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An Act for erecting a Bridge over the River *Bure*, from *Runham* to *Great Yarmouth*, in the County of *Norfolk*. [28th *May* 1827.]

WHEREAS *Robert Cory* the younger, of *Great Yarmouth* in the County of *Norfolk*, Esquire, is now possessed of or entitled unto certain Messuages, Lands, and Hereditaments, called *The Ferry Farm*, situate, lying, and being in the Parish of *Runham* in the County of *Norfolk*, and to a Right of Ferry and Tolls for all Horses, Carts, Carriages, Cattle, and Passengers passing and repassing over the River *Bure* at the said *Ferry Farm*, in the Parish of *Runham*, to and from *Great Yarmouth* aforesaid, and also to a Staithe or Landing Place for the said Ferry on each Side of the said River: And whereas it would be of public Advantage if a Bridge were erected across the said River *Bure* (in lieu of the said Ferry), from the said Farm called *The Ferry Farm* to a certain Quay opposite called *The North Quay*, in the Borough of *Great Yarmouth* aforesaid: And whereas the said *Robert Cory* is willing, at his own Expence, to erect such Bridge; but such beneficial Purpose 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 King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent

Power to build the Bridge.

of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That it shall be lawful for the said *Robert Cory*, his Heirs or Assigns, and he and they is and are hereby authorized and empowered, at his or their own Costs and Charges, to erect, complete, and maintain a Bridge across the said River *Bure*, from the said Farm called *The Ferry Farm*, in the Parish of *Runham*, to the opposite Shore, to the said Quay called *The North Quay*, in the Parish of *Great Yarmouth* aforesaid; and for that Purpose to construct, build, and maintain such Erections, Piers, Arches, and other Works, and do all such other Things as he or they shall think convenient and necessary for making and sustaining the said Bridge, together with convenient and necessary Communications with such Bridge, for the Passage of Passengers, Cattle, and Carriages; and this Act shall be sufficient to indemnify the said *Robert Cory*, his Heirs and Assigns, and his and their Agents, Officers, Workmen, and Servants, and all other Persons acting under his or their Authority, for what they or any of them shall do by virtue of this Act.

Passage for the Water, and Height of Arch.

II. And, in order that the Current of the said River and Navigation thereof may not be impeded or obstructed, be it further enacted, That the Piers to be erected on each Side of the said River for the Support of the said Bridge shall be so constructed as to leave the Passage for the Water of equal Width with the Passage for the Water between the present Staithes belonging to the said Ferry, and the Crown of the Arch of the said Bridge shall be raised to the Height of not less than Eight Feet above the Level of the said *North Quay*, or the Eastern Bank of the said River, contiguous to the Place where such Bridge shall be erected; and the Road over the said Bridge shall not rise more than One Foot in Thirteen to the Crown of the Arch.

A temporary Bridge or a Ferry to be provided in certain Cases.

III. And be it further enacted, That in case at any Time after the said Bridge shall have been completed the Passage over the same shall, in consequence of Accident or Damage, or from any other Cause, become dangerous or impassable, it shall be lawful for the said *Robert Cory*, or the Owner or Owners, Proprietor or Proprietors for the Time being of the said Bridge, during such Time as shall be necessary for repairing or rebuilding the said Bridge, to provide and maintain a temporary Bridge or Ferry over the said River, at such Place as he, she, or they shall think proper, and to receive only One Half of the Tolls or Pontage thereat respectively as are herein authorized to be taken for passing over the said intended Bridge: Provided always, that such temporary Bridge or Ferry shall continue for such Time only as shall be necessary for repairing or rebuilding the said Bridge.

Power to erect Gates and take Tolls.

IV. And be it further enacted, That the said *Robert Cory*, or the Owner or Owners, Proprietor or Proprietors for the Time being, shall and may, after a Passage shall have been made and opened over the said intended Bridge, erect and set up, or cause to be erected and set up, a Toll Gate or Toll Gates, Turnpike or Turnpikes, and Toll House or Toll Houses, in, upon, across, or near to the said Bridge,

or at or upon any of the Approaches or Communications therewith belonging to the said *Robert Cory*, or the said Owner or Owners, Proprietor or Proprietors, and on either Side of the said Bridge; and from Time to Time shall and may remove such Toll Gate, Turnpike, and Toll House, and erect and set up others in lieu thereof at the same Place, or at any other Place upon any Part of the said Bridge or Approaches respectively; and the Tolls or Pontage following may be demanded and taken at any Toll Gate or Turnpike to be erected as aforesaid, by such Person or Persons as the said *Robert Cory*, or the Owner or Owners, Proprietor or Proprietors for the Time being of the said Bridge, shall from Time to Time appoint, before and for each and every Time that any Foot Passengers, or any Beast or Cattle or any Carriage, shall pass through the same; (that is to say,)

Tolls.

For every Foot Passenger (except when employed in driving any Waggon, Cart, or such like Carriage, or in driving any Horse, Cattle, or Beast), the Sum of One Penny:

For every Person riding in any Waggon or Cart (not being the Driver thereof), the Sum of One Penny:

For every Horse, Ass, or Mule carrying One Person only, the Sum of Three-pence:

For every Horse, Ass, or Mule carrying more than One Person, the Sum of Four-pence:

For every Horse or other Beast drawing any Coach, Chariot, Landau, Berlin, Chaise, Calash, Curricle, Sociable, Vis-a-vis, Barouche, Phaeton, Chair, Gig, Whiskey, Taxed Cart, Caravan, Hearse, Litter, or other such Carriage, the Sum of Nine-pence:

For every Horse or other Beast drawing any Sledge, Dray, or Carriage without Wheels, the Sum of One Shilling and Sixpence:

For every Horse or other Beast drawing any Luggage Cart, Tumbril Cart, where only One Horse or other Beast is used drawing the same, the Sum of One Shilling:

For every Horse or other Beast drawing any Cart, where Two and not more than Three such are used, the Sum of Nine-pence:

For every Horse or other Beast drawing any Cart, where Four or more such are used, the Sum of Sixpence:

For every Horse or other Beast drawing any Waggon, the Sum of One Shilling and Sixpence:

For every Ox, Cow, or Calf, Horse, Mule, or Ass, the Sum of Two-pence:

For every Pig, Sheep, or Lamb, the Sum of One Penny:

Tolls vested in Mr. Cory.

Which said respective Tolls or Sum of Money shall be demanded and taken as aforesaid before any Horse, Mule, Ass, or other Beast or Cattle, Coach, Stage Coach, Berlin, Landau, Barouche, Chariot, Chaise, Chaise Marine, Chair, Curricle, Phaeton, Calash, Sociable, Car, Gig, Caravan, Van, Hearse, Litter, Waggon, Cart, or other Carriage whatsoever, shall be permitted to pass through any such Toll Gate or Turnpike; and such several and respective Tolls or Sums of Money shall and are hereby vested in the said *Robert Cory*, his Heirs and Assigns.

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Not more than One full Toll to be taken.

V. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That nothing herein contained shall extend or be construed to extend to empower the said *Robert Cory*, or the Owner or Owners, Proprietor or Proprietors for the Time being of the said Bridge, to cause more than One Toll to be demanded or taken for or in respect of the Passage once, of the same Beasts, Cattle, or Passengers, through all the several Turnpikes or Toll Gates to be erected on the said Bridge and the Approaches thereto, on the same Day.

Table of Tolls to be exhibited.

VI. And be it further enacted, That so soon as any Toll Gate or Turnpike shall have been erected by virtue of this Act, the said *Robert Cory*, or the Owner or Owners, Proprietor or Proprietors for the Time being of the said Bridge, shall cause to be put, and afterwards to be continued, at every such Toll Gate or Turnpike, a Table painted in distinct and legible Characters, either in Black Letters on a White Ground, or in White Letters on a Black Ground, containing at the Top thereof the Name of the Gate at which the same shall be put up, and also a List of all the Tolls payable at every such Gate, distinguishing the several Tolls to be paid by virtue of this Act, and to renew such Board whenever any of the Letters or Figures thereof shall be worn out, defaced, or obliterated.

Tolls to be taken only whilst the Board of Tolls remains affixed at the Gate.

VII. Provided always, and be it enacted, That it shall not be lawful for the said *Robert Cory*, or other the Owner or Owners, Proprietor or Proprietors of the said Bridge, to demand or take, or cause to be demanded or taken, any Toll for or in respect of any Passenger, Beast or Cattle, or Carriage, at any Turnpike or Toll Gate, but for and during such Time as the Board so directed to be painted as aforesaid shall remain affixed at such Turnpike or Toll Gate.

To enforce Payment of Tolls.

VIII. And be it further enacted, That if any Person subject to the Payment of any of the said Tolls shall, after Demand thereof made by any Collector or other Person to be appointed to receive the same, neglect or refuse to pay the same, it shall be lawful for such Collector or Person, in his own Person, or taking such Assistance as he shall think necessary, to stop and prevent the Passage of any Person so neglecting or refusing as aforesaid, or of the Beast, Cattle, or Carriage for or in respect of which the said Tolls ought to be paid, until full Payment thereof; or to seize and distrain any Horse or other Beast or Cattle, together with their Bridles, Saddles, Gears, (except the Bridle or Rein by which such Horse or other Beast or Cattle shall be guided or restrained,) Harness, or Accoutrement, or any Carriage drawn by any such Horse or other Beast or Cattle; and if such Tolls and the reasonable Charges of such Seizure shall not be paid within the Space of Three Days after such Seizure made, the Collector or Person so seizing shall and may sell the Horse or other Beast or Cattle, Carriage or Thing so seized, or any Part thereof, returning the Overplus (if any) and so much of such Carriage or Thing as shall remain unsold, upon Demand, to the Owner thereof, after such Tolls and all reasonable Charges occasioned by such Seizure and Sale shall be deducted.

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Disputes concerning Tolls may be settled by Justices of the Peace.

IX. And be it further enacted, That in case any Dispute shall arise respecting the demanding or taking or the Payment of any Toll or Account of any Toll due, or the Charges of keeping or selling any Distress, it shall be lawful for the Person distraining to retain such Distress, or the Money arising from the Sale thereof (as the Case may be), until the Amount of the Toll due, and the Charges of keeping and selling the Distress, and all Matters in dispute, shall be heard and determined by some Justice of the Peace for the County of *Norfolk* or the Borough of *Great Yarmouth* aforesaid, within their respective Jurisdictions, who, upon Application made to him for that Purpose, shall examine the Matter upon Oath of the Parties or other Witnesses (which Oath every such Justice is hereby empowered to administer), and shall determine the Amount of the Toll and Charges due, and other Matters in dispute between the Parties, and may also award such Costs to be paid by either Party to the other, as to such Justice shall seem just and reasonable; all which Costs, in case the same shall not be forthwith paid, shall and may be levied and recovered by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of the Person or Persons so awarded to pay the same, by Warrant under the Hand and Seal of such Justice (which Warrant every such Justice is hereby empowered to issue); and the Overplus (if any), after Payment of such Costs, and the Costs of such Distress or Sale, shall be returned, upon Demand, to the Person or Persons whose Goods and Chattels shall have been so distrained and sold.

Exemptions from Tolls.

X. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That no Toll shall be demanded or taken for any Horses or Carriages belonging to His Majesty, or attending any of the Royal Family, or returning after having so attended; or for any Beast, Cattle, or Carriage, of whatever Description, to be employed in conveying or guarding Mails of Letters and Expresses under the Authority of His Majesty's Postmaster General, either when employed in conveying or guarding such Mails or Expresses, or in returning back from carrying or guarding the same; or for any Soldiers upon their March or upon Duty, or for any Beast, Cattle, or Carriage attending them with their Arms or Baggage, or returning after having been so employed; nor for any Carriage whatsoever, or the Beast or Cattle drawing the same, which shall be employed in conveying any Ordnance, Barrack, or Commissariat, or other Public Stores of or belonging to His Majesty, or to and for the Use of His Majesty's Forces; or for any Volunteers upon their March or upon Duty, or in going to or returning from the Place appointed for and on the Days of Exercise; or for any Horse or Cattle furnished by or for or belonging to any Corps of Yeomanry or Volunteer Cavalry, and ridden by them in going to or returning from the Place appointed for and on the Days of Exercise, provided that such Persons be dressed in the Uniforms of their respective Corps, and have their Arms and Furniture and Accoutrements according to the Regulations provided for such Corps respectively at the Time of claiming such Exemptions; or for any Horse or other Beast or Cattle drawing any Coach, Berlin, Landau, Chariot, Calash, Chair, or other Carriage, or Passenger on Horseback, going to or returning from any Election of a Knight or Knights of the Shire to serve in Parliament for the

County of *Norfolk*, on the Day or Days of such Election, or on the Day before or the Day after such Election shall begin or be concluded; or for any Beast, Cattle, or Carriage travelling with Vagrants sent by legal Passes, or with any Prisoners sent by legal Warrant, or returning empty after having been so employed; or for any Watermen, Bargemen, Boatmen, or the Driver of any Horse employed in navigating or hauling any Barge, Boat, or other Vessel along the said River *Bure*, going over the said Bridge for the Purpose of changing or passing the Lines of such Barge, Boat, or other Vessel, or for any other necessary Purpose connected with the Safety of such Barge, Boat, or other Vessel; and if any Person shall claim and take the Benefit of any of the Exemptions of this Act granted, not being entitled to the same, every such Person or Persons shall forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Ten Shillings for every such Offence.

Power to diminish Tolls.

XI. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said *Robert Cory*, or the Owner or Owners, Proprietor or Proprietors of the said Bridge, from Time to Time to lower or reduce all or any of the Tolls, and again to raise the same to such Sum or Sums as he, she, or they shall think proper, not exceeding the Sums herein-before mentioned.

Bridge to be public upon Payment of Tolls.

XII. And be it further enacted, That after the said Bridge shall have been completed the same shall be a Public Bridge, and all Persons whosoever shall have free Liberty (upon Payment of the Tolls by this Act granted) to pass over the same, without any Interruption whatsoever.

Bridge not a County Bridge.

XIII. And be it further enacted, That the said Bridge shall not be adjudged to be a County Bridge, or to subject the said County of *Norfolk* to the repairing the same.

Penalty on forcibly passing, or taking off Horses, &c.

XIV. And be it further enacted, That if any Person shall forcibly attempt to pass over the said Bridge or through any of the said Toll Gates or Turnpikes, without having paid the said Tolls, or shall assault, interrupt, or obstruct any Person employed in the Collection of the said Tolls, or shall take off or cause to be taken off any Horse or other Beast from any Carriage at or near to the said Bridge or Toll Houses, and, after having passed the said Toll Houses, put on or add to the same, and shall thereby evade or endeavour to evade the Payment of any Part of the said Tolls, or shall forge, counterfeit, or utter any Note or Ticket with Intent to evade the Payment of any Part of the said Tolls, every Person so offending shall forfeit and pay a Sum not exceeding Forty Shillings for every such Offence.

Lamps to be lighted at Toll Houses.

XV. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said *Robert Cory*, or the Owner or Owners, Proprietor or Proprietors for the Time being of the said Bridge, and he and they is and are hereby required from Time to Time to order and direct One or more Lamp or Lamps to be placed and erected on or against or in front of each and every of the Toll Houses to be erected by virtue of this Act, and also to order and direct at what Time of the Year and during what

Hours such Lamps shall be kept lighted; and the Collector or Collectors of the Tolls to be employed at such Toll House or Toll Houses, neglecting or omitting to observe and fulfil the Orders of the said *Robert Cory*, or the Owner or Owners, Proprietor or Proprietors for the Time being of the said Bridge, in respect to the keeping and lighting of such Lamps, shall forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Ten Shillings for every Neglect or Omission; and if any Person shall wilfully break, throw down, or destroy any of the said Lamps, or any of the Lamp Posts or Irons, or take the Oil or let off the Gas from or extinguish the Lamps, or either of them, every Person so offending shall (over and above the Damages occasioned thereby) forfeit and pay the Sum of Twenty Shillings for every such Offence.

Penalty on Collectors permitting Carriages to pass without paying Toll &c.

XVI. And be it further enacted, That if any Collector or other Person authorized or appointed to collect the Tolls on the said Bridge shall permit or suffer any Person, Beast, Cattle, or Carriage to pass over the said Bridge, through any Toll Gate at which such Collector or other Person shall be stationed, without paying the Toll payable, or shall be guilty of any other Misconduct in his or her Office, such Collector or other Person so offending, and being thereof convicted before any Justice or Justices, shall forfeit any Sum not exceeding Forty Shillings for every such Offence.

Collectors to put up their Names on a Board.

XVII. And be it further enacted, That every Collector of the said Tolls shall and he is hereby required to place his Christian and Surname, painted on a Board in legible Characters, in the Front or on some other conspicuous Part of the Toll House or Toll Gate immediately on his coming on Duty, each of the Letters of such Name or Names to be at least One Inch in Length, and of a Breadth in proportion, and painted either in White Letters on a Black Ground, or in Black Letters on a White Ground, and shall continue the same so placed during the whole Time he shall be on Duty; and if any Collector of the said Tolls shall not place such Board as aforesaid, and continue the same there during the Time he shall be such Collector as aforesaid; or shall demand or take a greater or less Toll from any Person than he shall be authorized to do by virtue of the Powers of this Act, or of any Order or Direction of the said *Robert Cory*, or of the Owner or Owners, Proprietor or Proprietors for the Time being of the said Bridge, made in pursuance of this Act; or shall demand or take a Toll from any Person, or for or in respect of any Beast or Cattle or any Carriage, which shall be exempt from the Payment thereof (and Exception wherefrom shall be claimed); or shall refuse to permit or suffer, or shall not permit any Person to read, or shall in anywise hinder any Person from reading the Inscription on such Board; or shall refuse to tell his Christian or Surname to any Person who shall demand the same, and who shall have paid the said Tolls or any of them, or shall in answer to such Demands give a false Name or Names; or shall refuse or neglect to give a Ticket denoting the Payment of the Toll, and having named and specified therein the Gate freed; or upon the legal Toll being paid or tendered, shall unnecessarily detain or wilfully obstruct, hinder, or prevent any Passenger from passing through any Turnpike or Toll Gate; or shall make use of any scurri-

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lous or abusive Language to any Traveller or Passenger; then and in every such Case every such Toll Collector shall forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Forty Shillings for every such Offence.

Collector to deliver Possession of Toll Houses, &c.

XVIII. And be it further enacted, That if any Collector or Receiver of the said Tolls who shall be discharged from his Office by the said *Robert Cory*, or by the Owner or Owners, Proprietor or Proprietors for the Time being of the said Bridge, or the Wife or Widow, or any of the Children, Family, or other Representatives of any Collector or Receiver who shall die or be discharged, or any other Person who may have the Possession of any Toll House or Building, or any Appurtenances thereto, to be erected, set up, or used by virtue of this Act, shall neglect or refuse to deliver up the Possession thereof for the Space of Three Days after Demand thereof made, by Notice in Writing signed by the said *Robert Cory*, or the Owner or Owners, Proprietor or Proprietors for the Time being of the said Bridge, for that Purpose given to such Collector or Receiver or other Person, or left at any such Toll House, Building, or Premises, then and in every of the said Cases it shall be lawful for any Justice of the Peace for the County of *Norfolk* or for the Borough of *Great Yarmouth* (within their respective Jurisdictions), by Warrant under his Hand and Seal, to order a Constable or other Peace Officer, with such Assistance as shall be necessary, to enter such Toll House and Premises in the Day-time, and to remove the Persons who shall be found therein, together with their Goods, out of such House, and to put the said *Robert Cory*, or other the Owner or Owners, Proprietor or Proprietors of the said Bridge, or the newly-appointed Collector, into the Possession thereof.

For removing Annoyances.

XIX. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said *Robert Cory*, or for the Owner or Owners, Proprietor or Proprietors for the Time being of the said Bridge, or for any Steward, Surveyor, or Agent to be appointed by him, her, or them, and such Persons as he, she, or they shall respectively appoint, from Time to Time to remove and prevent all Obstructions, Annoyances, and Encroachments on the said Bridge, or on or by the Side or Sides of any Part of the said Bridge, or the said Approaches or Communications, by any Erection whatsoever, by Timber or Carriages, or by Sawpits, Hovels, Ashes, Rubbish, Muck, Lime, Sand, or otherwise, or by laying, setting, or placing any Boats, Goods, Wares, and Merchandizes, or other Matters or Things, in or upon or near the said Bridge, or within Ten Feet of the said Bridge; and to turn any Watercourses Sinks, or Drains running into, along, or out of the said Approaches to the Prejudice thereof; and to open, scour, and cleanse any Watercourses or Ditches adjoining to the said Communications, and make the same as deep and as large as he, she, or they may think proper and necessary, in case the Owners or Proprietors of the Premises shall neglect to open, scour, or cleanse such Watercourses or Ditches, or remove such other Annoyances, for the Space of Three Days next after Notice in Writing given for that Purpose by the said *Robert Cory*, or the Owner or Owners, Proprietors or Proprietors for the Time being of the said Bridge, or their Clerk or Surveyor for the Time being, the

the Charges thereof, to be settled by some Justice of the Peace for the said County of *Norfolk* or for the said Borough of *Great Yarmouth*, within their respective Jurisdictions, and which Charges the said Justices are hereby respectively authorized and required to settle accordingly, shall be reimbursed to the said *Robert Cory*, or the Owner or Owners, Proprietor or Proprietors for the Time being of the said Bridge, by such Owners or Occupiers, the same to be recovered in such Manner as Penalties and Forfeitures are hereafter directed to be recovered; and if after the Removal of any of the said Annoyances any Person shall again offend in the same Manner, every Person shall forfeit and pay a Sum not exceeding Forty Shillings for every such Offence.

For preventing Nuisances on the Bridge and Approaches.

XX. And be it further enacted, That if any Person shall ride upon any Footpath by the Side of the said Bridge, or of any of the said Communications, and set apart for the Accommodation of Foot Passengers, or shall lead or drive any Horse, Ass, Mule, Swine, Cattle or Carriage of any Description, or run or carry thereon any Wheelbarrow, Truck, Sledge, or any single Wheel of any Waggon, Cart, or Carriage apart therefrom, or roll any Cask or Tub upon any such Footpath, or shall cause any Injury or Damage to be done to the same, or the Walls, Posts, Rails, or Fences thereof; or if any Person having the Care of any Float, Raft, Boat, Barge, Wherry, Keel, or other Vessel which shall be navigated in and upon the said River *Bure*, or any other Person, shall fasten any such Raft, Boat, Barge, Wherry, Keel, or Vessel to the said Bridge or any Part thereof, or so near to the Sides thereof as by the changing of the Tide such Raft, Boat, Barge, Wherry, Keel, or other Vessel may swing against the said Bridge or any Part thereof, or shall pass a Line over the said Bridge, to the Annoyance or Hindrance of Passengers, Carriages, or Cattle going over the same, or shall stick any Quant or Boat-hook into any Part of the said Bridge, or the Quay Heads or Banks next adjoining thereto, or shall haul or draw, or shall cause to be hauled or drawn, upon any Part of such Bridge or Communications, any Timber, Stone, or other Thing whatsoever, other than upon wheeled Carriages, or shall suffer any Timber, Stone, or other Thing which shall be carried principally or in part upon wheeled Carriages to drag or trail upon such Bridge or Communications to the Damage thereof, or shall in or upon such Bridge or Communications, or by the Side or Sides thereof, or in any Situation near thereto, kill, slaughter, singe, scald, burn, dress, or cut up any Beast, Swine, Calf, Lamb, or other Cattle; or if any Person driving any Horse or other Beast on the said Bridge or Communications, carrying any Iron Bar or Rod, Basket or Pannier, or any other Matter or Thing, shall place such Iron Bar or Rod, Basket or Pannier, Matter or Thing, so that the same or any of them shall project more than Two Feet from the Side of such Horse or other Beast, or so as in any Manner to obstruct or impede the Passage of any Person, or any Horse, Beast, or Carriage travelling along the said Bridge or Communications; or if any Hawker, Higgler, Gipsy, or other Person travelling with any Machine, Vehicle, Cart, or other Carriage, with or without any Horse, Mule, or Ass, shall pitch any Tent, Booth, Stall, or Stand, or shall encamp or light any Fire upon or by the Sides of any

any Part of the said Bridge or Communications; or if any Blacksmith or other Person occupying a Blacksmith's Shop, situate near the said Bridge or Communications, and having any Window fronting the same or any Part thereof, shall not by good and close Shutters every Evening after Dusk bar and prevent the Light from such Shop shining into or upon the said Bridge or Communications; or if any Person shall make or assist in making any Bonfires, or shall set fire to or wantonly let off or throw any Squib, Rocket, Serpent, or other Firework, within Fifty Yards of the Centre of any Part of the said Bridge or Communications; or bait, or run for the Purpose of baiting, any Bull, or play at Football, Tennis, Fives, Cricket, or any other Game upon such Bridge or Communications, or on the Side or Sides thereof, or in any exposed Situation near thereto; or if any Person shall leave any Waggon, Wain, Cart, or other Carriage upon such Bridge or Communications, or on the Sides thereof, without some proper Person in the sole Custody or Care thereof, or longer than may be necessary to load and unload the same (except in Cases of Accident), or shall not place such Waggon, Wain, Cart, or other Carriage during the Time of loading or unloading the same, or of taking Refreshment, as near to one Side of the said Bridge or Communications as conveniently may be, either with or without any Horse or Beast of Draught harnessed or yoked thereto, or shall wilfully obstruct the Passage of any Passenger or any Carriage or Cattle or Beast thereon; or shall lay any Boat, Timber, Hay, Stone, Straw, Dung, Manure, Soil, Ashes, Rubbish, or other Matter or Thing whatsoever, upon such Bridge or Communications, to the Prejudice, Annoyance, Interruption, or personal Danger of any Person travelling thereon; or if the Driver of any Waggon, Cart, or other Carriage shall, on the said Bridge or Communications, ride on the Shafts or in or upon any Part of such Waggon, Cart, or other Carriage, without Reins, or on any of the Horses or Cattle drawing the same; or if any Person riding any Horse or Beast, or driving any Sort of Carriage, shall ride or drive the same furiously so as to endanger the Life or Limb of any Passenger; or if the Driver of any Sort of Carriage whatsoever, meeting any other Carriage, shall not keep his or her Carriage on the left or near Side of the Way, or shall in any Manner wilfully prevent any other Person from passing him or her in any Carriage under his or her Care on the said Bridge or Communications, or by Negligence or Misbehaviour prevent, hinder, or interrupt the free Passage of any Carriage, or annoy any of His Majesty's Subjects on the said Bridge or Communications, or shall suffer any Stage Coach, Diligence, Post Chaise, or other Carriage let to Hire, to remain longer than may be necessary for the taking up or setting down of any Passenger; every Person offending in any of the Cases aforesaid, or the Owner or Proprietor of any such Horse, Cattle, Carriage, Goods, Matter, or Thing (as the Case may be), in any Instance in which the Party actually offending cannot be found, shall for each and every such Offence forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Forty Shillings over and above the Damages occasioned by any such Act; and it shall be lawful for any Officer appointed by virtue of this Act, or for any Constable, to take away and remove any of the before-mentioned Obstructions and

Nuisances, in case the Party occasioning the same shall not remove the same within a reasonable Time after having been required so to do by any Person whomsoever.

Cattle found straying on the Road or Bridge to be impounded.

XXI. And be it further enacted, That if any Beast or Cattle of any Kind shall at any Time be found wandering, straying, or lying on the said Bridge or Communications, it shall be lawful for the Surveyor of the said *Robert Cory*, or the Owner or Owners, Proprietor or Proprietors for the Time being of the said Bridge, or any other Person or Persons whomsoever, to seize and impound every such Beast or Cattle in the Common Pound of the Hundred, Parish, Township, Tithing, or Place where the same shall be, or in such other Place within the said Parish of *Runham* as the said *Robert Cory*, or the Owner or Owners, Proprietor or Proprietors for the Time being of the said Bridge, shall appoint, in the Parish of *Runham*, and the same there to detain until the Owner or Owners thereof shall for every and each Beast or Cattle so impounded pay the Sum of Five Shillings to the Person impounding the same, together with the reasonable Charges and Expences of impounding and keeping the same; and in case the said Penalty, Charges, and Expences shall not be paid within Three Days next after such impounding, it shall be lawful for the said *Robert Cory*, or the Owner or Owners, Proprietor or Proprietors for the Time being of the said Bridge, to sell or cause to be sold every such Beast or Cattle; and the Money arising from such Sale, after deducting the said Penalty, and Charges and Expences of impounding, keeping, and selling every such Beast or Cattle, shall be paid, on Demand, to the Person whose Property the same shall appear to have been.

Penalty on Persons guilty of Poundbreach or Rescue.

XXII. And be it further enacted, That in case any Person shall release or attempt to release any Beast or Cattle, which shall have been seized for the Purpose of being impounded under the Authority of this Act, from the Pound or Place where the same shall be so impounded, or shall pull down, damage, or destroy the same Pound or Place, or any Part thereof, or any Lock or Bolt belonging thereto, or with which the same shall be fastened; or shall rescue or release, or attempt to rescue or release, any Distress or Levy which shall be made under the Authority of this Act, until or before such Beast or Cattle seized or so impounded, or such Distress or Levy so made, shall be discharged by due Course of Law; every Person so offending shall, upon Conviction thereof before some or one of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the County of *Norfolk* or Borough of *Great Yarmouth*, within their respective Jurisdictions, either upon the Confession of the Party or Parties offending, or upon the Oath of some credible Witness (and which Oath the said Justice or Justices is or are hereby authorized and empowered to administer), be committed by such Justice or Justices, by Warrant under his or their Hand and Seal, to the Common Gaol or House of Correction of the County of *Norfolk* or the Borough of *Great Yarmouth* aforesaid, there to remain without Bail or Mainprize for any Time not exceeding Three Calendar Months.

XXIII. And

Penalty on evading Tolls.

XXIII. And be it further enacted, That after the said Bridge shall have been completed, if any Person shall in any Manner convey any Person, Beast, or Cattle, or any Cart or Carriage whatsoever, across the said River *Bure*, within the Limits of the present Ferry, otherwise than over the said Bridge, or shall be in anywise aiding or assisting therein, in order or with an Intent to evade, or by Means whereof shall be evaded, the Payment of any Toll hereby granted, every Person so offending shall forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Forty Shillings for every such Offence.

For preventing wilful Damage to Bridge.

XXIV. And be it further enacted, That if any Person shall wilfully or maliciously damage the said Bridge or any Part thereof, or any Toll Gate, Turnpike, or Toll House belonging thereunto, or shall wilfully or maliciously, or without Authority from the said *Robert Cory*, or the Owner or Owners, Proprietor or Proprietors for the Time being of the said Bridge, remove or take away any Works, Materials, or Things thereunto belonging, or in any way direct or procure the same to be done, or shall be aiding or assisting therein, whereby the said Bridge or the Works thereto belonging may be injured, every Person so offending shall for every such Offence forfeit and pay any Sum not less than Forty Shillings nor exceeding Ten Pounds, and shall also pay and defray the Amount of the Damage so done as aforesaid, and the Value of the Materials or Things so taken therefrom, and the Expence of replacing the same; the Amount of which Damage and Expence shall and may be recovered in the same Manner as any Penalty or Forfeiture may be recovered under this Act.

Owners of Vessels liable for Damage.

XXV. And be it further enacted, That in case any Damage or Mischief shall be done to the said Bridge, or to any of the Works which shall be constructed in pursuance of this Act, by any Ship, Lighter, Barge, Boat, Keel, Wherry, or other Vessel, or any Float or Raft, through the Mismanagement, Carelessness, or Negligence of any Person having the Management, Care, or Command of any such Ship, Lighter, Barge, Boat, Keel, Wherry, or other Vessel, Float or Raft, or any of the Person or Persons employed therein, then and in every such Case the Owner or Owners of such Ship, Lighter, Barge, Boat, Keel, Wherry, or other Vessel, Float or Raft, shall be and is and are hereby declared to be answerable to the said *Robert Cory*, or other the Owner or Owners, Proprietor or Proprietors of the said Bridge, for the Amount of such Damage or Mischief; and such Amount (provided it shall not exceed the Sum of Fifty Pounds), if not forthwith paid and satisfied, shall and may be recovered in the same Manner as any Penalty or Forfeiture hereby imposed may by this Act be recovered.

Owners to recover from Servants.

XXVI. And be it further enacted, That in case the Owner or Owners of any such Ship, Lighter, Barge, Boat, Keel, Wherry, or other Vessel, or of any Float or Raft, shall be compelled to pay any Penalty or to make Satisfaction for any Damages by reason of any Neglect

Neglect or Default done or committed by his, her, or their Servants, or any of them, such Servants, and each and every of them, shall be liable to repay such Penalty or Damages, with the Costs thereof, to such Owner or Owners; and in case of Nonpayment upon Demand thereof, and Oath made by such Owner or Owners of the Payment made by him, her, or them, of such Penalty, Satisfaction, or Damages, and that the same and the Costs thereof have not been repaid to him, her, or them, by such Servants, although demanded, such Oath to be made before some Justice of the Peace for the County of *Norfolk* or Borough of *Great Yarmouth*, within their respective Jurisdictions, in which such Penalty or Satisfaction shall have been paid or recovered, the Amount thereof, provided the same shall not exceed the Sum of Fifty Pounds, shall be recovered in the same Manner as any Penalty is hereby directed to be recovered.

Power for Collectors to detain unknown Persons guilty of Offences.

XXVII. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for any Collector or Agent, and for all and every other Persons and Person whomsoever, and they are hereby required, without any other Authority than this Act, to seize and detain any Person or Persons, to him or them unknown, who shall be seen by such Collector, Agent, or other Person or Persons, to commit any Offence against this Act, and forthwith to convey him, her, or them before some Justice of the Peace for the County of *Norfolk* or Borough of *Great Yarmouth*; and such Justice is hereby required to act with respect to such Offender or Offenders according to the Provisions of this Act.

Collectors not incompetent Evidence.

XXVIII. And be it further enacted, That in case of any Information, Complaint, Dispute, Suit, or Litigation touching or in anywise relating to the said Tolls, or to any Offence committed against this Act, the Person or Persons appointed to collect such Tolls, or other Person or Persons acting under the Authority of the said *Robert Cory*, or the Owner or Owners, Proprietor or Proprietors of the said Bridge for the Time being, shall not on that Account or by reason thereof be incompetent to give Evidence therein.

Witnesses to be compelled to attend.

XXIX. And be it further enacted, That if any Person who shall be summoned as a Witness to give Evidence before any Justice of the Peace respecting any Matter of Fact relating to any Information or Complaint for any Offence against this Act, either on the Part of the Prosecutor or of the Person or Persons accused, shall, after a reasonable Sum for his or her Costs and Charges shall have been tendered or paid to him or her, refuse or neglect to appear at the Place and Time by such Summons appointed, without a reasonable Excuse for such Refusal or Neglect, it shall be lawful for such Justice, on Proof of such Summons having been served, to issue his Warrant under his Hand and Seal to bring such Person before him; and if on Appearance, or on being brought before any Justice or Justices, such Person or Persons shall refuse to be examined on Oath, or, being a professed Quaker, on solemn Affirmation, concerning the Premises, without having some just Cause for such Neglect or Refusal, such

Person shall forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Five Pounds for every such Offence.

Recovery and Application of Penalties.

XXX. And be it further enacted, That all Fines, Penalties, and Forfeitures inflicted or imposed by this Act (the Manner of levying and recovering whereof is not hereby particularly directed) may, in case of Nonpayment thereof, be recovered in a summary Way by the Order and Adjudication of some Justice or Justices of the Peace for the County of *Norfolk* or for the Borough of *Great Yarmouth*, within their respective Jurisdictions, on Complaint to him or them for that Purpose exhibited, and afterwards be levied, as well as the Costs of such Proceedings, on Nonpayment, by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of the Offender or respective Offenders, or Person or Persons liable to pay the same, by Warrant under the Hand and Seal or Hands and Seals of such respective Justice or Justices, who is and are hereby authorized and required to summon and examine Witnesses upon Oath of and concerning such Offences, Matters, and Things, and to hear and determine the same; and the Overplus (if any) of the Money raised or recovered, after discharging, the Fine, Penalty, or Forfeiture for which such Warrant shall have been issued, and the Costs and Expences of recovering and levying the same, shall be rendered to the Owner or Owners of the Goods and Chattels so seized and distrained; and one Moiety of the Penalties and Forfeitures when recovered shall be paid to the Informer, and the other Moiety shall be paid to the said *Robert Cory*, or to the Owner or Owners, Proprietor or Proprietors of the said Bridge for the Time being; and in case such Penalties and Forfeitures shall not be forthwith paid, it shall be lawful for the said Justice and Justices to order the Offender so convicted to be detained in safe Custody until Return can conveniently be made to such Warrant or Warrants of Distress, unless the said Offender or Offenders shall give sufficient Security, to the Satisfaction of such Justice or Justices, on such Day or Days as shall be appointed for the Return of such Warrant or Warrants of Distress, such Day or Days not being more than Three Days from the Time of taking any such Security, and which Security the said Justice or Justices is and are hereby empowered to take by way of Recognizance or otherwise; but if upon the Return of such Warrant or Warrants it shall appear that no sufficient Distress can be had whereupon to levy the said Penalty or Penalties and such Costs as aforesaid, and the same shall not be forthwith paid, or in case it shall appear to the Satisfaction of any Justice or Justices, upon the Confession of the Offender or Offenders or otherwise, that he, she, or they have or hath not sufficient Goods and Chattels whereupon such Penalties, Forfeitures, Costs, and Expences could be levied if a Warrant of Distress should be issued, such Justice or Justices shall not be required to issue such Warrant of Distress; and thereupon it shall be lawful for such Justice or Justices, and he and they is and are hereby required and empowered, by Warrant or Warrants under his Hand and Seal or their Hands and Seals, to commit such Offender or Offenders to any Common Gaol or House of Correction of the County of *Norfolk* or for the Borough of *Great Yarmouth*, there to remain without Bail or Mainprize

Mainprize for any Time not exceeding Three Months, unless such Penalty, and all Costs and Charges incident to and attending such Proceedings as aforesaid (to be ascertained by such Justice or Justices), shall be sooner paid or discharged.

Justices may proceed by Summons to recover Penalties.

XXXI. And be it further enacted, That in all Cases in which by this Act any Penalty or Forfeiture is made recoverable by Information before any Justice of the Peace, it shall be lawful for the Justice of the Peace before whom Complaint shall be made for any Offence committed against this Act to summon the Party complained against before him, and on such Summons to hear and determine the Matter of such Complaint, and on Proof of the Offence to convict the Offender, and to adjudge him to pay the Penalty or Forfeiture incurred, and to proceed in the Recovery of the same, although no Information in Writing shall have been exhibited or taken before such Justice; and all such Proceedings by Summons without Information in Writing shall be as good, valid, and effectual to all Intents and Purposes as if an Information in Writing had been exhibited.

Damages and Charges, in case of Dispute, to be settled by Justices.

XXXII. And be it further enacted, That where any Damages or Charges are directed or authorized to be paid or recovered, in addition to any Penalty for any Offence in this Act mentioned, the Amount of such Damages or Charges, in case of Dispute respecting the same, shall be settled and determined by the Justice or Justices of the Peace by or before whom any Offender shall be convicted of any such Offence, who is hereby authorized and required, on Nonpayment thereof, to levy such Damages by Distress and Sale of the Offender's Goods and Chattels, in manner by this Act directed for the levying of any Penalties or Forfeitures.

Form of Conviction.

XXXIII. And, for the more easy and speedy Conviction of Offenders against this Act, be it further enacted, That all and every Justice and Justices of the Peace before whom any Person shall be convicted of any Offence against this Act shall or may cause the Conviction to be drawn up in the following Form of Words, or in any other Form of Words to the same Effect; (that is to say,)

'BE it remembered, That on the Day of in the Year of our Lord *A. B.* is convicted before me *C. D.* [*or* before us *C. D.* and *E. F.*] [*or as the Case may be*] of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the said County [*or* Borough, *as the Case may be*], for [*here specify the Offence, and when and where committed,*] contrary to an Act passed in the Seventh and Eighth Years of the Reign of King *George* the Fourth, intituled [*here insert the Title of this Act*]; for which Offence I [*or* we] adjudge the said *A. B.* to have forfeited the Sum of . Given under my Hand and Seal [*or* our Hands and Seals], the Day and Year first above written.'

Distress not unlawful for Want of Form.

XXXIV. And be it further enacted, That where any Distress shall be made by virtue of this Act, the Distress itself shall not be deemed unlawful, nor shall the Party or Parties making the same be deemed a Tres-

a Trespasser or Trespassers, on account of any Defect or Want of Form in the Summons, Conviction, Warrant, or Distress, or in the Appointment of the Officer or Officers, or in any Proceeding relating thereto; nor shall the Party or Parties be deemed a Trespasser or Trespassers *ab initio* on account of any Irregularity which shall be afterwards committed in making the Distress.

Appeal.

XXXV. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That if any Person or Persons shall think himself, herself, or themselves aggrieved by any Order, Judgment, or Determination of any Justice or Justices relating to this Act, or any Matter or Thing therein mentioned, such Person or Persons may appeal to the Justices of the Peace at the next General or Quarter Sessions to be holden for the County, Borough, or Place wherein the Cause of Appeal shall have arisen, unless the same shall arise within Fourteen Days preceding such Sessions, in which Case such Appeal may be brought at the next succeeding Sessions after such Cause shall have arisen; and the said Justices are hereby authorized and required to take cognizance thereof, and to hear and determine such Complaint or Complaints at such General or Quarter Sessions, or if they think proper may adjourn the Hearing thereof to the next General or Quarter Sessions of the Peace to be holden for such County, Borough, or Place, and shall and may, if they see Cause, by Order of such Sessions mitigate at their Discretion all or any of the Penalties or Forfeitures laid upon or incurred by the Party or Parties complaining, or vacate or set aside the Conviction or Convictions, and set the Parties at liberty, or otherwise may ratify or confirm the same, with such Costs as to them in their Discretion shall seem reasonable; and may also levy, by their Order or Warrant, the Costs so awarded, by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of the Person or Persons who shall refuse to pay the same; and for want of sufficient Distress shall and may commit such Person or Persons to the Common Gaol or House of Correction for the County, Borough, or Place where the Cause of Appeal shall have arisen, for any Time not exceeding Three Months, or until Payment of such Costs: Provided always, that the Person or Persons so appealing as aforesaid shall, and he, she, or they are hereby required to give Notice in Writing to the said *Robert Cory*, or the Owner or Owners, Proprietor or Proprietors for the Time being of the said Bridge, of such his, her, or their Intention of bringing or prosecuting such Appeal, Ten Days before the said General or Quarter Sessions, and shall before such Notice given enter into a Recognizance before some Justice or Justices of the Peace where the Cause of Appeal shall have arisen, in the Sum of Twenty Pounds, with Two sufficient Sureties in the Sum of Ten Pounds each, with Condition to prosecute such Appeal, and to pay all Costs in case such Appeal shall be determined against the Party or Parties so appealing.

Proceedings not to be quashed for Want of form.

XXXVI. And be it further enacted, That no Proceedings to be had touching the Conviction of any Offender or Offenders against this Act, or any Order made, or any other Matter or Thing to be done or transacted in or relating to the Execution of this Act, shall be vacated or quashed for Want of Form only, or be removed or removable

movable by Certiorari, or any other Writ or Process whatsoever, into any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster*; any Law or Statute to the contrary notwithstanding.

Persons not to recover in Actions without Notice, &c.

XXXVII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That no Plaintiff shall recover in any Action to be commenced against any Person for any thing done in pursuance of this Act, unless Notice in Writing shall have been given to the Defendant or Defendants, at least Twenty-one Days before such Action shall be commenced, of such intended Action, or signed by the Attorney of the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs, specifying the Cause of such Action; nor shall the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs recover in any such Action if Tender of Amends shall have been made to him, her, or them, or to his, her, or their Attorney, by or on behalf of the Defendant or Defendants, before such Action brought; and in case no Tender be made, it shall be lawful for the Defendant or Defendants in any such Action (by Leave of the Court), at any Time before Issue joined, to pay into Court such Sum or Sums of Money as he, she, or they shall think proper, whereupon such Proceedings, Orders, and Judgments shall be made and given in and by such Court as is or shall be practised in Courts of Law in which Actions the Defendants are allowed to pay Money into Court.

Limitation of Actions.

XXXVIII. And be it further enacted, That no Action or Suit shall be brought against any Person or Persons, Body or Bodies, for any thing done in pursuance of this Act, after Six Calendar Months next after the Cause of Action shall have arisen; and every such Action or Actions shall be laid and brought in the County or Place where the Cause of Action shall have arisen, and not elsewhere; and the Defendant or Defendants in every such Action or Suit may, at their, his, or her Election, either plead specially, or plead the General Issue, and give this Act and the special Matter in Evidence at any Trial to be had thereupon, and that the same was done in pursuance and by the Authority of this Act; and if it shall appear to have been so done, or that such Action or Suit was brought without Twenty-one Days Notice thereof having been given as aforesaid, after Tender of Amends as aforesaid, or after the Time limited for bringing the same, or that the same was brought in any other County, Borough, or Place than as aforesaid, then and in any Case the Jury shall find a Verdict for the Defendant or Defendants; and upon such Verdict, or if the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs shall be nonsuited, or suffer a Discontinuance of his, her, or their Action or Suit after the Defendant or Defendants shall have appeared, or if upon Demurrer Judgment shall be given against the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs, the Defendant or Defendants shall and may recover Treble Costs, and shall have the like Remedy for the same as any Defendant or Defendants hath or have for the Costs of Suit in other Cases by Law.

Bridge to be completed within Seven Years.

XXXIX. And be it further enacted, That if the said Bridge and Communications shall not, within Seven Years from and after the passing of this Act, be completed so as to make the same passable for Horses and Carriages, then and from thenceforth all and every the Powers and Authorities hereby given shall cease and determine to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever.

Public Act.

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

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