch Ships, Goods, Wares, or Merchandizes reſpectively, ſhall not be paid or diſcharged within Twenty Days next after a Demand in Writing, ſigned by the Dock Maſter for the Time being of the ſaid Floating Dock, ſhall have been made on the Owner or Owners, Conſignee or Conſignees of ſuch Goods, Wares or Merchandizes reſpectively, that then and in ſuch Caſe it ſhall be lawful to and for the ſaid Maſter, Wardens, and Commonalty of the ſaid Society of Merchants, and their Succeſſors, and they are hereby authorized to advertiſe ſuch Ship or Ships, Goods, Wares, or Merchandizes reſpectively, for or in reſpect of which the Rates and Duties ſhall be in arrear and unpaid, for Sale by Auction, at a Time and Place to be ſpecified in ſuch Advertiſement, ſuch Time not to be leſs than Fourteen Days from the Inſertion of the laſt of the ſaid Advertiſements in the *Briſtol* Papers, and at the Time and Place to be ſpecified as aforeſaid, unleſs the Rates and Duties due in reſpect thereof, together with all Coſts incurred by the Proceeding of ſuch Sale, ſhall have been in the mean Time paid off and diſcharged, to ſell and diſpoſe of ſuch Ship or Veſſel, Goods, Wares, and Merchandizes ſo as aforeſaid advertiſed to be ſold, and to have, receive, and take the Purchaſe Money payable in reſpect thereof; and the ſaid Maſter, Wardens, and Commonalty, are hereby required, after paying and diſcharging all Rates and Duties due in reſpect of the Ship or Ships, Goods, Wares, and Merchandizes reſpectively, to pay over the Surplus of ſuch Purchaſe Money (if any) to the Owner or Owners, Conſignee or Conſignees of the ſaid Ship or Veſſel, Ships or Veſſels, Goods, Wares and Merchandizes reſpectively, or ſuch other Perſon or Perſons as ſhall or may be entitled to have and receive the ſame.

Particulars to be ſpecified in the ſaid Dock Company's Annual Account.

XXXIV. And be it further enacted, That the Annual Account required in the ſaid firſt recited Act to be publiſhed by the ſaid Dock Company, ſhall be made up Annually to the Firſt Day of *May*, and be publiſhed on or before the Firſt Day of *July* in each Year; and ſhall ſpecify, under diſtinct Heads or Items of Account, the Amount of all Sums received on account of each of the ſeveral Rates and Duties impoſed by the ſaid recited Acts and this Act, and all other the Receipts, Profits, and Gains, received or become due to the ſaid Dock Company, ſince the preceding Account, and of all Intereſt or Dividends paid or become payable to the Proprietors of Stock in the ſaid Concern, for the Management and Superintendence of the ſaid Floating Harbour, for repairing and maintaining the ſaid Works, and of all other Particulars neceſſary for fully and clearly aſcertaining the preciſe Balance or Surplus (if any) according to the true Intent and Meaning of the ſaid recited Acts and of this Act; and that Copies of the ſaid Annual Accounts, ſigned by Five or more of the Directors of the ſaid Dock Company, ſhall be annually delivered to the Chamberlain of the ſaid City of *Briſtol* and Treaſurer of the ſaid Society of Merchants, for the Time being; and that ſuch Accounts, when ſo delivered to the ſaid Chamberlain and Treaſurer of the ſaid Society of Merchants, ſhall be by them reſpectively entered in a Book to be for that Purpoſe kept; and that the Account ſo entered and ſigned by the ſaid Chamberlain, or the Treaſurer

rer of the Society of Merchants for the Time being, ſhall, in caſe of the Loſs or miſlaying of the Original, be as valid and of as full Force and Effect, in every Reſpect, as ſuch original Account might or could have been in caſe the ſame were not ſo loſt or miſlaid.

Power to mortgage Lands and Materials.

XXXV. And it is hereby further enacted, That it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the Directors of the ſaid *Briſtol* Dock Company, in order to enable the ſaid Dock Company the better to proceed with the ſaid Works and Improvements, to borrow and take up at Intereſt any Sum or Sums of Money, which any Perſon or Perſons ſhall or may be willing to advance and lend, not exceeding the Sum of Fifty thouſand Pounds, on Security of the Lands, Tenements and Hereditaments, Goods, Chattels, Materials, and Effects, belonging to the ſaid Dock Company; and to enter into, make, and execute any Security or Securities, Mortgage or Mortgages of ſuch Lands, Tenements and Hereditaments, Goods, Chattels and Materials; and all ſuch Security or Securities, Mortgage or Mortgages, ſhall be and the ſame are hereby declared to be good, valid, and effectual, to all Intents and Purpoſes whatſoever.

Power to take Rates.

XXXVI. And whereas it is expedient for ſettling all Differences which have ariſen with reſpect thereto, and for the full Completion and perfecting of all and ſingular the Works authorized and directed by the ſaid recited Acts and this Act, that an additional Income ſhall be granted to the ſaid Dock Company, by an Increaſe of and additional Rates and Duties to be levied within the City and Port of *Briſtol*; be it therefore enacted, That from and after all the ſeveral Works required by the ſaid recited Acts and this Act (ſave and except the Towing-Path authorized and required to be formed between *Hanham Mills* and the Engine Mills, the Alteration required to be made in the Locks at *Hanham*, and the Works required to be executed for the Protection of the Eſtates of the Ducheſs of *Chandos* and *William Gore Langton* Eſquire), ſhall be completed and finiſhed, and ſuch Completion ſhall have been proved as aforeſaid, and ſhall have been certified by the proper Officer of the Court of Quarter Seſſions in and for the ſaid City of *Briſtol* and County of the ſame City; and ſuch Certificate ſhall have been inſerted in the *London Gazette* and Two *Briſtol* Newſpapers, in Manner herein-before particularly mentioned, on or before the Firſt Day of *May* One thouſand eight hundred and nine, and in caſe the ſame ſhall not be ſo completed, and certified and advertiſed on or before the ſaid Firſt Day of *May* One thouſand eight hundred and nine, then from and after the Expiration of Three Calendar Months after the ſaid Works ſhall have been completed and finiſhed, and certified and advertiſed as aforeſaid, there ſhall be paid and payable to the ſaid Dock Company, or their Collectors or Deputies, for their Uſe, for the ſeveral Ships and Veſſels entering into the ſaid Port of *Briſtol* from the Places and Parts after-mentioned (except Barges or other Veſſels paſſing or going to or from the *Bath* River Navigation, or *Kennet* and *Avon* Canal, or reſhipping or diſcharging their Cargoes to be again laden, and paſs or go up the ſaid Navigation or Canal or any Part thereof, and not diſcharging for Sale any Part of their Cargoes at the Quays of *Briſtol*) by the Maſter or Commander, Owner or Owners of ſuch Ship or other Veſſel, in lieu of the ſeveral Rates and Duties impoſed and made payable by the ſaid recited Acts, the ſeveral Rates

Rates and Duties, according to the Regiſter Tonnage of the ſaid Ship or Veſſel, herein-after particularly deſcribed; (that is to ſay),

Rates.

For every Trow or other Veſſel from *Cardiff*, *Newport*, or any other Port to the Eaſtward of the *Holmes* (except as aforeſaid) under Forty Tons Burthen, Seven Shillings and Sixpence each per Voyage:

For every ſuch Trow or other Veſſel (except as aforeſaid) of Forty Tons Burthen and under Seventy-five Tons, Twelve Shillings and Sixpence each per Voyage:

For every ſuch Trow or Veſſel of Seventy-five Tons, and under One hundred Tons Burthen, and (except as aforeſaid) Sixteen Shillings each per Voyage: And,

For every ſuch Trow or other Veſſel from any Port to the Eaſtward of the *Holmes*, and (except as aforeſaid) of One hundred Tons Burthen or upwards, One Pound and One Shilling each per Voyage:

Rates veſted in the Company.

Which Rates and Duties ſhall be and are hereby veſted in the ſaid Company as their own proper Monies, to and for their own Uſe and Behoof, to be by them applied for the Purpoſes of this and the ſaid recited Acts.

This Act not to alter the Rates impoſed by 43 G. 3. on Ships from Cardiff, &c.

XXXVII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That nothing herein contained ſhall extend, or be conſtrued to extend, to the altering or varying of any Rates or Duties impoſed by the ſaid Act of the Forty-third Year of the Reign of His preſent Majeſty herein-before recited, on Ships or Veſſels from *Cardiff*, *Newport*, or any other Port to the Eaſtward of the *Holmes*, being Market Boats or being Veſſels, One-Third Part of the Lading of which ſhall conſiſt of Coal, Scruff, Iron, Tin, Tin-plates, Grain, Copper, Bricks, Stone, Coal, Tar, Slate, Bark, Timber, or Wood, the Rates and Duties on which Veſſels are intended to and it is hereby declared ſhall be and remain as fixed and appointed in and by the ſaid recited Act.

Rates on Goods imported according to a Schedule hereunto annexed.

XXXVIII. And be it further enacted, That from and after ſuch Completion of the ſaid intended Works as aforeſaid, and the Completion thereof ſhall have been ſo allowed and certified, by the Magiſtrates in Quarter Seſſions, and advertiſed as aforeſaid, in caſe the ſame ſhall be ſo completed, certified, and advertiſed, on or by the ſaid Firſt Day of *May* One thouſand eight hundred and nine, and in caſe the ſame ſhall not be then ſo completed, certified, and advertiſed, then from and after the Expiration of Three Calendar Months after the ſaid Works ſhall have been ſo completed, and finiſhed, and certified and advertiſed as herein-before directed, there ſhall be paid and payable to the ſaid Company, or their Collectors or Deputies, for their Uſe (in lieu of the Rates on Merchandize impoſed by the ſaid firſt recited Act) for all Goods, Wares, or Merchandizes imported from Parts beyond the Seas and not brought by Inland Navigation into the Port of *Briſtol* (except Corn, Flour, Rice and other Articles of Proviſion), and alſo for all Goods, Wares, and Merchandizes, that ſhall be brought Coaſtwiſe into the ſaid Port, of Foreign Growth or Importation, but not of *Britiſh* Growth or Manufacture, (except from *Cardiff*, *Newport*, and other Ports to the Eaſtward of the *Holmes*, and except Corn, Flour, Rice, and other Articles of Proviſion, and except Foreign Goods brought Coaſtwiſe, which ſhall not be diſcharged for Sale

at the Quays, but paſſing or going to or from the *Bath* River Navigation or *Kennet* and *Avon* Canal or any Part thereof) by the Owner or Owners, Conſignee or Conſignees, of ſuch Goods, Wares, or Merchandizes, or other Commodities, the ſeveral Rates and Duties particularly rated, ſpecified, and ſet forth in the Schedule hereunto annexed, as far as ſuch Goods, Wares, and Merchandizes, are therein particularized; and that all Goods, Wares, and Merchandizes, imported from Parts beyond the Seas into the Port of *Briſtol*, and alſo all Goods, Wares, and Merchandizes, that ſhall be brought Coaſtwiſe into the ſaid Port, of Foreign Growth or Importation, but not of *Britiſh* Growth or Manufacture (and except as aforeſaid) not particularized in the ſaid Schedule of Rates, ſhall be charged and chargeable with and ſhall pay a Rate or Duty on being imported into the ſaid Port of *Briſtol*, equal to the Rate and Duty rated or affixed on Goods, Wares, and Merchandizes of a ſimilar Nature, Package and Quality, in and by the ſaid Schedule of Rates.

Declaring by whom the Rates on Foreign Growth are to be paid.

XXXIX. And be it further enacted, That the Rates on Goods, Wares, and Merchandizes, of Foreign Growth and Importation, brought Coaſtwiſe into the Port of *Briſtol* (except as aforeſaid) ſhall be paid by the Maſter or Commander, Maſters or Commanders of the Ship or Veſſel bringing the ſame, according to the Entry in the Cocket of ſuch Ship or Veſſel; and that all and every the Rate and Rates ſo paid on ſuch Goods, Wares, and Merchandizes, ſhall be added to and recoverable with the Freight or Freights, from Time to Time payable on ſuch Goods, Wares, or Merchandizes, reſpectively; and in caſe the Owner or Owners, Conſignee or Conſignees, of ſuch Goods, Wares, and Merchandizes, ſhall neglect or refuſe to pay and diſcharge ſuch Rates, upon Demand thereof made, that then and in ſuch Caſe it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the Party or Parties, who ſhall have paid ſuch Rates, to detain the Goods, Wares, and Merchandizes, for which ſuch Rate or Rates ſhall have been paid as aforeſaid, until the ſame, and the Coſts, Charges, and Expences of ſuch Detention, ſhall have been paid and diſcharged; or otherwiſe, at his or their Diſcretion to bring any Action or Actions for the Recovery of ſuch Rates as for Money paid and advanced to the Uſe of ſuch Owner or Owners, Conſignee or Conſignees.

Court of General Seſſions to be called on Emergencies.

XL. And whereas conſiderable Time may intervene between the Completion of the ſeveral Works required to be done by the *Briſtol* Dock Company under the ſaid recited Acts and this Act, and the next General Quarter Seſſions of the Peace, or an Adjournment thereof being holden in and for the City and County of the City of *Briſtol*; it is hereby further enacted, That it ſhall and may be lawful for the Mayor and any Two Aldermen, or any Three Aldermen, whereof Two of the Five Senior Aldermen to be Two, of the ſaid City of *Briſtol*, and he and they is and are hereby required, upon Application to him or them made by or on behalf of the *Briſtol* Dock Company, to aſſemble a Court of General Seſſions in the Guildhall of the ſaid City of *Briſtol*, or wherever the General Quarter Seſſions ſhall be then held, One Week's Notice having been previouſly given by Writing under the Hands and Seals of ſuch Juſtices, expreſſing the Buſineſs of ſuch Seſſions, which Notice ſhall be affixed at the Council Houſe of the ſaid City, for the Purpoſe of enquiring into and certifying the Matters referred to that Court in and by the ſaid recited Acts and this Act.

Power to leſſen Rates.

XLI. And be it further enacted, That it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the Directors of the ſaid Dock Company, by and with the Conſent and Approbation of the Juſtices of the Peace in and for the City of *Briſtol* and County of the ſame City, in Seſſions aſſembled, to be teſtified by an Order of the ſaid Seſſions, to leſſen any or either of the ſaid Rates and Duties payable for or chargeable on any Article or Articles imported into the ſaid Port of *Briſtol*, and again to alter and increaſe the Rate or Rates on ſuch Article or Articles; ſo nevertheleſs that the ſame ſhall not in any Caſe exceed the Rate or Rates on ſuch reſpective Articles hereby or by the ſaid recited Acts made payable.

Clauſes reſpecting Diſputes in the former Acts extended to this Act.

XLII. And be it further enacted, That all and every the Clauſes, Powers, and Proviſions, relative to the Determination of Diſputes, the Manner of recovering, and all other the Clauſes reſpecting the Rates or Duties impoſed and made payable by the ſaid Act herein-before firſt recited, ſhall be in full Force and Effect reſpecting the Rates and Duties hereby impoſed, and that as fully and effectually as if ſuch Clauſes were herein repeated and re-enacted.

Protecting the Eſtates of the Dutcheſs of Chandos and W. G. Langton, Eſq.

XLIII. And be it further enacted, That nothing herein contained ſhall extend, or be conſtrued to extend, to diſcharge the Dock Company from making or completing the ſeveral Works authorized and required by the ſaid recited Acts, or either of them, to be made and executed for protecting the Eſtates of the Dutcheſs of *Chandos* and *William Gore Langton*, Eſquire.

Powers of the former Acts extended to this, &c.

XLIV. And be it further enacted, That all and every the Powers and Proviſions, Penalties and Clauſes, Forfeitures, Matters, and Things contained in the ſaid recited Acts or either of them, applicable to this Act, except ſuch Part or Parts thereof as is or are hereby altered, varied, or repealed, ſhall, from the paſſing of this Act, extend to and be executed as well for the Intents and Purpoſes of the ſaid recited Acts and of this preſent Act, and that as fully and effectually as if ſuch Clauſes, Powers, Proviſions, Matters and Things were repeated and again enacted in the Body of this Act.

Expences of the Act to be paid.

XLV. And be it further enacted, That all Charges and Expences incident to the obtaining or paſſing of this Act, ſhall be paid out of the Monies received by the *Bristol* Dock Company, in preference to all other Payments whatſoever.

Publick Act.

XLVI. And be it further enacted, That this Act ſhall be deemed and taken as a Publick Act, and ſhall be judicially taken Notice of as ſuch by all Judges, Juſtices, and others, without being ſpecially pleaded.

SCHEDULE

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Of RATES and DUTIES on Goods and Merchandize imported into the Port of Briſtol, impoſed by the foregoing Act.

		£.	s.	d.
ANCHOVIES	per 100 lbs.	0	1	0
Almonds	per cwt.	0	0	6
Argol	per cwt.	0	0	1
Annatto	per cwt.	0	1	0
Anniſeeds	per cwt.	0	0	2
Briſtles	per dozen lbs.	0	0	$0\frac{1}{2}$
Burr Stones	per 100	0	0	3
Barilla	per ton	0	1	6
Brimſtone	per ton	0	1	6
Cyder	per tun	0	1	0
Carraway Seeds	per cwt.	0	0	2
Coriander Seeds	per cwt.	0	0	2
Clover Seed	per cwt.	0	0	3
Cochineal	per 100 lbs.	0	5	0
Capers	per 100 lbs.	0	1	0
Calves Velves	per cwt.	0	0	6
Cod Fiſh	per ton	0	1	0
Copper	per cwt.	0	0	3
Copper Ore	per ton	0	0	8
Cork	per cwt.	0	0	3
Currants	per cwt.	0	0	2
Coffee and Cocoa	per ton	0	3	0
Cotton	per bale	0	1	0
Cotton	per pocket	0	0	6

DRUGS.

Aloes	per 100 lbs.	0	0	3
Cream of Tartar	per cwt.	0	0	2
Caſſia Fiſtula	per cwt.	0	0	3
Cortex Peruvianus	per cwt.	0	0	6
Caſtor Oil	per 100 lbs.	0	1	6
Gum Senegal	per 100 lbs.	0	0	3
Gum Arabic	per cwt.	0	0	3
Gum Copal	per 100 lbs.	0	1	6
Gum Guiacum	per 100 lbs.	0	0	3
Guinea Grain	per 100 lbs.	0	1	0
Galbanum	per cwt.	0	0	6
Manna	per 100 lbs.	0	0	3

		£.	s.	d.
Oleum Palmæ	per cwt.	0	0	3
Orchelia	per cwt.	0	0	2
Radix Serpentaria	per cwt.	0	0	6
Saſſafras	per cwt.	0	0	2
Sarſaparilla	per 100 lbs.	0	1	6
Sacharum Saturni	per cwt.	0	0	3
Turmeric	per cwt.	0	0	2
Valonia	per cwt.	0	0	1
Verdigreaſe	per cwt.	0	0	9
Vermicelli	per cwt.	0	0	9
Elephants Teeth	per cwt.	0	1	0
Figs	per cwt.	0	0	2
Flax or Linſeed	per quarter	0	0	1
Feathers	per cwt.	0	1	0
Flint Stones	per ton	0	0	6
Fiſh Oil	per ton	0	1	6
Flax	per cwt.	0	0	3
Glue	per cwt.	0	0	2
Gin and Brandy	per puncheon	0	2	6
Ginger	per cwt.	0	0	2
Piemento	per 100 lbs.	0	0	2
Horns	per 1,000	0	0	6
Hides	per ſcore	0	1	0
Hemp	per cwt.	0	0	2
Juniper Berries	per cwt.	0	0	0 2/5
Indigo	per 100 lbs.	0	5	0
Junk and Rags	per ton	0	0	6
Iron, old broken	per ton	0	0	6
Iron	per ton	0	1	0
Kelp	per ton	0	0	6
Liquorice	per cwt.	0	0	3
Long Steel	per cwt.	0	0	2
Lard	per ton	0	1	6
Lead Ore	per ton	0	1	0
Linen (in tranſitu)	per pack or box	0	1	6
Linen (not in tranſitu)	per pack or box	0	3	6
Lemons and Oranges	per cheſt	0	0	2
Lemons and Oranges	per box	0	0	1
Madder	per cwt.	0	0	2
Marble	per ton	0	1	6
Matts	per 100	0	0	3
Molaſſes	per ton	0	1	6
Natron	per ton	0	1	0
Nuts	per buſhel	0	0	1
Oil Olive	per ton	0	3	0
Oil Turpentine	per 100 lbs.	0	0	2

		£.	s.	d.
Prunes	per cwt.	0	0	2
Plaiſter of Paris	per ton	0	1	6
Pumice Stone	per ton	0	1	6
Pitch, Tar, and Roſin	per barrel	0	0	2
Pot and Pearl Aſhes	per cwt.	0	0	2
Quills	per 1000	0	0	0½
Raiſins	per cwt.	0	0	3
Raiſins	per box or jar	0	0	1
Raiſins	per baſket	0	0	2
Raiſins	per frail	0	0	4
Rum	per puncheon	0	1	6
Rum	per hogſhead	0	0	9
SKINS.				
Calf Skins	per dozen	0	0	0½
Deer Skins	per dozen	0	0	6
Kid	per dozen	0	0	1
Lamb Skins	per dozen	0	0	0½
Seal Skins	per 100	0	1	6
Shumac	per cwt.	0	0	1
Smalts	per cwt.	0	0	3
Sallad Oil	per gallon	0	0	1
Sugar	per ton	0	3	0
Tarras	per quarter	0	0	4
Tallow	per ton	0	2	0
Tobacco	per hhd.	0	2	6
Turpentine	per barrel	0	0	2
TIMBER.				
Deals and Deck-Planks	per 120	0	2	6
Pine Planks and Boards	per 120	0	1	0
Deal Ends	per 120	0	1	6
Deals exceeding 20 feet	per 120	0	5	0
Battens above 20 feet	per 120	0	1	6
Battens under 20 feet	per 120	0	1	0
Lathwood	per fathom	0	0	4
Maſts, 6 to 8 inches diameter		0	0	6
Maſts, 8 to 12 inches diameter		0	1	0
Maſts, 12 inches and upwards		0	2	6
Paling Boards	per 120	0	0	6
Spars 22 feet and upwards	per 120	0	3	0
Spars under 22 feet	per 120	0	1	0
Ufers 24 feet long	per 120	0	3	6
Ufers under 24 feet long	per 120	0	1	6
Oars and Oar Rafters	per 120	0	2	0
Rockers, Boat-hooks and locks	per dozen	0	0	1
Handſpikes	per 120	0	1	0

		£.	s.	d.
Oak Timber	per load	0	1	6
Oak Plank	per load	0	1	6
Oak Boards	per 120, 15 feet long	0	3	0
Oak Boards	under 15 feet long per 120	0	2	0
Wainscot Logs	per load	0	2	0
Wainscot Logs 14 feet long	per load	0	0	6
Wainscot Logs 7 feet long	per load	0	0	3
Wainscot Boards	per 100 feet	0	0	3
STAVES.				
Hambro' and Dantzic Pipe	per 120 of 50 Inches	0	0	8
Hogshead and Barrel	per 120	0	0	6
Quebec Pipe exceeding 50 Inches	per 120	0	0	6
Hogshead and Barrel not exceeding 50 Inches	per 120	0	0	3
American Pipe, exceeding 50 Inches	per 120	0	0	2
Ditto Hogshead and Barrel, under 50 Inches	per 120	0	0	1
Fir Timber	per load	0	0	8
Wax	per cwt.	0	1	0
Whale Fins	per cwt.	0	0	2
Wine	per pipe or butt	0	3	0
Wine	per hhd.	0	1	6
Wool, Spanish	per bag or pack	0	2	6
Wool, Scotch	per ditto	0	1	0
WOODS.				
Red Wood	per ton	0	2	0
Cam Wood	per ton	0	4	0
Brazil	per ton	0	4	0
Niccaragua	per ton	0	2	6
Mahogany	per ton	0	1	0
Cedar	per ton	0	1	0
Logwood, Fustic, Ebony, Lignum Vitæ	per ton	0	1	6
Yarn, Bay	per pack	0	0	2
Yarn, Linen	per pack	0	0	3

All Goods not particularly rated, to pay the same as Goods of the like Value and Package.

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