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Cap. cxxxiv.

An Act for erecting and maintaining a Bridge across the River *Thames* from *Church Street* in the Parish of *Saint Mary Lambeth* in the County of *Surrey* to the opposite Bank of the said River near *Market Street* in the Parish of *Saint John the Evangelist* within the City and Liberty of *Westminster* in the County of *Middlesex*.

[13th *August* 1836.]

WHEREAS the erecting and maintaining of a Bridge across the River *Thames* at a convenient Place from *Church Street* in the Parish of *Saint Mary Lambeth* in the County of *Surrey* to the opposite Bank of the said River near *Market Street*, *Horseferry Road*, in the Parish of *Saint John the Evangelist* within the City and Liberty of *Westminster* in the County of *Middlesex*, would be of public Utility: But as the same cannot be effected without the Authority of Parliament, 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 *Thomas Bish*, *George Borrodaile*, Lieutenant Colonel *De Lacy Evans*, *Charles Gibbes*, *Harry* Proprietors incorporated.

Dent Goring, Alderman *John Humphery*, *Thomas Barnewell Martin*, *Henry John Rucker*, *David Salomons*, Alderman *William Thompson*, *Isaac Newton Wigney*, *J Hall*, *W W Maunsell*, *Edward Irving*, *John Robertson*, *William Hanham* (*Wimburne*), *John Galpine*, *John Balster*, *Nathan Cairns*, *Thomas Bolton*, *Daniel Willinck*, *William Raskell*, *Colin Campbell*, *Laurence Heyworth*, *Michael Bousfield*, *Richard Tetley*, *Robert Ellison Harvey*, *William Young*, *Devereux Bowley*, *Joseph Smith*, and all and every other Person or Persons who shall at any Time hereafter be a Proprietor or Proprietors of One or more Share or Shares in the said Undertaking as herein-after is mentioned, their respective Successors, Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, shall be and they are hereby united into a Company for the erecting, completing, and maintaining the said intended Bridge under the Regulations herein-after expressed, and shall be One Body Corporate by the Name of "The Metropolitan Suspension Bridge Company," and by that Name shall have perpetual Succession, and shall have a Common Seal, and by that Name shall and may sue and be sued, and shall also have full Power and Authority to purchase and hold Lands and other Hereditaments to them, their Successors and Assigns, for making, erecting, completing, and maintaining the said Bridge and other Purposes, as herein-after mentioned and provided.

Company may raise 150,000*l.*

II. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Company to raise and contribute among themselves any Sum or Sums of Money not exceeding in the whole the Sum of One hundred and fifty thousand Pounds.

The Sum to be subscribed for in 30*l.* Shares, and the Subscribers entitled to the Profits, &c.

III. And be it further enacted, That the said Sum or Sums of Money shall be subscribed in Shares of Thirty Pounds each, which shall be numbered in regular numerical Progression, and every Share shall for ever afterwards be distinguished by the Number to be appointed for the same; and the said Shares are hereby vested in the Bodies Politic, Corporate, or Collegiate, and the Persons by whom the same respectively shall have been subscribed, their respective Successors, Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, and all and every such Body and Bodies, Person and Persons, his and their several and respective Successors, Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, shall be entitled to receive an equal proportionate Part, according to the Money subscribed and paid by them or him respectively, of the Profits and Advantages that may arise from the Tolls, Rates, and Emoluments to be received by the said Company under the Authority of this Act, and shall pay a like proportionate Part (not exceeding the full Amount of their respective Shares subscribed as aforesaid towards the Expences of carrying on the said Undertaking in manner herein-after mentioned.

Shares to be Personal Estate.

IV. And be it further enacted, That the Shares of all Bodies Politic, Corporate, or Collegiate, and other Persons, in the said Undertaking, and in the Tolls and Property of the said Company, shall be deemed Personal Estate, and not of the Nature of Real Property, and shall be transmissible accordingly.

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Application of the Sum raised.

V. And be it further enacted, That the said Sum or Sums of Money to be subscribed as aforesaid shall be applied, in the first place, in discharging the Costs of this Act, and of the Surveys, Plans, and Estimates, and other incidental Expences relating thereto, and then in or towards the making and completing the said Bridge and other Works by this Act directed to be made.

Company empowered to raise a further Sum, if necessary, not exceeding 30,000*l.*

VI. And be it further enacted, That in case the said Sum of One hundred and fifty thousand Pounds herein-before authorized to be raised shall be found insufficient for the Purposes of this Act, then it shall be lawful to and for the said Company to raise and contribute among themselves in manner aforesaid, in Shares of Thirty Pounds each, in such Proportions as to them shall seem meet, or by the Admission of new Subscribers in such Shares as aforesaid, any further Sum or Sums of Money for completing the said Undertaking not exceeding in the whole the Sum of Thirty thousand Pounds; and all Bodies Politic, Corporate, or Collegiate, and other Persons who shall subscribe towards such further Sum or Sums of Money, their respective Successors, Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, shall be Proprietors in the said Undertaking in respect of the Share or Shares therein subscribed by them respectively, and shall be entitled to the like proportionate Part of the Profits and Advantages, and pay a proportionate Part towards the Expences of the said Undertaking, in the same Manner to all Intents and Purposes as if such further Sum or Sums of Money hereby allowed to be subscribed as aforesaid had been Part of the Sum of Money hereby originally authorized to be raised.

Power to raise such further Sum or any Part by Mortgage or Annuities.

VII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That in case the said Company shall be desirous of raising the said Sum of Thirty thousand Pounds, or any Part or Parts thereof, by Mortgage or by granting Annuities, it shall be lawful for the said Company to borrow and take up at Interest all or any Part or Parts of the said Sum of Thirty thousand Pounds, either by way of Mortgage of the said Bridge and the Tolls thereof, or by granting Annuities, to be payable out of the said Tolls during the Life or Lives of the Purchaser or Purchasers thereof, or of any other Person or Persons whom such Purchaser or Purchasers shall nominate, with or without Benefit of Survivorship, and in such Manner as the said Company shall think proper; and the said Company are hereby fully authorized and empowered under their Common Seal to grant or assign over the said Bridge and the Tolls thereof as a Security for any Sum or Sums of Money to be borrowed, with Interest for the same, or for the due and regular Payment of the said Annuity or Annuities to be granted, as to them shall seem meet.

Form of Mortgage.

VIII. And be it further enacted, That every Security to be given for any Sum or Sums of Money to be borrowed by way of Mortgage as aforesaid shall be made in the Words or to the Effect following; (that is to say,)

'BY virtue of an Act passed in the Sixth and Seventh Years of the Reign of His Majesty King *William* the Fourth, intituled *An Act* [*here set forth the Title of this Act*], we, the Metropolitan Suspen-

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'sion Bridge Company, incorporated under and by virtue of the said 'Act, in consideration of the Sum of to us advanced 'by *A. B.* of do hereby grant and convey unto the said '*A. B.*, his [*or* her] Successors, Executors, Administrators, and 'Assigns, the said Bridge, and the Toll House or Toll Houses 'thereunto belonging, and all and singular the Tolls arising by 'virtue of the said Act, and all our Estate, Right, Title, and Interest 'of, in, and to the same, to hold unto the said *A. B.*, his [*or* her] Suc-'cessors, Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, until the said Sum 'of with Interest for the same after the Rate of '*per Centum per Annum*, shall be fully paid and satisfied. Given 'under our Common Seal this Day of in the Year 'of our Lord .'

Money may be borrowed at a lower Rate of Interest to pay off existing Mortgages.

IX. And be it further enacted, That in case the said Company shall at any Time or Times be able to borrow or take up any Sum or Sums of Money at a lower Rate of Interest than shall happen to be payable upon any of the existing original or other Securities which may have been given or made by the said Company by virtue of this Act, it shall be lawful for the said Company from Time to Time to borrow and take up and secure, to be paid with such lower Rate of Interest in manner aforesaid, any Sum or Sums of Money, which shall be applied in paying off and discharging any of the said original or other Mortgages bearing a higher Rate of Interest.

No Mortgagee to be paid off against his Consent without 3 Months Notice.

X. Provided also, and be it further enacted, That no Sum of Money advanced on Mortgage shall be paid off against the Consent of the Body or Bodies Politic, Corporate, or Collegiate, Person or Persons entitled to receive the same, unless Three Calendar Months previous Notice of the Intention to pay off the same, under the Common Seal of the said Company, shall have been given to such Body or Bodies, Person or Persons, or left at his, her, or their last or usual Place or Places of Abode, or advertised in the *London Gazette*.

Form of Grant of Annuity.

XI. And be it further enacted, That every Security to be given for an Annuity to be granted as herein-before is mentioned shall be made in the Words or to the Effect following; (that is to say,)

'BY virtue of an Act passed in the Sixth and Seventh Years of the 'Reign of His Majesty King *William* the Fourth, intituled *An* '*Act, &c.* [*here set forth the Title of this Act*], we, the Metropolitan 'Suspension Bridge Company, incorporated by the said Act, in 'consideration of the Sum of to us paid by *A. B.* of 'do grant unto the said *A. B.*, his [*or* her] Suc-'cessors or Executors, Administrators or Assigns, out of the Tolls 'and Duties of the said Bridge and Undertaking, One Annuity or 'yearly Sum of to be paid and payable to the said '*A. B.*, his [*or* her] Successors or Executors, Administrators or 'Assigns, during the Life of or the Lives of '[*if more than One*], and the Life of the Survivor of them [*as the* '*Case may be*], and a proportionable Part of the said Annuity up to 'the Day of the Decease of or to the Day of the 'Decease of the Survivor of them [*as the Case may be*]. Given 'under

'under our Common Seal this Day of in the
'Year of our Lord .'

For preventing improvident Grants of Annuities.

XII. And for preventing any improvident Grants of Annuities, be it further enacted, That the Amount of every Annuity to be granted by virtue of this Act shall be regulated according to the Price of the Three Pounds *per Centum* Consolidated Bank Annuities at the Time of granting the same, in the Manner and according to the Rate prescribed by Three several Acts, one made in the Forty-eighth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Third, intituled *An Act to enable the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt to grant Life Annuities;* one other in the Forty-ninth Year of His said late Majesty, intituled *An Act to amend an Act passed in the last Session of Parliament, for enabling the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt to grant Life Annuities;* and the other made in the Fifty-second Year of His said Majesty, intituled *An Act for amending Two Acts passed in the Forty-eighth and Forty-ninth Years of His present Majesty, for enabling Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt to grant Life Annuities.*

48 G. 3. c. 142.

49 G. 3. c. 64.

52 G. 3. c. 129.

No Preference in Mortgages and Annuities.

XIII. And be it further enacted, That the several Persons to whom any such Mortgages or any such Grants of such Annuities shall have been made as aforesaid shall be severally entitled, in proportion to the annual Amount of the Interest of the Monies borrowed on Mortgage and the annual Amount of the said Annuities, to the Tolls and Revenues of the said Company, without any Preference by reason of the Priority in Date of any such Security, or any other Account whatever.

Interest on Mortgages and Annuities to be paid half-yearly.

XIV. And be it further enacted, That the Interest of the Money which shall be borrowed on Mortgages as aforesaid, and the several Annuities to be granted as aforesaid, shall be paid half-yearly to the several Parties entitled thereto respectively in preference to any Dividends or Distribution to the Proprietors of the said Company or any of them, and shall be duly provided for and set apart before any such Dividend or Distribution shall be made or declared.

Securities for Mortgages and Annuities to be inserted in the Company's Books.

XV. And be it further enacted, That a Copy of every Security to be made for any Sum of Money borrowed, or for any Annuity as aforesaid, or an Entry or Memorial thereof, containing the Date, Names of the Parties, and Sum of Money paid, and the Amount of the Interest or Annuity, shall be made in a Book or Books to be kept for that Purpose by the Clerk or Clerks to the said Company, which Book or Books shall be perused at all seasonable Times by any of the Proprietors or Creditors of the Company without Fee or Reward; and if any such Clerk shall wilfully refuse to permit any such Proprietor or Creditor to peruse the same he shall forfeit for every such Offence any Sum of Money not exceeding Twenty Pounds, to be recovered in the summary Way herein-after provided.

Mortgages and Annuities may be transferred by

XVI. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the several Persons entitled to any of the Securities for the Money to be borrowed, secured, or raised as aforesaid, and their respective Suc-

Deed duly stamped, in which the Consideration shall be stated.

cessors, Executors, Administrators, or Assigns (as the Case may be), at any Time by Writing under their Hands and Seals to assign and transfer such Securities and all Benefit and Advantage thereof to any Person or Persons whatsoever; and every such Assignment or Transfer shall be by Deed or Indorsement duly stamped, in which the Consideration Money for such Assignment or Transfer shall be stated, and may be in the Words or to the Effect following; (that is to say,)

Form of Transfer.

'I *A. B.* [*or* we, *C.* and *D.*], in consideration of the Sum of paid by *E. F.* of do hereby transfer the within Security, and all my [*or* our] Right, Title, and Interest in and to the same, and all Benefit and Advantage to arise therefrom, unto the said *E. F.* Successors or Executors, Administrators or Assigns. Witness my Hand and Seal [*or* our Hands and Seals, *or* our Common Seal] this Day of in the Year of our Lord .'

Entries of Transfers to be made in the Company's Books.

XVII. And be it further enacted, That every Transfer shall within Thirty Days next after the Date thereof be left with the Clerk or Clerks to the said Company, who shall within Ten Days then next following cause an Entry or Memorial to be made thereof in like Manner as of the original Securities; and after such Entry made, but not before, all Bodies Politic, Corporate, or Collegiate, and Persons to whom such Transfer respectively shall be made, their respective Successors, Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, shall be entitled to the Benefit of such Securities respectively, and the future Payments thereon, and to all Benefit and Advantage thereof; and for the Entry of every such original Security and of every such Transfer the said Clerk or Clerks shall be paid, by the Party to whom such Security or Transfer shall be made, the Sum of Two Shillings and Sixpence, and no more.

Mortgagees and Annuitants not to be considered Proprietors of the Company.

XVIII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That no Body or Bodies Politic, Corporate, or Collegiate, Person or Persons, to whom any Security shall be made or transferred as aforesaid, shall be deemed a Proprietor or Proprietors of the said Company on account of his, her, or their having advanced or paid any Money on the Credit of the said Undertaking and the Tolls thereof as aforesaid.

First General Meeting and Annual Meetings of the Company.

XIX. And be it further enacted, That the First General Meeting of the Proprietors of the said Company for putting this Act in execution shall be held at the *Exchequer Coffee House, Bridge Street, Westminster*, in the County of *Middlesex*, or such other Place within Ten Miles thereof as the Committee of Management hereafter appointed shall direct, upon the Twentieth Day next after the passing of this Act, or within Thirty Days afterwards, or as soon after as conveniently may be, between the Hours of Eleven and Two of the Clock; and that an Annual General Meeting of the said Proprietors of the said Company shall be held on the First *Thursday* in the Month of *September* in every Year, between the Hours of Eleven and Two of the Clock, at such Place or Places as the Committee of Management herein-after appointed for the Time being may direct; and Notice of the First and of every Annual General Meeting shall be given by public

public Advertisement in One or more Newspaper or Newspapers printed or circulated in the said Counties of *Middlesex* and *Surrey* at least Ten Days before the Time to be appointed for holding the same respectively, or in such other Manner as the said Company at their respective General Meetings shall direct; and when no Place or Places shall be appointed for holding any General Meeting the same shall be held at the Place where the last General Meeting was holden.

Special General Meetings may be called.

XX. And be it further enacted, That at any Time it shall be lawful for any Five or more of the Proprietors of the said Company, holding at least Ten Shares each in their own respective Rights, if they shall think necessary, to call a General Meeting of the said Proprietors, to be held at any Place within Ten Miles of the said intended Bridge, by public Advertisement in One or more Newspaper or Newspapers printed or circulated in the said Counties, or in such other Manner as the said Company may at any General Meeting direct, Twenty-one Days at least before the Time to be appointed for holding such Meeting, and in such Notice shall be specified the Reason, Occasion, and Intention of such Special General Meeting, and the Time and Place at which the same shall be held, and the Proprietors of the said Company are hereby authorized to meet pursuant to such Notice.

Meetings may be adjourned.

XXI. And be it further enacted, That any Annual and Special General Meeting may be adjourned from Time to Time and from Place to Place within the Distance of Ten Miles from the said Bridge, as shall be thought expedient, and Notice of such Adjournment shall be given by Advertisement as aforesaid at least Seven Days previously to the Time to be appointed for holding the same.

Regulations as to Business to be done at certain Meetings.

XXII. And be it further enacted, That no Business shall be transacted at any Annual or Special or Adjourned General Meeting unless Twenty-one Proprietors, holding in the Aggregate at least Two hundred Shares, shall assemble and proceed to Business within One Hour from the Time appointed for holding such Meeting; and that no Business shall be transacted at any Special General Meeting besides the Business for which it shall have been called, and no other Business shall be transacted at any Adjourned General Meeting than the Business left unfinished at the Meeting from which such Adjournment shall have taken place.

Proprietors to vote at General Meetings according to their Number of Shares.

XXIII. And be it further enacted, That at every General Meeting of the Proprietors of the said Company every Person being of full Age, and holding Two Shares and less than Five Shares in the said Undertaking, shall be entitled to One Vote, and holding Five Shares and less than Ten Shares to Two Votes, and holding Ten Shares and less than Twenty Shares to Three Votes, and holding Twenty Shares and less than Thirty Shares to Four Votes, and holding Thirty Shares and less than Forty Shares to Five Votes, and holding Forty Shares and less than Fifty Shares to Six Votes, and holding Fifty or more Shares to Seven Votes, and no Person shall be entitled to more than Seven Votes although possessed of more than Fifty Shares; and no Person

Person holding less than Two Shares shall be entitled to any Vote, or be present at any General Meeting of the Proprietors of the said Company.

Corporations entitled to vote by Proxy;

XXIV. And be it further enacted, That any Body Politic, Corporate, or Collegiate holding any Shares in the said Undertaking shall be entitled to the same Vote or Votes in respect thereof as any Person of full Age would have been entitled to; and such Vote or Votes shall be given by a Proxy, to be appointed by Writing under the Seal of such Body respectively.

as also Guardians of Infants, &c.

XXV. And be it further enacted, That if the Holder of any Shares in the said Undertaking shall be an Infant or Lunatic, the Guardian or Guardians of such Infant, or the Committee or Committees of such Lunatic respectively, shall be entitled to the same Vote or Votes in respect of the Shares of such Infant or Lunatic respectively as the Holder thereof respectively would have been entitled to if of full Age and of sane Mind; and such Vote or Votes shall be given by Proxy, to be appointed by Writing under the Hand or Hands of such Guardian or Guardians, Committee or Committees respectively.

Females may vote by Proxy.

XXVI. And be it further enacted, That every Female holding any Shares in the said Undertaking shall be entitled to give the Vote or Votes she may be entitled to in respect thereof by a Proxy appointed by Writing under her Hand.

Form of Appointment of Proxy.

XXVII. And be it further enacted, That the Appointment of every Proxy to vote under and by virtue of this Act shall and may be made in the Form or to the Effect following; (that is to say,)

'I Proprietor, *or* Guardian of
'a Proprietor, of Shares in the Metropolitan Suspension
'Bridge, do hereby nominate, constitute, and appoint
'to be my Proxy, *or* Proxy of the said , in my
'[*or* his *or* her] Name and in my [*or* his *or* her] Absence to vote
'and give my [*or* his *or* her] Assent or Dissent to any Business,
'Matter, or Thing relating to the said Undertaking which shall be
'mentioned or proposed at any Meeting of the said Company, or
'any Adjournment thereof, until I [*or* the said]
'shall revoke this Appointment by Notice in Writing to the Clerk
'of the said Company. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my
'Hand and Seal the Day of .'

Appointments of Proxies to be entered in a Book.

And every such Appointment shall be produced to the Clerk of the said Company, and entered in a Book to be kept by him for that Purpose, before any Vote shall be given in respect of such Appointment, which Book shall be sufficient Authority for any Proxy to give his Vote or Votes, without Production of his Appointment at the Time of voting, until the same is revoked.

Proxies to be Proprietors, and no Proxy to give more than Seven Votes.

XXVIII. Provided always nevertheless, and be it further enacted, That every Proxy shall be a Proprietor of the said Company; and no Proprietor shall give as Proxy more than Seven Votes; and no Vote shall be given by Proxy except for a Female or a Corporation, or

or the Guardian or Guardians of an Infant, or the Committee or Committees of a Lunatic.

After the First General Meeting Proprietors not entitled to vote unless possessed of their Shares Three Months, and have paid up all Calls.

XXIX. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That after the First General Meeting to be held under this Act no Proprietor or Proprietors shall be entitled to vote by Proxy or in Person at any Annual or Special General Meeting of the Proprietors of the said Company, in respect of any Share or Shares, unless his, her, or their Name or Names shall have been entered as the Proprietor or Proprietors of such Shares in the Book herein-before directed to be made for the Space of Three Calendar Months next preceding such Meeting respectively; and no Proprietor or Proprietors shall be entitled, at the First or any other General Meeting, to vote in respect of any Share or Shares, unless he, she, or they be entitled thereto and to the Interest thereof in his, her, or their own Right, and not in the Right or as the Property of any other Person whomsoever, nor unless the Sums of Money from Time to Time to be called for by the Committee of Management for the Time being to be appointed as herein-after directed, and due and payable at or before any such Meeting in respect of all and every the Shares of such Proprietor, and all Arrears thereof, shall have been duly paid to the Treasurer or Treasurers of the said Company.

All Questions to be decided by a Majority of Votes.

XXX. And be it further enacted, That at every General Meeting all Questions shall be decided by a Majority of the Votes given by Members and Proxies present, and not declining to vote, according to their respective Number of Votes; and upon any Difference of Opinion any Proprietor may require such Votes to be taken by Ballot, but no Ballot shall be kept open more than Two Hours.

Chairman to have a casting Vote.

XXXI. And be it further enacted, That at every Annual and Special General Meeting a Chairman shall be appointed by the Proprietors present, and such Chairman shall be entitled to his Vote or Votes as a Proprietor or Proxy, and also in case of an Equality of Votes shall have the casting or deciding Vote; and the Orders and Proceedings of every General Meeting shall be entered in a Book or Books to be kept for that Purpose, and shall be signed by the Chairman; and such Orders and Proceedings, signed as aforesaid, shall be allowed to be read in Evidence in all Courts and Places whatsoever.

General Meetings to elect the Committee of Management.

XXXII. And be it further enacted, That at the Annual General Meeting to be holden on the First *Thursday* in the Month of *September* One thousand eight hundred and thirty-six, at some Adjournment thereof, and at the Annual General Meeting or some Adjournment thereof in every succeeding Year, Five Proprietors of the said Company who shall be entitled to at least Ten Shares each shall be elected to be the Members of the Committee of Management of the said Company in the Room of such Members of the said Committee as shall then go out of Office, as herein-after is mentioned; and it shall be lawful for the said Company to re-elect any Person or Persons entitled as aforesaid, and going out of Office, to be a Member or Members of the said Committee of Management; and it shall not be lawful to elect any other Proprietor than such as shall go

out of Office, unless Notice in Writing either of the Intention of such Proprietor to be a Candidate, signed by him, or of the Intention of some other Proprietor qualified to vote, signed by such other Proprietor, to vote for him, be given to the Secretary of the said Company for the Time being, or left at the Office of the said Company, at least Fourteen Days previously to the Day of Election; and the said Company shall have Power and Authority, at any Special General Meeting convened for that Purpose, to remove any Member or Members of the said Committee of Management nominated and appointed or to be elected by virtue of this Act, and thereupon elect any other Person or Persons in his or their Room or Stead, or at any Time to elect any other Person in the Room or Stead of any Member of the said Committee who may die, or resign, or cease to be a Proprietor in the said Undertaking, or be entitled to Ten Shares therein.

General Meeting to appoint Officers.

XXXIII. And be it further enacted, That any General Meeting may from Time to Time nominate and appoint a Treasurer or Treasurers, Engineer or Engineers, Architect or Architects, Surveyor or Surveyors, Clerk or Clerks, Collector or Collectors, Receiver or Receivers of the Rates and Tolls hereby allowed to be taken, and such other Officers as to them shall seem proper, and from Time to Time remove any such Treasurer or Treasurers, Engineer or Engineers, Architect or Architects, Surveyor or Surveyors, Clerk or Clerks, Receiver or Receivers, or other Officers, or any of them, and nominate and appoint another Person or Persons in his or their Room or Stead in manner aforesaid, and take such Security (if any) from every such Treasurer, Engineer, Surveyor, Architect, Clerk, Collector, or Receiver, or other Officer, for the due Execution of his respective Office, and grant to him respectively such Salary or Compensation as the said Company shall think proper.

Clerk and Treasurer not to be the same Person.

XXXIV. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That it shall not be lawful for any General Meeting or any Committee, in the Event herein-after mentioned, to appoint the Person or Persons who may be appointed the Clerk or Clerks in the Execution of this Act, or the Partner of any such Clerk or Clerks, or the Clerk or Clerks or other Person or Persons in the Service or Employ of any such Clerk or Clerks, the Treasurer or Treasurers for the Purposes of this Act; or to appoint any Person or Persons who has been or may be appointed Treasurer or Treasurers, or the Partner or Partners of any such Treasurer or Treasurers, the Clerk or Clerks to the said Company; and if any Person shall accept both the Offices of Clerk and Treasurer for the Purposes of this Act, or if any Person being the Partner of any such Clerk or Clerks, or the Clerk or Clerks or other Person or Persons in the Service or Employ of any such Clerk or Clerks, shall accept the Office of Treasurer, or being the Partner of any such Treasurer or Treasurers shall accept the Office of Clerk, in the Execution of this Act, or if any such Treasurer shall hold or accept any Place or Office of Profit or Trust under the said Company other than as Treasurer, every such Person so offending shall for every such Offence forfeit and pay the Sum of Five hundred Pounds to any Person who shall sue for the same, to be recovered, with full Costs of Suit, in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster*, by Action of Debt or on

the Case, or by Bill, Suit, or Information, wherein no Essoign, Protection, or Wager of Law, nor more than One Imparlance, shall be allowed.

General Meetings to examine Accounts and declare Dividends;

XXXV. And be it further enacted, That at every Annual General Meeting or some Adjournment thereof all Accounts of Money received, laid out, and disbursed on account of the said Undertaking or any of the Works thereunto belonging by the Treasurers, Receivers, Collectors, Clerk or Clerks, and other Officers, or by any other Person or Persons whomsoever employed by or concerned for or under them in or about the said Undertaking or the Works thereunto belonging, shall be laid before the said Meeting to be audited and settled; and that at such Annual General Meeting or some Adjournment thereof a Dividend or Dividends shall be made out of the Interest, Profits, or Advantage of the said Undertaking, unless such Meeting shall declare otherwise, and a Special General Meeting shall at any Time have full Power to call for and examine and settle the Accounts of the said Company.

and to regulate and control the Affairs of the Company.

XXXVI. And be it further enacted, That the Annual General Meetings and Special General Meetings shall have full Power to superintend, regulate, and control all the Affairs and Concerns of the said Company, and to order and dispose of the Custody of their Common Seal, and the Use and Application thereof.

First Committee of Management appointed.

XXXVII. And be it further enacted, That for the better managing and conducting the Affairs of the said Company there shall be a Committee of Management, and that *Thomas Bish*, *James Deans Dundas*, *George Borradaile*, *Charles Gibbes*, *Harry Dent Goring*, Alderman *John Humphery*, *Thomas Barnewell Martin*, *Henry John Rucker*, *David Salomons*, Alderman *William Thomson*, *Isaac Newton Wigney*, *J Hall*, *W W Maunsell*, *Edward Irving*, *John Robertson*, *William Hanham* (*Wimburne*), *John Galpine*, *John Balster*, *Nathan Cairns*, *Thomas Bolton*, *Daniel Willinck*, *William Raskell*, *Colin Campbell*, *Laurence Heyworth*, *Michael Bousfield*, *Richard Tetley*, and *Robert Ellison Harvey* shall be the first Committee of Management, and shall all continue in Office until the Annual General Meeting in One thousand eight hundred and thirty-seven, or some Adjournment thereof, unless any Member of the said Committee of Management shall die, or be removed, or shall cease to be entitled to Ten Shares in the said Undertaking.

In what Manner the Members of the Committee shall go out of Office.

XXXVIII. And be it further enacted, That at the Annual General Meeting in One thousand eight hundred and thirty-seven, or some Adjournment thereof, at which the Election of Five Members of the Committee shall take place, Five of the Members of the Committee shall go out of Office; and in order to determine which of the Members shall go out of Office the Secretary of the said Company at such Meeting shall and he is hereby required to write the Name of each One of the Members of the said Committee by itself on a distinct Piece of Paper, and such Fifteen Papers, which shall be of equal Size, shall be rolled up in the same Form as near as may be, and be put into a Box or Wheel, and Five of such Papers shall then be drawn out of such

such Box or Wheel by such Secretary One by One, and the Members of the Committee whose Names shall be upon such Five Papers respectively shall go out of Office, and the Five Persons elected at such Meeting in the Place of the Five Members who shall go out of Office shall continue in Office until the Annual Meeting in the Third succeeding Year, or some Adjournment thereof, at which the Election of Five Members of the said Committee shall take place, unless they respectively shall die, or be removed, or cease to be entitled to Ten Shares; and at the Annual General Meeting in One thousand eight hundred and thirty-eight, or some Adjournment thereof, at which the Election of Five Members of the said Committee shall take place, Five more Members of the Committee appointed by this Act, or the Person or Persons elected in their or any of their Room or Stead, shall go out of Office; and in order to determine which Five Members of the Committee shall go out of Office the Secretary of the said Company at such Meeting shall and he is hereby required to write the Name of each One of the such Ten Members by itself on a distinct Piece of Paper, and such Ten Papers, which shall be of equal Size, shall be rolled up in the same Form as near as may be, and be put into a Box or Wheel by such Secretary, and Five of such Papers shall then be drawn out of such Box or Wheel by such Secretary One by One, and the Members of the Committee whose Names shall be upon such Five Papers shall go out of Office, and the Five Persons elected at such Meeting in the Place of the Five Members who shall then go out of Office shall continue in Office until the Annual Meeting in the Third succeeding Year, or some Adjournment thereof, at which the Election of Five Members of the said Committee shall take place, unless they respectively shall die, or be removed, or cease to be entitled to Ten Shares; and at the Annual Meeting in One thousand eight hundred and thirty-nine, or some Adjournment thereof, at which the Election of Five Members of the said Committee shall take place, the Five remaining Members of the Committee appointed by this Act, or the Person or Persons elected in his or their Room or Stead, shall go out of Office, and the Five Persons elected at such Meeting in the Place of the Five Members who shall then go out of Office shall continue in Office until the Annual Meeting in the Third succeeding Year, or some Adjournment thereof, at which the Election of Five Members shall take place, unless they respectively shall die, or be removed, or cease to be entitled to Ten Shares; and at the Annual Meeting in every succeeding Year, or some Adjournment thereof aforesaid, the Five Members who shall have been longest in Office, or the Person or Persons elected in their or any of their Room or Stead, shall go out of Office.

Any Member of the Committee may resign or become disqualified.

XXXIX. And be it further enacted, That any Member of the said Committee of Management may at any Time vacate his Office by sending his Resignation in Writing to the Office of the Clerk of the said Company; and in case any Member of the said Committee shall during the Continuance of his respective Office, by Transfer, Forfeiture, Bankruptcy, or otherwise, reduce the Number of Shares in the said Undertaking held by him respectively below the Number of Ten Shares, or shall otherwise become disqualified to be a Member of the said Committee, or shall be removed by any General Meeting, then and

and in every such Case the Office of such Member of the said Committee shall instantly become vacant, and every Person appointed a Member of the said Committee by any Special General Meeting shall continue in Office for such Time as the Member in whose Room or Stead he shall be elected would have continued in Office.

Regulations as to the Committee.

XL. And be it further enacted, That the Committee of Management of the said Company shall meet One Day in every Month at the least, and at such other Times as they shall think fit and proper; and any Two of the said Committee may at any Time call a Meeting of the said Committee by Notice in Writing sent to the Residence of every Member of the said Committee, but no Business shall be transacted at any Meeting of the said Committee unless Five Members shall be present; and that all Questions at any Committee shall be decided by the Votes of the Majority in Number of the Members present; and that at every Committee one of the Members shall be chosen Chairman by the Members present, and in case of an equal Division he shall have the casting Vote besides his own Vote, and that the Proceedings of every Committee shall be entered in a Book to be kept for that Purpose, and signed by the Member in the Chair.

No Person concerned in any Contract, &c. to vote at any Meeting of the Committee.

XLI. And be it further enacted, That no Person who shall hold any Place of Profit under the said Company, or hold any Contract, or be in any Manner interested or concerned directly or indirectly in supplying any Articles or Materials for the Use of the said Company, shall have any Voice or be entitled to a Vote at any Meeting or Meetings of the said Committee of Management during the Time that he shall be so employed as aforesaid; and in case any Person holding any Place of Profit under the said Company, or any Contract, or being in any Manner concerned directly or indirectly in supplying any Articles or Materials for the Use of the said Company, shall vote at any such Meeting or Meetings of the said Committee of Management, or shall in any Manner act as a Member of the said Committee of Management, then and in every such Case every such Person shall forfeit and pay for every such Offence the Sum of Two hundred Pounds, together with full Costs of Suit, to any Person or Persons who shall sue for the same, to be recovered in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster* by Action of Debt or on the Case, or by Bill, Plaint, or Information, wherein no Essoign, Protection, or Wager of Law, or more than One Imparlance, shall be allowed; and one Moiety of such Penalty, when recovered, shall be paid to the Person or Persons who shall sue for the same, and the other Moiety shall be paid to the said Company, to be applied to the Purposes of this Act.

Committee to appoint and give Notice of General Meetings.

XLII. And be it further enacted, That the Committee of Management shall appoint the Place and Hour of holding every Annual General Meeting, and shall cause at least Seven Days Notice of every Annual General Meeting, and Three Days Notice of every Adjourned General Meeting, to be given by Advertisements in manner aforesaid.

Committee to report to the Annual Meeting, and produce Accounts.

XLIII. And be it further enacted, That at every Annual General Meeting it shall be the Duty of the Committee of Management to report to the Proprietors their Proceedings in carrying this Act into execution, and cause such Report to be fairly entered into the Book or Books to be kept for that Purpose, and a Copy of the same to be left at the Office of the said Company for the Perusal of the Proprietors, who shall have Access thereto during such Hours as the said Office shall be actually open; and the said Committee shall cause full, correct, and true Accounts of all Monies disbursed and Payments made by the said Committee of Management, and by all and every Person and Persons employed by or under them, and all and every Sum or Sums of Money which they shall receive on behalf or in respect of the said Undertaking from any Collector, Officer, or other Person or Persons whomsoever employed in or having any Concerns, Dealings, or Transactions with the said Undertaking, or in or with any Part or Parts thereof, and cause the same Accounts at all reasonable Times, on Demand, to be open to the Inspection of any of the Proprietors of the said Company.

Committee to appoint Officers in Cases of Vacancies.

XLIV. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Committee to suspend or remove any Treasurer, Engineer, Clerk, Collector, or other Officer or Servant of the said Company, for any Neglect, Misconduct, or Inability, and to appoint some other Person or Persons in his or their respective Places, and also to fill up the Vacancies that may occur in such Offices or among such Servants by Death, Resignation, or otherwise; but any Appointment made by the said Committee shall continue until the next General or Special General Meeting of the said Proprietors, when such Appointment shall or shall not be confirmed, as such General or Special General Meeting shall think proper.

Powers of the Committee of Management as to making Calls.

XLV. And be it further enacted, That the said Committee of Management shall have Power from Time to Time to make such Call or Calls of Money from the Subscribers or Proprietors in the said Undertaking, to defray the Expences of or to carry on the same, as they the said Committee of Management from Time to Time shall find necessary for those Purposes, so that no such Call shall exceed the Sum of Five Pounds for every Thirty Pounds, and such Calls shall not be made but at the Distance of Two Calendar Months at least from each other; and Fourteen Days of Notice at least shall be given of every such Call as aforesaid by Advertisements in One or more of the Newspapers printed or circulated in the Counties of *Middlesex* and *Surrey* or One of them, or in such other Manner as the said Company shall at any General Meeting direct; provided that it shall not be lawful to make any further Call upon any Proprietor or Proprietors who shall have paid to the said Company, in obedience to their said Calls or otherwise, the full Amount of Thirty Pounds for every Share in the said Undertaking.

Committee may allow Interest to Proprietors on Payment in advance.

XLVI. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That if any Proprietor or Proprietors of the said Company shall be desirous to pay and advance immediately into the Hands of the said Committee, or of the Person or Persons whom they shall appoint to receive the

same, the full Amount of his, her, or their Share or any Part thereof, not being a less Sum than Thirty Pounds, without waiting for the said Call or Calls to be made, then and in such Case it shall be lawful for the said Committee to pay to the said Subscriber or Subscribers so paying in advance as aforesaid, out of the Funds of the said Company, Interest upon the Sum or Sums so advanced at the Rate of Five Pounds *per Centum per Annum* upon the Amount which such Payment in advance may be over the said Calls, and from the Time of advancing the same up to the Period of such subsequent Call respectively, according to the Sum then in advance over and above the Amount of the said Call.

General Powers of the Committee of Management.

XLVII. And be it further enacted, That (subject nevertheless at all Times to the Rules, Orders, and Directions of the General Meetings of the said Company,) the said Committee of Management shall make Agreements and Contracts with the Workmen, Agents, Undertakers, and other Persons employed or concerned in or about the Works hereby authorized to be made, and have full Power and Authority to direct and manage all the Affairs of the said Company.

Officers, &c. to account.

XLVIII. And be it further enacted, That every Treasurer, Engineer, Architect, Surveyor, Collector, Receiver, or other Officer or Servant of the said Company to be appointed as aforesaid shall, under his or their Hand or Hands, at such Time or Times and in such Manner as the said Company or such Committee of Management shall direct, deliver to the said Company or to the Committee, or to such Person or Persons as they respectively shall appoint, true and perfect Accounts in Writing of all Matters and Things committed to his or their Charge by virtue of this Act, and of all Monies which shall have been by such Officer, Servant, or Person respectively received for the Purposes of this Act, and how much thereof hath been paid and disbursed, and for what Purposes, together with the legal Receipts or Vouchers for such Payments, and shall pay all such Monies as shall remain in his or their respective Hand or Hands to the said Company or to the Committee, or to such Person or Persons as they shall respectively appoint; and if any such Officer, Servant, or Person shall refuse to produce or deliver up such Accounts, Receipts, or Vouchers, or to make Payment as aforesaid, or shall not deliver to the said Company or to such Committee of Management, or to such Person or Persons as they shall respectively appoint, within Fourteen Days after being thereunto required by the said Company or by the said Committee, all Books, Papers, and Writings in his or their Custody or Power relating to the Execution of this Act, or shall refuse or neglect to pay such Monies as upon the Balance of any Account or Accounts shall appear to be in his or their respective Hands to the said Company or to the said Committee, or as they shall respectively direct and appoint, then and in any of the Cases aforesaid the said Company are hereby empowered to cause to be brought any Action or Actions against the said Officer, Servant, or Person or Persons so neglecting or refusing as aforesaid for the recovering of the Monies that shall be in his or their Hands respectively; or upon Complaint to be made by the said Company or by the said Committee, or by such Person or Persons as they respectively shall appoint for that Purpose,

Purpose, of any such Refusal or Neglect as aforesaid, to any One or more Justice or Justices of the Peace acting for the County, City, or Place wherein the said Treasurer, Engineer, Architect, Surveyor, Clerk, Collector, Receiver, Officer or Officers, Person or Persons, shall be and reside, such Justice or Justices is and are hereby authorized and required, by a Warrant or Warrants under his or their Hand and Seal or Hands and Seals, to cause the Treasurer, Engineer, Architect, Surveyor, Clerk, Collector, or Receiver, or other Officer or Servant or Persons so neglecting or refusing to be brought before him or them, and upon his, her, or their appearing, or not being to be found, to hear and determine the Matter in a summary Way; and if upon the Confession of the Party or Parties, or by the Testimony of any credible Witness or Witnesses upon Oath, it shall appear to such Justice or Justices that any of the Monies that shall have been collected, raised, or received by virtue of this Act shall be in the Hands of such Treasurer, Officer or Officers, Servant or Servants, Person or Persons, such Justice or Justices is and are hereby required, upon Nonpayment thereof, by Warrant or Warrants under his Hand and Seal or their Hands and Seals, to cause such Money to be levied by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of such Officer, Servant, Person or Persons respectively; and if no such Goods or Chattels can be found sufficient to answer and satisfy the said Money and the Charges of making and levying the same, or if such Officer, Servant, Person or Persons, shall still persist in refusing or neglecting to deliver up all such Monies, Accounts, Receipts, Vouchers, Books, Papers, and Writings as aforesaid to the said Company or to the said Committee, or other Person or Persons as they respectively shall appoint, then and in any of the Cases aforesaid such Justice or Justices shall commit every such Offender to the Common Gaol for such County, City, or Place, there to remain without Bail or Mainprize until he shall give and make a true and perfect Account and Payment as aforesaid, or until he shall compound with the said Company or with the said Committee, and shall have paid such Composition in such Manner as they respectively shall appoint, and until he shall deliver up such Monies, Accounts, Receipts, Vouchers, Books, Papers, and Writings as aforesaid, or give Satisfaction in respect thereof to the said Company or to the said Committee; but no Treasurer, Engineer, Architect, Surveyor, Clerk, Collector, Receiver, Officer, or Person committed for Want of sufficient Distress shall be confined or detained in Prison by virtue of this Act for any longer Space of Time than Three Calendar Months.

Money paid previous to the passing of this Act may be recovered as if paid after the Act passed.

XLIX. And it is hereby further enacted, That all and every Sum and Sums of Money which shall previously to the passing of this Act have been paid or subscribed to the said Undertaking, for or on account of any Share or Shares therein, to any Person or Persons whomsoever, shall be accounted for by such Person or Persons to the said Company or their Committee, and shall be paid to the said Company or their Committee, or to such Person or Persons and at such Time or Times as they shall respectively appoint; and in case of Nonpayment thereof the same shall and may be recovered by the said Company from the Person or Persons to whom or on whose Account the same shall have been paid, in such and in the like Manner and by

such Ways and Means as if such Sum or Sums of Money had been advanced and paid by or received on account of the said Company.

Clerks to keep Accounts of the Names and Residences of Proprietors, &c.

L. And be it further enacted, That the Clerk or Clerks of the said Company shall, in a proper Book or Books to be provided for that Purpose as aforesaid, enter and keep a true and perfect Account of the Names and Places of Abode of the several Proprietors of the said Undertaking, and of the several Persons who shall from Time to Time become Owners and Proprietors of or entitled to any Share or Shares therein, and of all Proceedings and Transactions of the said Company and Committee of Management respectively; and each of the said Proprietors of the said Undertaking shall and may at all convenient Times have recourse to and peruse and inspect the same, paying for such Perusal and Inspection the Sum of One Shilling and no more, and may take Copies thereof or of any Part thereof without paying any thing for the same; and in case the said Clerk or Clerks shall refuse to permit any Proprietor at a seasonable Time to peruse and inspect the same, or take Copies thereof, or to peruse or inspect or take Copies of the Accounts which the said Committee shall cause to be kept as aforesaid, he or they shall forfeit and pay for every such Offence the Sum of Five Pounds.

Regulations as to the Proprietors paying their Subscriptions on Calls by the Committee, &c.

LI. And be it enacted, That the respective Bodies and Persons who shall be Proprietor or Proprietors of any Share or Shares in the said Undertaking shall pay the Sum or Sums by them respectively subscribed, or such Parts and Proportions thereof as shall from Time to Time be called for by the Committee of Management of the said Company, by virtue of and agreeably to the Powers and Directions of this Act, at such Times and Places and in such Manner as shall be directed by the said Committee; and in case any Body or Bodies, Person or Persons, being Proprietor or Proprietors of any Share or Shares, shall neglect or refuse to pay his, her, or their rateable or proportional Part of the Money called for as aforesaid at the Time and Place appointed by such Committee of Management, or within Thirty Days next ensuing, he, she, or they so neglecting or refusing shall forfeit and pay the Sum of Twenty Shillings for every Share he, she, or they shall have in the said Undertaking; and in case such Person or Persons shall continue to neglect or refuse to pay his, her, or their rateable Call or Calls as aforesaid for the Space of Two Calendar Months next after the Time so appointed for Payment thereof, then and in every such Case it shall be lawful for any Annual or Special General Meeting of the said Company (whether they shall or shall not previously have sued for the same as herein-after mentioned), if they shall think proper, to declare that the respective Share and Shares in the said Undertaking of the Body or Bodies, Person or Persons, so refusing or neglecting, shall be forfeited, and thereupon the said Share or Shares, and all the Profits and Benefits thereof, shall be vested in the said Company: Provided nevertheless, that no Forfeiture of any Share or Shares shall be or be deemed to be incurred unless Notice of such Call or Calls in Writing, signed by the Clerk or Clerks to the said Committee of Management, shall have been given to or left at the last or usual Place or Places of Abode of the Owner or Owners of such Share or Shares respectively, or in case the Place or

Places of Abode of any such Owner or Owners shall not have been known to the Clerk or Clerks of the said Company, such Notice shall be inserted once in the *London Gazette*.

The Company may sue for the Calls.

LII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That in case any Body or Bodies Politic, Corporate, or Collegiate, Person or Persons, who shall have subscribed for or be entitled to any Share or Shares in the said Undertaking, shall neglect or refuse to pay his, her, or their rateable or proportionable Part of any Sum of Money to be called for at the Time and Place and in the Manner to be directed for that Purpose by the said Committee as aforesaid, the said Company are hereby empowered to sue for and recover the same in any of His Majesty's Courts of Law or Equity whatsoever.

Directing the Proceedings in Actions for Calls.

LIII. And be it further enacted, That in all Actions brought by the said Company against any Body or Bodies Politic, Corporate, or Collegiate, Person or Persons, who hath or have subscribed or who shall hereafter subscribe or advance any Money for and towards the said Undertaking, or against any Proprietor of any Share or Shares in the said Undertaking, to recover any Sum or Sums of Money payable to the said Company for or by reason of any Call or Calls made by virtue and in pursuance of this Act, it shall be sufficient for the said Company to declare and allege that the Defendant or Defendants, being Proprietor or Proprietors of One Share or so many Shares in the said Undertaking, is or are indebted to the said Company in such Sum or Sums of Money as the Call or Calls in arrear shall amount to for such and so many Call or Calls of such and so many Sum or Sums of Money upon the Share or such and so many Shares belonging to the said Defendant or Defendants (as the Case may happen to be), whereby an Action hath accrued to the said Company by virtue of this Act, without setting forth the special Matter; and on the Trial of such Action it shall be only necessary to prove that the Defendant or Defendants at the Time of making such Call or Calls was or were Proprietor or Proprietors of some Share or Shares in the said Undertaking, and that such Call or Calls was or were in fact made in pursuance of this Act, and that such Notice was given thereof as is directed by this Act, and the said Company shall thereupon be entitled to recover what shall appear to be due.

In case the Executors, &c. of any deceased Proprietor neglect to pay Calls.

LIV. And be it further enacted, That if any deceased Proprietor or Proprietors shall not have left Assets sufficient, or in case the Executor or Executors, Administrator or Administrators, Trustee or Trustees, Committee or Committees, Guardian or Guardians, shall refuse or neglect to answer such Call for the Space of Three Calendar Months next after Notice in Writing signed by the Clerk to the said Company shall have been given to him, her, or them, or left at his, her, or their last or usual Place or Places of Abode, the said Company shall be and they are hereby authorized and required to admit any other Person or Persons to be a Proprietor or Proprietors of the Share or Shares of such deceased Proprietor or Proprietors, on Condition that he, she, or they so admitted do and shall, on or before such Admission, pay to the Executor or Executors, Administrator or Administrators of such deceased Proprietor or Proprietors, or to the

Trustee or Trustees, Committee or Committees, Guardian or Guardians of the Infant or Infants or other Person or Persons who may be entitled to his, her, or their Effects, the full Sum or Sums of Money which shall have been paid by such Proprietor or Proprietors in his, her, or their Lifetime by virtue of any Call or Calls or otherwise upon such Share or Shares, or such other Sum or Sums of Money as the same can be sold for; and in case no Person or Persons shall be found who is or are willing to be admitted upon such Condition as aforesaid, then and in every such Case such Share or Shares shall be forfeited to and become vested in the said Company.

Regulations as to the Sales of Shares.

LV. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the said several Proprietors, his, her, or their respective Successors, Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, to sell and dispose of any Share or Shares to which he, she, or they may be entitled therein, subject to the Rules and Conditions in this Act mentioned; the Transfer of which Shares shall be in Writing in the Form or to the Effect following; (that is to say,)

Form of Transfer.

'I of in consideration of paid to me by of do hereby bargain, sell, assign, and transfer to the said the Sum of Capital Stock of and in the Metropolitan Suspension Bridge, being of my Share in the said Undertaking, to hold to the said his Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, subject to the same Rules, Orders, and Restrictions, and on the same Conditions, that I held the same immediately before the Execution hereof; and I the said do hereby agree to take and accept the said Capital Stock or Share of subject to the same Rules, Orders, Restrictions, and Conditions. As witness our Hands and Seals this Day of in the Year of our Lord .'

Clerk to enter Memorials of Transfers in a Book to be kept for that Purpose.

And on every such Sale the said Deed or Transfer (being executed by the Seller or Sellers and the Purchaser or Purchasers of such Share or Shares) shall be kept by such Purchaser or Purchasers for his, her, or their Security after the Clerk or Clerks to the said Company shall have entered in a proper Book or Books to be kept for that Purpose a Memorial of such Transfer and Sale for the Use of the said Company, and have testified and indorsed the Entry of such Memorial on the said Deed of Sale or Transfer, for which no more than Two Shillings and Sixpence shall be paid, and the said Clerk or Clerks is and are hereby required to make such Entry or Memorial accordingly; and until such Memorial shall have been made and entered as aforesaid such Purchaser or Purchasers shall have no Part or Share of the Profits of the said Undertaking, nor any Interest for any such Share or Shares paid to him, her, or them, or any Vote in respect thereof as a Proprietor or Proprietors of the said Undertaking.

No Shares shall be sold after a Call till the Money be paid.

LVI. And be it further enacted, That after any Call of such Money shall have been made by the said Committee of Management as aforesaid no Body or Bodies Politic, Corporate, or Collegiate, Person or Persons, shall sell or transfer any Share or Shares which he, she, or they shall possess in the said Undertaking, on pain of forfeiting his,

his, her, or their respective Share or Shares therein to the said Company, unless at the Time of such Sale or Transfer such Body or Bodies, Person or Persons, shall have paid and discharged to the Treasurer of the said Company the whole and entire Sum of Money which shall have been called for upon each Share so sold or transferred, such Forfeiture nevertheless to be declared at a General or Special General Meeting in manner before directed.

Regulation as to the Acquisition of Shares by Marriage, by Will or Administration;

LVII. And whereas in Cases where the original Proprietor or Proprietors of any Share or Shares in the said Undertaking shall marry, die, become insolvent or bankrupt, or go out of the Kingdom, or shall transfer his or her Right and Interest to some other Body or Bodies Politic, Corporate, or Collegiate, or Person or Persons, and no Register shall have been made of the Transfer thereof with the said Clerk as directed by this Act, it may not be in the Power of the said Company or their Treasurer or Clerk to know who is the Owner or Proprietor of such Share or Shares, in order to give him, her, or them Notice or Notices of Calls made on such Share or Shares in manner hereby required, or to maintain any Action or Actions against him, her, or them for the Recovery of the same, or for the Purpose of safely paying to him, her, or them the Interest or Dividends to which he, she, or they may be entitled by virtue thereof; be it therefore further enacted, That before any Person or Persons who shall claim any Part or Share of the Profits arising from the said Undertaking in right of Marriage shall be entitled to receive the same, a Declaration containing a Copy of the Register of such Marriage shall be made and subscribed to by a credible Person before a Master or Master Extraordinary in Chancery, or any One of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace, who is hereby authorized to administer and receive such Declaration, and such Declaration shall be transmitted to the Clerk or Clerks to the said Company for the Time being, who shall file the same, and make an Entry thereof in the Book or Books which shall be kept by the said Clerk or Clerks for the Entry of Transfers and Sales of Shares in the said Undertaking; and that before any Person or Persons who shall claim any Part or Share of the Profits of the said Undertaking by virtue of any Bequest or Will, or in a Course of Administration, shall be entitled to receive the same, the said Will or the Probate thereof shall be produced and shown to the said Clerk or Clerks, or a Declaration containing a Copy of so much of such Will as shall relate to the Share or Shares of the Testator, or the Letters of Administration, in case the Proprietor shall have died intestate, shall be made and subscribed to by any Executor or Executors of such Will, or by any Administrator or Administrators of the Estates and Effects (as the Case may happen to be), before a Master or Master Extraordinary in Chancery, or One of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace, and such Declaration when so made shall also be transmitted to the said Clerk or Clerks, who shall file and enter the same in the Manner herein mentioned.

or by any other Means.

LVIII. Provided always, and be it enacted, That in all Cases other than herein-before is mentioned, where the Right and Property in One or more Share or Shares in the said Undertaking shall pass from the original or other Proprietor thereof to any other Body or Bodies

Bodies Politic, Corporate, or Collegiate, Person or Persons, by other legal Means than by a Transfer Conveyance thereof as herein directed, a Declaration shall be made and subscribed by Two credible Persons before a Master or Master Extraordinary in Chancery or One of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace, stating the Manner in which such Share or Shares hath or have passed to other Person or Persons; and the said Master or Master Extraordinary in Chancery, or Justice of the Peace, is hereby authorized and empowered to administer and receive such Declaration so to be made and subscribed by any such Person, and such Declaration shall be sent to the Clerk or Clerks of the said Company to the Intent that he may and he is hereby required to enter and register the Name or Names of any such new Proprietor or Proprietors in the Register Books or List of Proprietors in the said Undertaking; and that in any of the said Cases it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Company at any General or Special General Meeting, after Three Calendar Months Notice shall have been given by the said Treasurer or Clerk to the Person or Persons claiming by such Declaration to be Owner or Owners thereof, and such Person or Persons shall not have paid his, her, or their Proportion of the Money becoming payable by virtue of any Call or Calls as aforesaid, and after Notice thereof shall have been given Three Times, at the Intervals of Seven Days between each Advertisement, in some One or more of the Newspapers printed or circulated in the said Counties of *Middlesex* and *Surrey*, or One of them, to declare the same Share or Shares to be forfeited, and thenceforth the same shall become vested in the said Company.

Company empowered to sell forfeited Shares.

LIX. And be it further enacted, That when any Share or Shares of the said Undertaking shall by virtue of this Act have become forfeited to or vested in the said Company as aforesaid, then and in every such Case it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Company or their Committee of Management for the Time being, and they are hereby authorized and empowered, from Time to Time to sell or cause to be sold by public Auction or private Contract, and by Writing under the Common Seal of the said Company to assign and transfer, such and so many of the Share or Shares of such Defaulter or Defaulters as the said Company or their said Committee shall from Time to Time find necessary and direct to be sold unto such Person or Persons as shall become the Purchaser or Purchasers thereof, his, her, or their Executors, Administrators, or Assigns; and such Assignment and Transfer shall be good, valid, and effectual against the Owner or Owners of every such Share or Shares so forfeited to or vested in the said Company and sold as aforesaid, and all Persons claiming under him, her, or them: Provided always, that in case the Money produced by the Sale of any such Share or Shares shall be more than sufficient to pay any such Arrears as aforesaid and legal Interest thereon, together with the Penalties incurred by Nonpayment and the Expences attending the Sale or Sales thereof, the Surplus arising from such Sale shall be paid to the Person or Persons to whom such Share or Shares shall have belonged: Provided also, the said Company shall not by virtue of this Act at any Time or Times sell or transfer, or direct to be sold or transferred, any more of such Shares of such Defaulter or Defaulters than shall be sufficient, as near as may be at the

Time of such Sale, to pay the Arrears due from such Defaulter or Defaulters for or on account of such Call or Calls, and the Interest, Penalties, and Expences attending the same; and from and after the Payment of every the Call or Calls to be made by virtue of this Act, and the Interest, Penalties, and Expences as aforesaid, any Share or Shares vested in the said Company as aforesaid which shall remain in their Hands unsold shall revert to and again become the Property of the Person or Persons, Body or Bodies Politic, Corporate, or Collegiate, to whom such Share or Shares shall have before belonged, in such Manner as if such Calls had been duly and regularly paid: Provided also, that every such Forfeiture, after the same shall be taken advantage of by the rest of the said Company as aforesaid, shall be an absolute Indemnification and Discharge to and for the Proprietor or Proprietors so forfeiting against all Actions, Suits, and Prosecutions for any Breach of Contract or Agreement between such Proprietor or Proprietors so forfeiting and the rest of the said Company, with regard to the future carrying on and Management of the said intended Undertaking.

The Company may buy up Shares.

LX. And be it further enacted, That if the said Company or their Committee of Management for the Time being shall deem it expedient, out of any Surplus of Monies or otherwise, to buy up any Share or Shares in the said Undertaking which shall be offered for Sale, then and in such Case it shall be lawful for any General Meeting of the said Company, either to direct that any such Share or Shares so bought shall merge in the said Undertaking, or that the same shall be transferred to the Clerk of the said Company in Trust for the said Company, and such Share or Shares may in such last-mentioned Case at any Time thereafter be sold for the Benefit of the said Company, and for the raising of any Sum of Money which may be wanted for or towards the erecting or repairing of the said Bridge or Works, or any other necessary Purposes of this Act.

Names of Proprietors and Numbers of their Shares to be entered in Books.

LXI. And for the better securing of the several Proprietors of the said Undertaking as to their respective Shares therein, be it further enacted, That the said Company shall and they are hereby required at their First or at some subsequent General Meeting, or as soon as conveniently may be, to cause the Names and proper Additions of the several Bodies Politic, Corporate, or Collegiate, and Persons who shall be then entitled to any Share or Shares in the said Undertaking, with the Number of Shares which they are then respectively entitled to hold, and also the proper Number by which every Share shall be distinguished, to be fairly and distinctly entered in a Book or Books to be kept by the Clerk to the said Company, and after such Entry made to cause their Common Seal to be affixed thereto; and shall also cause a Certificate or Instrument, with the Common Seal of the said Company affixed thereto, to be delivered to every such Proprietor upon Demand, specifying the Share or Shares to which he, she, or they is or are entitled in the said Undertaking, or a Certificate for each separate and distinct Share in case any Proprietor of more than One Share shall request the same, every such Proprietor paying to the Clerk Two Shillings and Sixpence, and no more, for every such Certificate or Instrument; and such Certificate or Instrument shall be

be admitted in all Courts whatever as Evidence of the Title of such Subscribers, his, her, or their Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, to the Share or Shares therein specified, but the Want of such Certificate or Instrument shall not hinder or prevent the Proprietor of any Share or Shares from selling or disposing thereof; and in case any such Certificates or Instrument shall become defaced, worn out, or damaged, or shall be ascertained to have been lost or destroyed, then and in such Case another Certificate shall be made out and entered by the Clerk on the same Terms and Conditions as aforesaid.

The Persons whose Names appear in the Register Book to be deemed the Proprietors, &c.

LXII. And be it further enacted, That the Bodies Politic and Corporate, and all and every Person and Persons whose Name or Names shall at any Time hereafter stand in the said Register Book or List of the Proprietors of the said Company, either as a Proprietor or Proprietors of One or more Share or Shares in the said Undertaking, whether as original Subscribers, or as Successors, Executors, Administrators, or Assigns of original Subscribers, shall be deemed and taken to be Proprietors of the several Shares standing in the said Book in his, her, or their respective Names, and shall be subject and liable to the Payment of all and every Call and Calls made and to be made thereon, and to all Actions, Suits, Forfeitures, and Penalties to which such Proprietors of Shares are made subject and liable by this Act; and all Notices by this Act required to be given previous to the Forfeiture of Shares to the Proprietors thereof shall, if given to the Persons appearing by the Register Book of the said Company to be such Proprietor or Proprietors, or their Representatives, be in all respects good, sufficient, and conclusive, and all Payments of Interest and Dividends due and to grow due on any such Shares shall be made to such Persons as by the said Book of the said Company shall so appear to be Proprietors thereof; and that no Assignment or Transfer of any Share or Shares, or other Instrument giving Title to any such Share or Shares, which shall not have been brought to the said Clerk to be enrolled or registered as directed by this Act, shall be given or admitted as Evidence either to defeat any Action or Suit brought or to be brought by the said Company to recover the said Calls, or to entitle any Person or Persons to recover any Share or Shares forfeited to the said Company, or to make the said Company liable to the Payment of Interest or Dividends to any other Person or Persons than such as appear upon the said Book to be Proprietors of the said Shares; but that in all such Cases, unless where it shall be expressly proved that the said Book is defective by reason of some Neglect or Default of the said Clerk, the said Book shall be considered as sufficient and conclusive Evidence of the Right and Title in and to the said Shares.

Compensation to be made to poor Watermen in respect of the Ferry.

LXIII. And be it further enacted, That the said Company or their Committee, or any Five of them, shall and they are hereby empowered and required, within Three Calendar Months after the passing of this Act, to settle, assess, and determine the Recompence to be made to the poor Watermen of the Parish of *Saint Margaret* and *Saint John the Evangelist* in *Westminster*, for or in respect of their Moiety of or Right and Interest in or to the Use of the *Sunday* Ferry from the *Horseferry* to *Lambeth*, and also from *Lambeth* to the *Horseferry*, and also

also for and in respect of the Value of the Land and Ground situate in the said Parish of *Saint John the Evangelist*, abutting upon the *Thames*, and called or known by the Name of the *Horseferry*, and also for the Injury or Damage which the said poor Watermen shall or may sustain or be entitled to for and by reason of the said Land and Ground being taken and used for the Purpose of or otherwise abstracted by reason of the building of the said Bridge, or for the Preparation in respect thereof; and in case such Recompence, Injury, and Damage respectively cannot, or any Part or Parts thereof, be settled by Agreement between the said Company or the said Committee and the said poor Watermen, then the said Company or Committee (in case the said Watermen and Society herein-after named shall consent thereto) are to proceed forthwith to ascertain, and the same shall be settled and assessed by a Jury as aforesaid, such Jury being hereby directed to distinguish in and by their Verdict the Recompence to be made for and in respect of the Moiety of the said Ferry from the Value of the said Land and Ground called the *Horseferry*, and also the Injury and Damage for and by reason of the said Land and Ground, or any Part thereof, being taken and used and otherwise obstructed as aforesaid; such Recompence, Value, Injury, and Damages respectively, when agreed or ascertained and assessed as aforesaid, except as to the Moiety of the *Sunday* Ferry, to be paid to the Trustees and Stewards for the Time being of the Society of and for the said poor Watermen commonly called "The Watermen's Chest."

Company to build the Bridge, &c.

LXIV. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Company and their Successors, and the said Committee of Management, and their Agents, Servants, Workmen, and Assistants, and they are hereby authorized, to design and cause to be built, and to complete, maintain, and keep in repair, a Suspension Bridge for Carriages, Horses, and Passengers across the River *Thames* from *Church Street* in the Parish of *Saint Mary Lambeth* in the County of *Surrey* aforesaid to the opposite Bank of the said River near *Market Street* in the Parish of *Saint John the Evangelist* within the City and Liberty of *Westminster* in the County of *Middlesex* aforesaid, with convenient Approaches to the said Bridge at each End thereof; the said Bridge and the Approaches thereto on the *Surrey* Side thereof to be constructed according to the Plans to be approved in manner herein-after mentioned, such Bridge to be of such Materials as the said Company or their Committee of Management shall think proper; and for the Purposes aforesaid to dig and make proper Foundations in the said River and on the Banks on each Side thereof, and to make Dams in the said River, and to cut and level the Banks thereof, and cut, remove, take, and carry away all Trees, Roots of Trees, Beds of Gravel, Sand, Mud, or any other Impediment of the like Nature which may be found in or upon the said River or the Banks thereof, and as may be necessary or convenient for building, maintaining, and repairing the said Bridge and Approaches as aforesaid, the Works in the said River *Thames* and adjoining thereto to be done and performed to the Satisfaction of the Clerk of the Works of the *Thames* Navigation for the Time being, so that the clear Height from High-water Trinity Standard to the Centre Point of the said Bridge shall

not be less than Twenty-six Feet: Provided always, that nothing herein contained shall authorize or empower the said Company to use or take any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, or to cut or level any of the said Banks, without the Consent in Writing of the Owners and Occupiers thereof.

Construction of Bridge.

Dimensions of Roads and Approaches to Bridge.

LXV. And be it further enacted, That the said Bridge shall be constructed according to the Plan deposited with the Clerk of the Parliaments and with the Town Clerk of the City of *London*: Provided nevertheless, that in order to secure a convenient Access for Carriages from the principal Gateway of *Lambeth* Palace and the West Door of *Lambeth* Church to the said Bridge and *Church Street*, *Lambeth*, and to the same Places from the said Bridge and *Church Street*, the Roadway leading to the said principal Gateway of *Lambeth* Palace and to the West Door of the said Church from the Approach to the said Bridge from *Church Street* shall not be less in Width in any Part thereof than Forty-five Feet; and that the said Approach to the said Bridge from *Church Street*, crossing the End of the said Roadway, shall not in any Part thereof be of a greater Elevation than Three Feet Six Inches above the present Level of the Centre of that Part of *Church Street* from which the Approach to the said Bridge is by the said Plan shown to commence; and that the Roadway before mentioned, and also the Area or Space in front of the said Palace, and between the said Church and the Churchyard and the Banks of the River *Thames*, shall be laid, formed, drained, and constructed in such Form and Manner and on such Levels as shall be approved by the Archbishop of *Canterbury* and the Rector of *Lambeth* respectively for the Time being, to be signified in Writing under their respective Hands.

Certain Streets only may be altered.

LXVI. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That nothing herein contained shall authorize or empower the said Company, in making the said Bridge or Approaches on the *Middlesex* Side of the River, to alter or use any Road, Street, or Highway save and except *Milbank Street*, *Milbank Row*, and *Market Street*; and the said Company shall, in case they alter or use the said last-mentioned Roads, Streets, or Highways, or any of them, or any Parts or Part of the same, within Three Months after the Commencement of such Alterations, restore and reinstate the same in such Manner that the Inclination on such Roads, or the Part or Parts thereof so altered or used by the said Company, shall not be greater than One Foot in Thirty Feet.

Compensation to the Vauxhall Bridge Company.

LXVII. And be it further enacted, That the said Company or their Committee shall and they are hereby required, previous to the opening of the said Bridge, to pay unto the *Vauxhall Bridge* Company one Moiety of the Amount paid by them to the Company of Watermen, Wherrymen, and Lightermen, and to the poor Watermen of the Parish of *Saint Margaret* and *Saint John the Evangelist, Westminster*, as a Compensation for the Loss and Injury sustained by the said Company of Watermen, Wherrymen, and Lightermen, and by the said poor Watermen, in respect of the *Sunday* Ferries from the *Horse-ferry* to *Lambeth* and from *Vauxhall* to the opposite Shore.

Corporations to be empowered to sell and convey.

LXVIII. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful to and for all Bodies Politic, Corporate, or Collegiate, Corporations Aggregate or Sole, and to and for all Tenants in Tail or for Life, or for Years determinable on any Life or Lives, whether in Possession, Reversion, Remainder, Expectancy, or otherwise, and to and for all Husbands, Guardians, Trustees, and Feoffees in Trust for charitable and other Purposes, Committees, Executors, and Administrators, and all other Trustees and Persons whomsoever, not only for and on behalf of themselves, their Heirs and Successors, but also for and on behalf of their Cestuique Trust or Wards, being Infants, Issue unborn, Idiots, Lunatics, Persons of unsound Mind, or Femes Covert, and to and for all Femes Covert who are or shall be seised, possessed of, or interested in their own Right, or entitled to Dower or other Interest therein, and to and for all and every Person and Persons whomsoever who is, are, or shall be seised or possessed of or interested in any Houses, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments which the said Company or their Committee shall agree to purchase for the Purposes of this Act, or any of them, to consent to a Sale, and to sell and convey the same and every Part thereof to the said Company and their Successors; and all such Contracts, Agreements, Sales, Conveyances, and Assurances shall be made at the Expence of the said Company, and shall be kept by the Clerk or Clerks to the said Company, who shall from Time to Time when requested to deliver attested Copies thereof to any Person or Persons interested therein and requiring the same, upon receiving Sixpence for every Seventy-two Words of such attested Copies respectively, and so in proportion for any greater or less Number of Words; and every such Conveyance to be made by virtue of this Act shall be good, valid, and effectual in Law to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever, any Law or Custom to the contrary thereof in anywise notwithstanding.

Company to make ample Compensation.

LXIX. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That the said Company shall make ample Satisfaction to all Bodies Politic, Corporate, or Collegiate, Corporations Aggregate or Sole, and to all and every Person or Persons whomsoever, who is or are or shall be seised, possessed of, or interested in any Lands, Houses, Buildings, Tenements, or Hereditaments situate, adjacent, or near to the said Bridge or the Approaches thereto, in respect of the Damages to be sustained by them or any of them by reason of Obstruction of Lights, or any Damage that may be caused to the said Lands, Houses, Buildings, Tenements, or Hereditaments, on account of the said Company raising the Level of the Streets or Roads on both or either of the Sides of the said Bridge, forming the Approaches thereto, or otherwise by the making and completing the Works herein directed and authorized to be made, as shall be agreed upon by and between the said Parties interested respectively or any of them; and in case the said Company and the said Parties so interested cannot agree as to the Amount or Value of such Satisfaction, the same shall be settled and ascertained as herein-after directed.

Power to cause a Jury to be impannelled in certain Cases.

LXX. And be it further enacted, That if any Body or Bodies Politic, Corporate, or Collegiate, Corporations Aggregate or Sole, or other Person or Persons who shall as herein-before mentioned con-

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sent to sell any Houses, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, or Interest therein, or Charge thereon, or any such Person or Persons entitled to Satisfaction or Compensation for any Loss, Damage, or Injury which may be sustained from Time to Time by him, her, or them by the making of the said Bridge and such Approaches, or any of the Works to be made and maintained by virtue of this Act, shall not agree with the said Company as to the Amount of the Purchase Money or Compensation Money to be given for the same respectively, and shall by Notice in Writing to be given to the Clerk of the said Company request that the Matter in dispute may be submitted to the Determination of a Jury, then and in every such Case the Committee of Management, or any Three or more of them, shall and they are hereby empowered and required from Time to Time to issue a Warrant under their Hands and Seals, directed to the Sheriff of the said County of *Middlesex* or of the said County of *Surrey*, (according as the Lands or Tenements in question shall be situate, or the Matter in dispute shall arise,) commanding such Sheriff to impannel, summon, and return a Jury, and such Sheriff is hereby authorized and required accordingly to impannel, summon, and return Forty-eight substantial and indifferent Persons, qualified to be returned for the Trial of Issues in His Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster*; and the Persons so to be impannelled, summoned, and returned as aforesaid are hereby required to appear before such Sheriff at such Time and Place as in such Warrant or Warrants shall be appointed, and out of such Persons so to be impannelled, summoned, and returned a Jury of Twelve Men shall be drawn in such Manner as Juries for the Trial of Issues joined in His Majesty's Courts at *Westminster* are directed to be drawn; and the said Sheriff is hereby required to swear or cause to be sworn the said Twelve Men, or such of them as shall appear; and in case a sufficient Number of Jurymen shall not appear at the Time and Place to be appointed as aforesaid, the said Sheriff shall return and cause to be sworn other substantial, honest, and indifferent Men of the By-standers, or of others who can be speedily procured to attend that Service, being so qualified as aforesaid, to make the said Jury to the Number of Twelve; and all Parties concerned shall and may have their lawful Challenges against any of the said Jurymen, but shall not be at liberty to challenge the Array; and the said Sheriff is hereby empowered and required by a Summons or Notice to be signed by such Sheriff, either previously to or at the Time of any such Meeting or Meetings, to summon and call before him all and every or any Person or Persons whomsoever who shall be thought proper and necessary to be examined as a Witness on his, her, or their Oath or Oaths touching or concerning the Premises; and the said Sheriff, if he shall think fit, shall and may, on the Application of either Party, likewise authorize the said Jury, or any Three or more of them, to view the Place or Places and Premises in question in such Manner as he shall direct; and the said Sheriff shall have Power to adjourn such Meeting from Day to Day as Occasion shall require, and to command such Jury, Witnesses, and Parties to attend until all such Affairs for which they were summoned shall be concluded; and the said Jury upon their Oaths, which Oaths, as well as the Oaths of such Person or Persons as shall be called upon to give Evidence, the said Sheriff is hereby empowered and required to administer,

minister, shall inquire of, assess, and ascertain, and give a Verdict for the Amount of such Purchase Money or Compensation Money, as the Case may be, according to the Terms of such Warrant or Warrants; and the said Sheriff shall give Judgment for such Purchase Money or Compensation Money, as the Case may be, so inquired of or assessed, and shall order the same to be paid by the said Company to the Party or Parties entitled thereto according to the Verdict of such Jury respectively; and the said Verdict or Verdicts, and the said Judgment or Judgments, Order or Orders thereupon, shall be signed by the said Sheriff, and shall be binding and conclusive to all Intents and Purposes upon all such Bodies Politic, Corporate, or Collegiate, Corporations aggregate and sole, or other Person or Persons as aforesaid, and all other Persons whomsoever, and shall not be removed by Certiorari or any other Process into any of His Majesty's Courts at *Westminster*.

Purchase Money and Compensation Money to be distinguished from each other.

LXXI. And be it further enacted, That the said Sheriff and Juries shall, in their Awards, Determinations, Judgments, and Verdicts, separately and distinctly apportion the Sums to be respectively paid for any Purchase Money and Compensation Money so and in such Manner that the same may be clearly distinguished from each other.

Pains and Penalties on the Jurymen and Witnesses for Neglect or Refusal.

LXXII. And be it further enacted, That if any Person impannelled, summoned, and returned as aforesaid upon such Jury shall not appear without some reasonable Excuse, or appearing shall refuse to be sworn on the said Jury, or being so sworn shall refuse to give or shall not give his Verdict, or shall in any other Manner wilfully neglect his Duty thereon, he shall be subject to the same Regulations, and to the same Pains and Penalties for such Default, as if he had been impannelled, summoned, and returned for the Trial of any Issue joined in any of His Majesty's Courts of *Westminster*; and if any Person so summoned and required to give Evidence before the said Jury touching the Premises shall neglect or refuse to appear after having been paid or tendered a reasonable Compensation for his, her, or their Costs, Charges, or Expences, or shall not allege a sufficient Cause to the Sheriff for not appearing, or appearing shall refuse to be sworn and examined, or to give Evidence, then and in every such Case every such Person so offending shall, upon Proof thereof made before One of His Majesty's Justices of the County in which the Matter in question shall arise upon the Oath of One or more credible Witness or Witnesses, and for every such Offence forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Five Pounds, according to the Discretion of the said Justice; and in case any such Penalty shall not be forthwith paid it shall or may be levied, by virtue of any Warrant under the Hand and Seal of such Justice, by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of the Person so offending, rendering to such Person the Overplus after such Penalty and the Charges of such Distress and Sale shall be deducted; and every such Penalty which shall be paid by or recovered from any Person who shall be impannelled, summoned, and returned on such Jury, or to give Evidence as aforesaid, shall go and be paid to the Person or Persons who shall appear to the said Justice to be injured by the Default of such Persons.

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For punishing Persons guilty of Perjury.

LXXIII. And be it further enacted, That all and every Person or Persons who, in any Examination to be taken by virtue of this Act, shall wilfully give false Evidence or otherwise forswear themselves before any such Jury, may be prosecuted for the same, and upon Conviction thereof shall be subject to such Punishment and Disqualifications as any Person or Persons can or may be subject to by the Laws for wilful and corrupt Perjury.

Verdicts of Juries to be recorded.

LXXIV. And be it further enacted, That all such Verdicts and Judgments, and all Receipts which the Cashier or Cashiers of the Bank shall give for any Sum or Sums of Money paid into the Bank in manner herein-after mentioned in consequence of any Verdict or Judgment, shall be transmitted to and kept by the Clerks of the Peace, or other Person or Persons having the Custody of the Records of the Quarter Sessions of the said County of *Surrey* or County of *Middlesex* (as the Case may be); and the said Verdicts, Sentences, Decrees, or Orders, or other Proceedings, shall be deemed and taken to be Records to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever, and the same or true Copies thereof shall be deemed and taken to be good and sufficient Evidence thereof in any Court or Courts of Law or Equity whatsoever; and all Persons shall have Liberty to inspect the same, paying for such Inspection the Sum of One Shilling, or to have Copies thereof, paying for every Copy the Sum of Four-pence for every Seventy-two Words, and so in proportion for any greater or less Number of Words.

Expences of Jury and Witnesses by whom to be paid.

LXXV. And be it further enacted, That all the Costs, Charges, and Expences of causing and procuring such Purchase Money or Compensation Money respectively to be assessed and awarded as aforesaid, and of so assessing and awarding the same, shall, in case the Parties cannot agree upon such Costs, Charges, and Expences, be settled by some Justice of the Peace acting for the County in which such Assessments or Award shall be made, not interested in the Matter in question, who is hereby authorized and required to settle the same at the Time and Place to be by him appointed after summoning the Parties to attend him for that Purpose, and after Proof of the Service of the Summons having been made Ten Days at least before the Day appointed, and such Costs, Charges, and Expences shall be paid as herein-after is mentioned; that is to say, if a Verdict shall be given for the same or for a greater Sum as Purchase Money or Compensation Money (as the Case may be) than shall have been previously offered by or on the Behalf of the said Company, or a Verdict shall be given for any Compensation Money (where the Dispute is respecting Compensation Money only), and where no such Compensation Money shall have been previously offered by or on the Behalf of the said Company, then such Expences shall be paid by the said Company; and in case such Costs and Expences shall not be paid to the Party entitled to receive the same within Ten Days after the same shall be demanded, then the same shall and may be levied and recover ed by Distress and Sale of any Goods and Chattels vested in the said Company, or of any Goods or Chattels vested in the Treasurer to the said Company, unless such Treasurer shall pay such Costs and Expences out of any Money received by him by virtue of this Act, and

which he is hereby authorized to do, under a Warrant to be issued for that Pupose by any Justice of the Peace for the County in which the same shall be, which Warrant any such Justice is hereby authorized and required to issue under his Hand and Seal on Application made to him for that Purpose by the Party entitled to receive such Costs and Expences; and if any Verdict shall be given for a less Sum as Purchase Money or Compensation Money than shall have been previously offered by or on behalf of the said Company, one Moiety of the said Costs, Charges, and Expences shall be paid by the said Company, and may be recovered in manner aforesaid, and the other Moiety thereof shall be paid by the Body or Bodies Politic, Corporate, or Collegiate, Corporations Aggregate or Sole, or other Person or Persons entitled to such Purchase Money or Compensation Money (as the Case may be), and the said Company or their Committee of Management are hereby authorized and empowered to deduct and retain the said last-mentioned Moiety of the said Expences out of the Sum or Sums of Money so to be assessed or awarded as aforesaid, or out of any Part thereof; and the Payment or Tender of the Remainder of all such Sum or Sums of Money shall be deemed and taken to all Intents and Purposes to be a Payment or Tender of the whole Sum or Sums so assessed or awarded as aforesaid, and in case no Compensation Money shall be given by any Verdict where the Dispute is for Damage only, such Expences shall be paid by the Body or Bodies Politic, Corporate, or Collegiate, Corporations Aggregate or Sole, or other Person or Person sclaiming such Compensation Money, and shall be recovered by the said Company in the same Manner as is herein-after provided for the Recovery of any Penalty or Forfeiture incurred by this Act.

Lands to vest in the Company on Payment or Tender of Satisfaction.

LXXVI. And be it further enacted, That upon Payment or legal Tender of such Sum or Sums of Money as shall have been contracted or agreed for, or shall have been assessed or awarded by any Jury in manner aforesaid, to be paid for the Purchase of any Houses, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, to the Bodies Politic and Corporate, Corporations Aggregate and Sole, or other the Person or Persons herein-before empowered to sell, or his, her, or their Agent or Agents, such Houses, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, or Parts or Shares, Estates, Interest, or Charges, and the Fee Simple and Inheritance thereof, together with the yearly Profits thereof, and all the Estate, Right, Title, Interest, Use, Trust, Property, Claim, and Demand in Law and Equity of the Body or Bodies Politic, Corporate, or Collegiate, Corporations Aggregate or Sole, or other the Person or Persons aforesaid, into or out of the Houses, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, Titles, Hereditaments, and Premises to be purchased as aforesaid, shall vest in and become the sole Property of the said Company for the Purposes of this Act for ever, and they shall be deemed in Law to be in the actual Seizin and Possession thereof to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever as fully and effectually as if every Body Politic, Corporate, or Collegiate, Corporations Aggregate or Sole, Person or Persons, having any Estate in the Premises, had duly conveyed the same, with Livery of Seizin, or by any Conveyance or Assurance whatsoever, and such Payment or Tender shall not only bar all Right, Title, Interest, Claim, and Demand of the Body or Bodies Politic, Corporate, or Collegiate, and Corporations Aggregate or Sole, Person or

Persons, to whom the same shall or ought to have been made, but also shall extend to and be deemed and construed to bar the Dower and Dowers of the Wife or Wives of such Person or Persons, and all Estates Tail, Rights, Titles, Interests, Claims, and Demands whatsoever in Possession, Reversion, Remainder, Expectancy, or Contingency therein or thereto.

Application of Compensation when amounting to 200*l.*

LXXVII. And be it further enacted, That if there shall be any Money to be paid for any Houses, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, or Part or Parts thereof, or Share or Shares, Estate or Estates, Interest or Interests therein, or Charge or Charges thereon, purchased by virtue of the Powers of this Act, which shall belong to any Body Politic, Corporate, or Collegiate, or any Lunatic, Idiot, Feme Covert, or Cestuique Trust, or to any Body or Bodies, Person or Persons, under any Disabilities or Incapacity whatsoever, or which shall be limited in strict or other Settlement, such Money shall, in case the same shall amount to the Sum of Two hundred Pounds, with all convenient Speed be paid into the Bank of *England* in the Name and with the Privity of the Accountant General of His Majesty's Court of Exchequer, to be placed to his Account there *ex parte* the Metropolitan Suspension Bridge Company, pursuant to the Method prescribed by the Act made in the First Year of the Reign of King *George* the Fourth, intituled *An Act for the better securing Monies and Effects paid into the Court of Exchequer at* Westminster *on account of the Suitors of the said Court, and for the Appointment of an Accountant General of the said Court, and for other Purposes*, and the General Orders of the said Court, without Fee or Reward, to the Intent that such Money shall be applied, under the Direction and with the Approbation of the said Court, to be signed by an Order made upon a Petition to be preferred in a summary Way by the Body or Bodies Politic, Corporate, or Collegiate, Person or Persons, who would have been entitled to the Rents and Profits of the said Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, in the Purchase or Redemption of the Land Tax, or Discharge of any Debt or Debts, or such other Incumbrances, or Part thereof, as the said Court shall authorize to be paid, affecting the said Houses, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, or Part or Parts thereof, or Share or Shares, Estate or Estates, Interest or Interests therein, or Charge or Charges thereon, affecting other Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments standing settled therewith to the same or like Uses, Intents, or Purposes; or where such shall not be so applied, then the same shall be laid out and invested, under the like Direction and Approbation of the said Court, in the Purchase of other Houses, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, which shall be conveyed and settled to, for, and upon such and the like Uses, Trusts, Intents, and Purposes, and in the same Manner, as the Houses, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, or Part or Parts thereof, Shares, Estates, Interests, or Charges, which shall be so taken or purchased as aforesaid, stood settled or limited, or such of them as at the Time of making such Conveyance and Settlement shall be existing undetermined and capable of taking effect; and in the meantime and until such Purchase shall be made the said Money shall, by Order of the said Court of Exchequer upon Application thereto, be invested by the said Accountant General in his Name in

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the Purchase of Three Pounds *per Centum* Consolidated or Three Pounds *per Centum* Reduced Bank Annuities; and in the meantime, and until the Bank Annuities shall be ordered by the said Court to be sold for the Purposes aforesaid, the Dividends and annual Produce of the said Consolidated or Reduced Bank Annuities shall from Time to Time be paid by the Order of the said Court to the Body or Bodies Politic, Corporate, or Collegiate, Person or Persons, who would for the Time being have been entitled to the Rents and Profits of the said Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments so hereby directed to be purchased in case such Settlement and Purchase were made; and the Cashier or Cashiers of the Bank of *England* who shall receive such Sum or Sums of Money as aforesaid is and are hereby required to give a Receipt or Receipts for the same Sum or Sums, specifying for what the same is or are received, to the Person or Persons paying the same into the Bank as aforesaid.

Application of Compensation Money when less than 200*l.* and more than 20*l.*

LXXVIII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That if there shall be any Money to be paid for any Houses, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, or Part or Parts thereof, or Share or Shares, Estate or Estates, Interest or Interests therein, Charge or Charges thereon, purchased as aforesaid, belonging to any Corporation or any Person or Persons under any Disability or Incapacity as aforesaid, or limited in strict or other Settlement, which shall be less than the Sum of Two hundred Pounds and which shall exceed or be equal to the Sum of Twenty Pounds, then and in all such Cases the same shall, at the Option of the Body or Bodies Politic, Corporate, or Collegiate, Person or Persons, for the Time being entitled to the Rents and Profits of the Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, Parts, Shares, Estates, Interests, or Charges, so taken or purchased, or of the Guardian or Guardians, Committee or Committees of such Person or Persons, in case of Infancy or Lunacy, to be signified in Writing under their respective Hands, be paid in the Name and with the Privity of the said Accountant General of the Court of Exchequer, and be placed to his Account as aforesaid, in order to be applied in manner herein-before directed; or otherwise the same shall be paid, at the like Option, to Two Trustees to be nominated by the Body or Bodies Politic, Corporate, or Collegiate, Person or Persons, making such Option, and be approved of by the said Committee of Management or any Three of them, such Nomination and Approbation to be signified in Writing under the Seal or Hands and Seals of the nominating and approving Persons, in order that the said Principal Money and the Dividends arising thereon may be applied in the Manner herein-before directed, so far as the Case be applicable, without obtaining or being required to obtain the Direction and Approbation of the Court of Exchequer.

Application of Compensation Money when less than 20*l.*

LXXIX. Provided also, and be it further enacted, That when such Money to be paid as aforesaid shall be less than Twenty Pounds, then and in all such Cases the same shall be applied to the Use of the Body or Bodies Politic, Corporate, or Collegiate, Person or Persons, who would for the Time being have been entitled to the Rents and Profits of the Houses, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, Parts, Shares, Estates, Interests, and Charges taken or purchased

purchased as aforesaid, in such Manner as the said Committee of Management or any Three of them shall think fit; or in case of the Infancy or Lunatic of such Person or Persons, then such Money shall be paid to his, her, or their Guardian or Guardians, Committee or Committees, to and for the Use and Benefit of such Person or Persons so entitled respectively.

In case of not making out Title, or Persons entitled not being found, the Money to be paid into the Bank.

LXXX. And be it further enacted, That in case the Body or Bodies Politic, Corporate, or Collegiate, Person or Persons, to whom any Sum or Sums of Money shall be awarded for the Purchase of any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, or any Parts, Shares, Estates, or Interests therein, or Charge thereon, to be taken or purchased by virtue of this Act, shall refuse to accept the same, or to execute a proper Conveyance or proper Conveyances of the same Premises, or shall not be able to make a good Title to the same to the Satisfaction of the said Company or their Committee of Management, or in case such Person or Persons to whom such Sum and Sums shall be so awarded as aforesaid cannot be found, or if the Person or Persons entitled to such Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, Parts, Shares, Estates, Interest, or Charges, be not known or discovered, then and in every such Case it shall be lawful for the said Committee of Management, or any Three or more of them, to order the said Sum or Sums of Money so awarded as aforesaid to be paid into the Bank of *England* in the Name and with the Privity of the Accountant General of the said Court of Exchequer, to be placed to his Account to the Credit of the Party or Parties interested in the said Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, Parts, Shares, Estates, Interests, or Charges (describing such Tenements or Hereditaments), or if such Party or Parties shall not be known, then to the Credit of the then unknown Person or Persons interested in the said Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, Parts, Shares, Estates, Interests, or Charges (describing the said Tenements or Hereditaments), subject to the Order, Control, and Disposition of the said Court of Exchequer, on the Application of any Body or Bodies Politic, Corporate, or Collegiate, Person or Persons, making claim to such Sum or Sums of Money, or any Part thereof, by Motion or Petition, shall and is hereby empowered, in a summary Way of Proceeding or otherwise, as to the same Court shall seem meet, to order the same to be laid out and invested in the Public Funds, and to order Distribution thereof according to the respective Estate or Estates, Title or Interest of the Body or Bodies Politic, Corporate, Collegiate, Person or Persons, making Claim thereunto, and to make such other Order in the Premises as to the said Court shall seem just and reasonable; and the Cashier or Cashiers of the Bank of *England* who shall receive such Sum or Sums of Money is and are hereby required to give a Receipt or Receipts for such Sum or Sums of Money, mentioning and specifying for what the same is or are received, to such Person or Persons as shall pay any such Sum or Sums of Money into the Bank as aforesaid.

In Cases of doubtful Title the Interest of the

LXXXI. Provided always, and be it enacted, That where any Question shall arise touching the Title of any Body or Bodies Politic, Corporate, or Collegiate, Person or Persons, to any Money to be paid into

Money paid into the Bank to be paid to the Party in Possession of the Hereditaments.

into the Bank of *England* in the Name and with the Privity of the Accountant General of the Court of Exchequer, in pursuance of this Act, for the Purchase of or in satisfaction for any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, or Part or Parts thereof, or of any Estate, Right, Title, Charge, or Interest in, to, or upon any Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments to be taken or purchased in pursuance of this Act, or as a Compensation for any Loss, Damage, or Injury for which a Compensation is authorized and directed to be made as aforesaid, or of any Bank Annuities to be purchased with any such Money, and the Dividends and Interest of any such Bank Annuities, the Body or Bodies Politic, Corporate, or Collegiate, Person or Persons, who shall have been in the Possession of any such Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, Parts, Shares, Estates, Interests, or Charges, at the Time of such Purchase, and all Body or Bodies Politic, Corporate, or Collegiate, Person or Persons, claiming under such Body or Bodies, Person or Persons, shall be deemed and taken to have been lawfully entitled to such Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, Parts, Shares, Estates, Interests, or Charges, according to such Possession, until the contrary shall be shown to the Satisfaction of the said Court of Exchequer; and the Dividends or Interest of the Bank Annuities to be purchased with such Money, and also the Capital of such Bank Annuities, shall be paid, applied, and disposed of accordingly, unless it shall be made to appear to the said Court that such Possession was a wrongful Possession, and that some other Person or Persons was or were lawfully entitled to such Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, or Part or Parts thereof, or some Estate or Interest therein or Charge thereon.

The Court may order reasonable Expences of Purchases to be paid by the Company.

LXXXII. Provided also, and be it further enacted, That where by reason of any Disability or Incapacity of any Party entitled to any Lands to be taken or used, or in respect of which any Satisfaction, Recompence, or Compensation shall be payable under the Authority of this Act, the Purchase Money for the same, or the Money paid for such Compensation, shall be required to be paid into the Bank of *England*, it shall be lawful for the said Court to order the Costs, Charges, and Expences attending the Purchase or the taking or using of such Lands, or which may be incurred in consequence thereof, and also the Costs, Charges, and Expences of the Re-investment of the Purchase or Compensation Money in other Land, and likewise the Costs, Charges, and Expences (occasioned only by the passing of this Act, and not by Litigation between the Claimants or otherwise,) of any Proceedings had as herein-before authorized for the Investment of such Purchase or Compensation Money in Government or Real Securities, and for the Payment of the Interest and Dividends thereof, and of the Payment of such Government or Real Securities, or of the Money to be produced by the Sales thereof out of Court, or so much of such Costs, Charges, and Expences as the said Court shall think reasonable, together with the necessary Costs and Charges of obtaining the proper Orders for such Purposes, to be paid by the said Company out of the Monies to be received by virtue of this Act; and the said Company shall from Time to Time pay such Sums of Money for such Costs, Charges, and Expences as the said Court shall direct.

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Expences of Title to be paid by the Company.

LXXXIII. And be it further enacted, That all the Costs, Charges, and Expences on the Part as well of the Seller as the Purchaser of all Conveyances and Assurances of any Lands which shall be purchased or taken by the said Company for the Purposes of this Act, and of deducing, evidencing, and verifying such Title as the Company may require to the said Lands, and of making out and furnishing such Abstract and such attested Copies as the said Company may require, and all Expences whatsoever incident to the Investigation, Deduction, and Verification of such Title, shall be exclusively borne and paid by the said Company; and the said Company, before entering into Possession of the Lands so purchased or taken, shall pay the Amount of such Costs, Charges, and Expences: Provided always, that the said Company shall not be prevented from entering into Possession of the Lands so purchased by reason of the Nonpayment of the said Costs, Charges, and Expences, unless the Party or Parties from whom such Lands shall have been purchased shall, within Seven Days after Notice in Writing for that Purpose shall have been given to them by the said Company, deliver a Bill of their said Costs, Charges, and Expences to the said Company.

In case of Dispute the Expences to be taxed by a Master of the Court of Exchequer.

LXXXIV. And be it further enacted, That if the said Company and the Party or Parties aforesaid cannot agree as to the Amount of such Costs, Charges, and Expences, the same shall be ascertained by the said Court of Exchequer; and it shall be lawful for the said Court, on a Petition to be presented by the said Company or the Party with whom such Dispute shall arise, to order and direct that such Costs, Charges, and Expences shall be referred to One of the Masters of the said Court to be taxed in the usual Manner, and after Taxation thereof to order and direct that the Amount of such Costs, Charges, and Expences so taxed, together with the Costs, Charges, and Expences attending the Taxation thereof, or so much of the same as shall be payable by the said Company to the Person or Persons from whom such Lands shall have been purchased or taken, shall be paid to the Person or Persons aforesaid: Provided always, that the said Company shall not be at liberty to enter into the Possession of the Lands so purchased or taken until they shall have deposited the Amount claimed in respect of such Costs, Charges, and Expences in the Hands of some Banker to be approved by the Party with whom such Dispute shall arise, or in the Bank of *England*, in the Name and with the Privity of the Accountant General of the said Court of Exchequer, to be placed to his Account there *ex parte* "The Metropolitan Suspension Bridge Company," pursuant to the Method prescribed by an Act passed in the First Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Fourth, intituled *An Act for the better securing Monies and Effects paid into the Court of Exchequer at* Westminster *on account of the Suitors of the said Court, and for the Appointment of an Accountant General and Two Masters of the said Court, and for other Purposes*, which Sums shall be applied, under the Order of the said Court, on Payment of the said Costs, Charges, and Expences: Provided always, that the Expence of determining such Costs, Charges, and Expences as aforesaid, and of obtaining the Order or Orders referring the same to be taxed, shall be paid and borne by the said Company, unless One Sixth of the said Costs, Charges, and

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Expences shall be disallowed, in which Case the said Expence shall be paid and borne by the Person or Persons from whom the said Lands were purchased or taken, and the Amount thereof may then be deducted by the said Company from the Sum payable by them under the Direction or Award of the said Master.

Mortgagees, on Tender of Principal and Interest, to convey.

LXXXV. And be it further enacted, That all and every Person and Persons who shall have any Mortgage or Mortgages, or be entitled to any Sum or Sums of Money due on Judgment or other Security, or otherwise charged on such Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments as shall be purchased under or by virtue of this Act, or any Parts or Shares thereof, not being in Possession thereof, or any Part or Shares thereof, by virtue of such Mortgage or Mortgages or Security or Securities, shall, on the Tender of the Principal and Interest due thereon, together with the Amount of Six Calendar Months Interest on the said Principal Money, by the said Company, or by such Person or Persons as they shall appoint, immediately convey, assign, release, and transfer such Mortgage or Mortgages, Security or Securities, Charge or Charges, to the said Company, or such Person or Persons as the said Company shall appoint; or in case such Mortgagee or Mortgagees or other Person or Persons shall have Notice in Writing from the said Company, or such Person or Persons as they shall appoint, that they will pay off and discharge the Principal Money and Interest which shall be due on the Mortgage or Mortgages, Charge or Charges, at the End or Expiration of Six Calendar Months, to be computed from the Day of giving such Notice, that then at the End of the said Six Calendar Months, on Payment of the Principal and Interest so due to such Mortgagee or Mortgagees, Person or Persons, shall convey, assign, release, and transfer his, her, or their Interest in the Premises to the said Company, or such Person or Persons as shall be appointed as aforesaid in Trust for them; and in case such Mortgagee or Mortgagees, Person or Persons, shall refuse to convey, release, or assign as aforesaid on such Tender or Payment, then all Interest on every such Mortgage, Security, or Charge shall from thenceforth cease and determine: Provided always, that in case the Sum due upon any such Mortgage or Mortgages, Security or Securities, Charge or Charges, with all Interest due thereon, shall amount to more than the real Value of the said Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments, or the Part or Parts thereof which shall be taken for the Purposes of this Act, such Value to be ascertained in manner herein-before directed, then the said Company shall not be liable to pay the Mortgagee or Mortgagees more than the real Value of such Premises, to be determined as aforesaid.

On Refusal of Mortgagees to convey, the Premises to vest in the Company on Payment of Principal and Interest into the Bank.

LXXXVI. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That in case any such Mortgagee or other Person as last aforesaid shall neglect or refuse to convey or assign or release as aforesaid, then upon Payment of the Principal Money and Interest due on such Mortgage, Security, or Charge as aforesaid into the Bank at the End of Six Calendar Months from the Day of giving such Notice as aforesaid, for the Use of the Mortgagee or Mortgagees or Person or Persons entitled thereto, the Cashier or Cashiers shall give a Receipt or Receipts for the said Money in like Manner as herein-before directed

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in case of other Payments into the Bank, and thereupon all the Estate, Right, Title, Interest, Use, Trust, Property, Claim, and Demand whatsoever of the said Mortgagee or Mortgagees, or other Person or Persons in Trust for him or them, shall vest in the Company, and they shall be deemed to be in the actual Possession of the Premises comprised in such Mortgage or Mortgages: Provided also, that if the Money and Interest due in respect of any Mortgage or Mortgages, Security or Securities, Charge or Charges of the Houses, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, or Part or Parts thereof, which shall be purchased by virtue of this Act, shall amount to more than the Value of the Premises charged therewith, or such of them, or of such Part or Parts thereof, as shall be purchased by virtue of this Act, such Mortgagee or Mortgagees, Person or Persons, shall, upon Payment or Tender of the Sum, to be ascertained as the Value of the Houses, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, or Part or Parts thereof, to be purchased as aforesaid, forthwith convey, assign, release, and transfer his, her, or their Interest and Demand in and to the several Houses, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, or Part or Parts thereof, to the Company, or to such Person or Persons as shall be appointed as aforesaid; and in default of so doing, and on Payment of such Money into the Bank of *England* for the Use of the Mortgagee or Mortgagees, the Cashier or Cashiers of the Bank shall give such Receipt or Receipts as above mentioned, and thereupon all the Estate, Right, Title, Interest, Property, Claim, and Demand whatsoever of the said Mortgagee or Mortgagees, Person or Persons as aforesaid, and of all and every Person and Persons in Trust for him, her, or them in the said Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, or Part or Parts thereof, the Value whereof shall have been so ascertained and paid into the Bank as aforesaid, shall vest in the said Company, and they shall be deemed to be in the actual Possession of the said Premises to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever, and such Sums of Money shall be deducted from the Amount of the Principal and Interest due to such Mortgagee or Mortgagees.

Mortgagees to convey or be foreclosed.

LXXXVII. And be it further enacted, That if the Money and Interest due in respect of any Mortgage or Mortgages, Security or Securities, Charge or Charges, of any Houses, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, or Part or Parts thereof, which shall be purchased by virtue of this Act, shall amount to more than the Value of the Premises charged therewith, or such of them, or such Part or Parts thereof, as shall be purchased by virtue of this Act, the Mortgagor or Mortgagors, or other the Person or Persons entitled to the Redemption thereof, or to the same Premises subject thereto, shall, upon Payment of the Sum to be awarded as the Value of the Houses, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, or Part or Parts thereof, to be purchased or taken as aforesaid, to such Mortgagee or Mortgagees, Person or Persons entitled thereto, or into the Bank as aforesaid, forthwith without any Consideration convey, assign, or release his, her, or their Right, Equity of Redemption, or Estate, or Interest in such Houses, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, or Part or Parts thereof, to the said Company, or to such Person or Persons as shall be appointed as aforesaid, and in default of so

doing shall be and are hereby barred and foreclosed from all Right or Equity of Redemption of and in the same Premises; and all the Estate, Right, Title, Interest, Property, Claim, and Demands of him, her, or them, and every Person and Persons in Trust for him, her, or them in the same Premises, shall vest in the said Company, and they shall be deemed to be in the actual Possession thereof to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever.

Tenants at Will, &c. to deliver Possession on Six Calendar Months Notice.

LXXXVIII. And be it further enacted, That all and every Body and Bodies Politic, Corporate, or Collegiate, Person or Persons, in the actual Possession of any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, or any Part thereof, shall be taken or purchased by virtue of this Act, as Tenant at Will, or Lessee for a Year, or for any shorter Time or otherwise, shall, at the Expiration of Six Calendar Months after Notice in Writing from the said Company or other Agent duly authorized shall have been left at or affixed upon the same Premises, or so soon after as he, she, or they shall be required, peaceably and quietly deliver up the Possession of the said Premises to the said Committee, or the Person or Persons authorized by Writing under the Hands of Three or more of the said Committee to take possession thereof, whether such Notice be given with reference to the Time of the holding or not, the said Company making such Recompence or Compensation to every such Body or Bodies Politic, Corporate, or Collegiate, Person or Persons, for delivering up Possession of the same Premises, as shall be agreed upon between him, her, or them and the said Company; and in case such Body or Bodies Politic, Corporate, or Collegiate, Person or Persons, and the said Company, shall not agree as to the Amount or Value of such Recompence or Compensation, then the same shall be ascertained and settled by the Verdict of a Jury in manner herein-before directed for ascertaining and settling the Value or Recompence for Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments and Premises to be taken or used for the Purposes of this Act; and if any such Body or Bodies Politic, Corporate, Collegiate, Person or Persons, shall refuse to give up such Possession as aforesaid, such Recompence, (if any), being first paid or tendered, it shall belawful for the said Committee, and they are hereby empowered and required, to issue a Precept or Precepts under their Hands and Seals to the Sheriff of the County where the same Premises respectively are situate to deliver Possession of the Premises to such Person or Persons as shall in such Precept or Precepts be nominated to receive the same, and the said Sheriff is hereby required to deliver such Possession accordingly of the said Premises, and to levy such Costs as shall accrue from the issuing of such Precept or Precepts, or the Person or Persons so refusing to give up such Possession as aforesaid, by Distress and Sale of his, her, or their Goods: Provided always, that in case any Body or Bodies Politic, Corporate, or Collegiate, Person or Persons, Tenants at Will, or Lessee for a Year, who shall be entitled to Compensation by virtue of this Act, shall be desirous of delivering up the Possession of the Premises in his or her Possession at the Expiration of Three Calendar Months next after such Notice shall have been left or affixed upon the same Premises for that Purpose as aforesaid, notwithstanding he or she may not be then required so to do, then and in every such Case the said Company shall immediately after the Expiration

of the said Three Calendar Months, or so soon after as the same Sum or Sums of Money to be paid for Satisfaction or Compensation to such Body or Bodies Politic, Corporate, or Collegiate, Person or Persons, shall be agreed upon or awarded, cause Possession to be taken of the same Premises, and the Sum or Sums of Money so to be agreed upon or awarded for Compensation as aforesaid to be thereupon paid.

Money to be paid before any Use be made of the Premises.

LXXXIX. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That all Sums of Money which under the Provisions of this Act are or ought to be paid for the Purchase of any Houses, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments required for the Purposes of this Act, or for any Recompence or Compensation as aforesaid, shall be paid or tendered to the Party or Parties entitled to the same, or deposited in the Bank of *England* as herein-after mentioned, before the said Company, or any Person or Persons authorized by them, shall proceed to take possession of or use such Houses, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments respectively, or any Part thereof, for any of the Purposes of this Act, unless Leave be given for that Purpose in Writing by the Owners or Occupiers of such Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, or Parties or Persons entitled to such Monies respectively; and in case any Person or Persons shall enter upon any such Premises for any of the Purposes of this Act before such Payment, Tender, or Deposit as aforesaid shall have been made (except by Consent as aforesaid,) every Person so offending shall forfeit and pay the Sum of Ten Pounds for every Day he shall remain on the Premises.

Company may sell Lands not wanted.

XC. And whereas by means of the Purchases which the said Company are empowered and are required to make by virtue of this Act they may happen to be seised of more Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments than will be necessary for effecting the Purposes of this Act, or of Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments not applicable to the Purposes thereof; be it therefore enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Company to sell, and by any Deed under their Common Seal to convey, any Part of such Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, or any Estate or Interest purchased by the said Company in such Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, or any Part thereof, either together or in Parcels, by public Auction or by private Contract as they shall deem most advantageous, and such Conveyances from the said Company shall be valid and effectual, any thing in this Act contained, or any other Law, Statute, or Custom, to the contrary notwithstanding: Provided always, that the said Company, before they shall dispose of any such Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, shall first offer to sell the same to the Person or to the Persons successively, in such Order as the said Company shall deem meet, of whom the same shall have been purchased, provided such Persons be in *England* and be conveniently found, but if such Persons be not so found, then the said Company shall offer to sell such Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments to the Person or to the Persons successively, in such Order as the said Company shall deem meet, whose Lands or Premises shall immediately join the Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments so proposed to be sold; and such respective Persons, in case they shall be desirous of purchasing the

the same, (Preference in Pre-emption of such respective Persons, if more than One, being according to the Order of making such Offers) shall signify such their Desire and Intention in that Behalf to the said Company within Twenty Days after such Offer of Sale shall have been made; and in case such Persons shall decline to avail themselves of such Offer, or shall neglect to signify their Desire and Intention to purchase such Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments for the Space of Twenty Days, an Affidavit made and sworn to before a Master or Master Extraordinary in the High Court of Chancery, or before any Justice of the Peace for the said County of *Surrey* or for the said County of *Middlesex*, as the Case may require, by some Person not interested in the same Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, stating that such Offer was made by or on behalf of the said Company, and that such Offer was refused or was not accepted by the Person or Persons to whom the same was made within the Space of Twenty Days from the Time of making the same, shall in all Courts whatsoever be sufficient Evidence and Proof that such Offer was made and was refused or was not accepted or agreed to (as the Case may be) within the Time aforesaid by the Person or Persons to whom such Offer was made; and in case such Person or Persons shall be desirous of purchasing the same, and he, she, or they and the said Company shall not agree with respect to the Price thereof, then the Price thereof shall be ascertained by a Jury in the Manner by this Act directed with respect to the disputed Value of Premises to be taken or used by the said Company in pursuance thereof; and the Expence of hearing and determining such Difference shall be borne and paid in like Manner as is in this Act directed with respect to Purchases made by the said Company, *mutatis mutandis*; and the Money produced by the Sale which may be made by the said Company of any such Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments as aforesaid shall be applied to the Purposes of this Act.

The Words "grant, bargain, and sell" to operate as Covenants for Title.

XCI. And be it further enacted, That in all Grants and Conveyances to be made by the said Company under or by virtue and in pursuance of the several Powers and Authorities to them hereby given the Words "grant, bargain, and sell" shall amount to and be construed and adjudged in all Courts of Judicature to be express Covenants to the Grantee, Lessee, or Purchaser, his, her, and their Heirs, Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, from the said Company, for themselves and their Successors, that they the said Company, notwithstanding any Act done by them, were at the Time of the Execution of such Grant or Conveyance seised of the Hereditaments and Premises thereby granted, conveyed, and sold for an indefeasible Estate of Inheritance in Fee Simple, free from all Incumbrances, for quiet Enjoyment thereof against the said Company, their Successors and Assigns, and all claiming under them, and that all such Purchasers shall be indemnified and saved harmless by the said Company and their Successors.

The Company to build Stairs and Plying Places at each End of the Bridge.

XCII. And be it further enacted, That there shall be constructed at each End of the said Bridge convenient Stone Stairs and Plying Places for the Use of the Free Watermen of the River *Thames*, and that they the said Free Watermen shall have the free Use of the said Stairs

Stairs in the same Manner as they have of the Stairs and Plying Places at *Westminster Bridge* and *Vauxhall Bridge*, and which said Stairs and Plying Places shall at all Times after the same shall be made be kept in repair by the said Company of Proprietors and their Successors.

A Recompence to be paid to the Waterman's Company on account of Sunday Ferry.

XCIII. And be it further enacted, That the said Committee, or any Five or more of them, shall be and are hereby empowered and required, before the said Bridge shall be completely finished and made passable, to agree for and settle the Recompence fit and proper to be made to the Company of Master, Wardens, and Commonalty of Watermen and Lightermen of the River *Thames* for and in respect of a Moiety of the *Sunday* Ferry from *Lambeth* to the *Horseferry*, and from the *Horseferry* to *Lambeth*; and in case such Recompence cannot be settled by Agreement between the said Committee and the Court of Master, Wardens, and Assistants of the said Company of Watermen, then the said Committee shall be and are hereby empowered and required, within the Space of Two Calendar Months, to be computed from the Day the said Bridge shall be completely finished and made passable, to proceed to assess the same by a Jury by the same Method and in the Manner herein-before mentioned, and the Verdict of such Jury thereupon shall be binding on all Parties; and the said Company of Proprietors are hereby authorized and required to cause the Sum of Money so settled, assessed, and determined by the Verdict of the said Jury to be paid out of the Monies intended to be raised for the Purposes of this Act to the said Court of Master, Wardens, and Assistants of the said Company of Watermen and Lightermen, and the Interest and yearly Produce thereof shall be applied by the said Court of Master, Wardens, and Assistants of the said Company of Watermen and Lightermen as the Money arising from such Ferries hath heretofore been applied.

Such Money to be paid to the Watermen's Company.

XCIV. And be it further enacted, That the Money so agreed for and settled by the said Committee, or assessed and determined by the Verdict of the said Jury (as the Case may be), for such Moiety of the *Sunday* Ferry to be paid for Recompence to the poor Watermen of the Parish of *Saint Margaret* and *Saint John the Evangelist* in *Westminster*, shall be paid to the Court of Master, Wardens, and Assistants of the said Company of Watermen and Lightermen to be by them invested in the Public Funds; and the said Court of Master, Wardens, and Assistants of the said Company of Watermen and Lightermen are hereby required yearly and every Year to pay the Income or yearly Produce arising from the same into the Hands of the Steward or the Stewards for the Time being, who shall be annually chosen by the said Watermen of the Parishes of *Saint Margaret* and *Saint John the Evangelist* in the City of *Westminster*, and the Receipt of such Steward or Stewards for the Time being shall be a sufficient Discharge to the said Company.

Company, in case of Accident, to provide a temporary Bridge or Ferry.

XCV. And be it further enacted, That in case at any Time or Times after the said Bridge shall have been completed the Passage over the same shall become dangerous in consequence of Accident or Damage, it shall be lawful for the said Company, during such Time

or Times as shall be necessary for repairing or rebuilding the said Bridge, to erect and build such temporary Bridge at such Place or Places near the Site of the said Bridge as they shall think proper, and to receive such Tolls as are herein-after authorized to be taken for passing over the said intended Bridge: Provided always, that such temporary Bridge shall continue for such Time only as shall be necessary for repairing or rebuilding the said Bridge with as little Delay as possible.

Power to take or rent Places for Materials.

XCVI. And be it further enacted, That the said Company shall be and are hereby empowered to take upon Lease, or to agree for the Use and Occupation of proper Places, for a Term not exceeding Eight Years, within Five hundred Yards of the Approach to the said Bridge on either Side thereof, for the Purpose of depositing Stone, Iron, Timber, and other Materials for building the said Bridge.

5,000*l.* to be invested in the Names of Trustees previous to the Works being begun.

XCVII. And be it further enacted, That before the said Bridge shall be begun to be erected or made the said Company shall and they are hereby required to invest in the Three Pounds *per Centum* Consolidated Bank Annuities, in the Names of *Thomas Bish* Esquire, *William Thompson* Esquire, Alderman, *Matthew Wood* Esquire, Alderman, and Sir *James Shaw* Baronet, Chamberlain, or the Survivors or Survivor of them, the Sum of Five thousand Pounds; which Sum when so invested, together with all Interest and Dividends to accrue therefrom, and which are hereby directed to be invested from Time to Time as they shall become payable in the said Fund, in accumulation with the said Sum of Five thousand Pounds, shall be and continue in Trust for the Purposes herein-after directed concerning the same; and when and as soon as it shall appear to the Satisfaction of the said Trustees for the Time being or the Majority of them that the said Bridge and Approaches and the Works connected therewith shall be so far erected, built, and made that the said Sum of Money so invested in the Three Pounds *per Centum* Consolidated Bank Annuities as herein-before directed, together with the Accumulations as aforesaid, will be sufficient to finish and complete the said Bridge and Works, then the said Trustees shall and they are hereby authorized and required to transfer the same to the said Company, or as they shall direct to be applied for that Purpose; and in case the said Company shall not, within Seven Years from and after the passing of this Act, complete the said Bridge and Works, then the said Sum of Five thousand Pounds, together with the Accumulations before mentioned, shall be applied in removing such Parts of the Bridge and Works as shall or may be then erected and left unfinished, in such Manner as they the said Trustees or a Majority of them for the Time being shall order and direct; or in case the said Company shall at any Time after the passing of this Act neglect or omit, for the Space of Six Calendar Months in succession, to proceed with or make reasonable Progress in erecting, building, and making the said Bridge and Works, it shall and may be lawful for the said Trustees or the Majority of them for the Time being, if they shall in their Discretion think proper, forthwith to apply the said Trust Funds and Accumulations in removing such Part or Parts of the said Bridge or Works as shall have been erected, built, and made, and which shall have been

so left unfinished, in the same Manner as if the aforesaid Term of Seven Years had actually expired.

No Works to be erected in the River, except for constructing the Piers, without Consent of the Corporation of London.

XCVIII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall extend to authorize the said Company to erect any Works within the Water or Bed of the said River *Thames*, except such as shall be necessary for constructing the Two proposed Piers of the said intended Bridge, without the Consent in Writing of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons of the City of *London*, in Common Council assembled, first had and obtained for that Purpose; and that the Plan of the Coffer Dams for the said Piers shall be approved by the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons, in Common Council assembled, before the same shall be carried into execution.

Company to fix Lamps.

XCIX. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Company or their Committee, and they are hereby empowered, from Time to Time to cause such and so many Lamp Irons or Lamp Posts to be put up or affixed in, upon, or along the Sides of the said Bridge, and to cause such Number of Lamps of such Sizes and Sorts to be provided and affixed or put upon such Lamp Irons and Lamp Posts as they shall think necessary for lighting the said Bridge and every or any Part thereof, and to cause the said Lamps to be lighted as and when they shall think proper.

Power to contract for lighting.

C. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Company or their Committee from Time to Time to contract and agree with any Company of Proprietors, or with any other Person or Persons, to light the said Bridge with Gas, Oil, or otherwise, as to the said Company or Committee shall from Time to Time seem proper and expedient, and to provide and set up such Lamp Posts and other Things upon the said Bridge as may be necessary for such Purposes.

No Person to take up the Pavement of the Bridge without Consent of the Company.

CI. And be it further enacted, That if any Person whoever shall at any Time hereafter take up, remove, or alter, or cause to be taken up, removed, or altered, any Part of the Pavements, Flags, or other Materials of the Carriageways or Footpaths on the said Bridge, or any of them, or shall make or cause to be made any Alterations in any of the Tunnels, Gutters, Soughs, Drains, or Watercourses therein, without the previous Consent or Authority of the said Company or their Committee, every Person so offending shall forfeit and pay for every such Offence any Sum not exceeding Five Pounds.

Power to appoint Watchmen.

CII. And be it further enacted, That the said Company are hereby empowered from Time to Time, if they see Occasion, to appoint such a Number of fit and able-bodied Men as they shall think proper, to be armed and clothed in such Manner as the said Company shall direct, to be employed as Watchmen, Guards, or Patroles upon the said Bridge, and to appoint any Person or Persons to be Superintendent or Superintendents thereof, and from Time to Time to remove any of the said Superintendents, Watchmen, Guards, or Patroles, and to appoint others in their Room, and from Time to Time to make such Rules, Orders, and Regulations for the better governing the Superintendents, Watchmen, Guards, or Patroles, and for the watching

watching or guarding the said Bridge and keeping the Peace thereon, as the said Company shall think proper, and to provide proper Watch-houses, Watchboxes, and Places for the Reception of such Watchmen.

Power to erect Toll Gates.

CIII. And be it further enacted, That the said Company or their Committee shall and may, as soon as conveniently may be after a Passage shall be made over the said intended Bridge, cause to be erected and set up a Toll Gate or Gates upon the said Bridge at any Part or Parts thereof, and from Time to Time shall and may remove the same Toll Gate or Gates, and erect or set up another Toll Gate or Gates in lieu thereof at any Place or Places upon any Part of the said Bridge, and shall and may from Time to Time erect, provide, and maintain such Toll Houses and other Conveniences as the said Company or the Majority of them, or their Committee of Management for the Time being, shall think proper; and the repective Tolls following shall be demanded and taken at the Toll Gate or Gates to be erected as aforesaid, by such Person or Persons as the said Committee of Management shall from Time to Time appoint as aforesaid, before any Foot Passenger, or any Horse, Mule, Ass, or other Beast, or any Coach, Waggon, Cart, or other Carriage, shall be permitted to pass or return over the said Bridge or through the same; (that is to say,)

Tolls.

For every Person on Foot, and if with a Wheelbarrow or such like Carriage, the Sum of One Halfpenny:

For every Ass, unladen and not drawing, the Sum of One Penny:

For every Ass, laden and not drawing, the Sum of Three Halfpence:

For every Horse or Mule, laden or unladen, and not drawing, the Sum of Three Halfpence:

For every Horse, Mule, or Ass carrying Double and not drawing, the Sum of Two-pence:

For every Horse or Beast of Draught drawing singly any Chaise, Calash, Gig, Whiskey, Chair, Caravan, Cart, Dray, Truck, or other Carriage, the Sum of Three-pence:

For every One of Two or more Horses or Beasts of Draught drawing any Coach, Chariot, Chaise, Berlin, Laudau, Phaeton, Waggon, Timber Carriage, Wain, Cart, Dray, Truck, or other Carriage, the Sum of Three-pence:

And for every Coach, Chariot, Chaise, Berlin, Landau, Phaeton, Waggon, Timber Carriage, Wain, Cart, Dray, Truck, or other Carriage not drawn by any Beast, and having only Two Wheels, the Sum of Sixpence, and having more than Two Wheels, the Sum of One Shilling:

For every Bull, Ox, Cow, Steer, Heifer, or Calf, after the Rate of Eight-pence *per* Score:

For every Sheep or Lamb, Boar, Sow, or Pig, to pay after the Rate of Four-pence *per* Score.

Exemptions from Toll.

CIV. 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 Horse, Beast, Cattle, or Carriage, of whatever

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 returning back from carrying or guarding the same; or for any Soldiers upon their March or upon Duty; or for any Horse, Cattle, or Carriages attending them with their Arms and Baggage, and returning after having been so employed; nor for any Waggon, Wain, Cart, or other Carriage whatsoever, or the Horse or Horses or other 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 furnished by or for or belonging to any Corps of Yeomanry or Volunteer Cavalry, and rode 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, Furniture, and Accoutrements according to the Regulations provided for such Corps respectively, at the Time of claiming such Exemptions as aforesaid; or for any Horse, Beast, Cattle, or Carriage travelling with Vagrants sent by legal Passes, or with any Prisoner sent by any legal Warrant, or returning empty after having been so employed; and if any Person shall claim and take the Benefit of any of the Exemptions by this Act granted, not being entitled to the same, every such Person or Persons for every such Offence shall forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Forty Shillings.

Tolls may be altered.

CV. And be it further enacted, That the said Company shall have full Power from Time to Time, at any Annual or Special General Meeting, to lower or reduce all or any of the said Tolls; but no Reduction of any such Tolls shall be made or take place unless a Majority of the Proprietors present at such General Meeting as herein-before directed, and Five Sixths Parts in Value of the Persons to whom Money may at that Time be owing on the Credit of the Tolls hereby granted, shall assent thereto; and it shall be lawful to and for the said Company in like Manner again to raise the said Tolls to such Sum or Sums as they shall think proper, not exceeding the Sums before mentioned, as it shall be deemed necessary for the Interest of the said Undertaking.

Power to farm Tolls.

CVI. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Company, at any General Meeting to be held under or by virtue of this Act, to lease or demise all or any of the said Tolls for any Term of Years not exceeding Three Years at any one Time for such Rent, payable at such Times and under such Covenants as they shall think fit, the said Company taking such sufficient Security from the Person or Persons to whom such Tolls shall be leased or demised for Payment of such Rent and Performance of such Covenants as they shall think fit, which Rent shall be applied for the Purposes of this Act.

Company to put up a Table of Tolls.

CVII. And be it further enacted, That before any Tolls shall be demanded or taken by virtue of this Act the said Company or their said

said Committee shall and they are hereby required to put up or cause to be put up and afterwards to be continued at every such Toll Gate a Table, painted in distinct and legible Black Letters on a Board with a White 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 Boards whenever any of the Letters or Figures thereof shall be worn out, defaced, or obliterated.

Tolls only payable while such Table remain up.

CVIII. Provided always, and be it enacted, That it shall not be lawful for the said Company to demand or take, or cause to be demanded or taken, any Tolls for or in respect of any Passenger, Horse, Mule, Ass, or other Beast at any Toll Gate but for and during such Time as the Board so painted as aforesaid shall remain affixed at such Toll Gate.

Persons may be stopped on refusing to pay Tolls.

CIX. And be it further enacted, That if any Person or Persons subject to the Payment of any of the said Tolls hereby authorized to be taken shall, after Demand thereof made by any Collector or Collectors, or other Person or Persons to be appointed to receive the same, neglect or refuse to pay the same, it shall be lawful for such Collector or Collectors, Person or Persons, by himself or themselves, or taking such Assistance as he or they shall think necessary, to stop and prevent the Passage of the Person or Persons refusing, or of the Horse, Beast, Cattle, or Carriage for or in respect of which such Tolls ought to be paid, until full Payment thereof, or to seize and distrain any Horse or Horses or other Cattle, together with their Bridles, Saddles, Gears, Harness, or Accoutrements (except the Bridle or Reins of every Horse or other Beast separate from the Horse or Beast,) or any Carriage in respect of the Horses or Cattle drawing the Carriage upon which any Toll is by this Act imposed; and if such Tolls, and the reasonable Charges of such Seizure and Distress, shall not be paid within the Space of Seven Days after such Seizure and Distress made, the Collector or Collectors, Person or Persons, seizing and distraining, shall or may sell the Horse or Horses, Cattle, Carriages, or Things, so seized and distrained, or any Part or Parts thereof, returning the Overplus (if any) and what shall remain unsold, upon Demand, to the Owner thereof, after such Tolls, and all reasonable Charges occasioned by such Seizure, Distress, and Sale, shall be deducted; and that all Monies to be collected or levied shall be and are hereby vested in the said Company and their Successors, and shall be applied for the Purposes of this Act: Provided always, that it shall be lawful for all and every Person and Persons, with or without a Horse, Beast, or other Cattle or Thing chargeable with any of the Tolls or Duties hereby granted, to pass once for the same Toll over the said Bridge, and through all and every the Toll Gates and Toll Bars (if more than One) to be erected by virtue of this Act, without being liable to pay a Toll at each Turnpike, Toll Gate, or Toll Bar, any thing herein contained to the contrary thereof notwithstanding.

Penalty on evading Tolls.

CX. And be it further enacted, That if any Person shall take off or cause to be taken off any Horse or other Beast from any Carriage at or near to any Toll Gate to be erected by virtue of this Act, and afterwards

wards put on or add the same after having passed the said Toll Gate, and shall thereby evade or endeavour to evade the Payment of any Part of the said Tolls, every Person so offending shall for every such Offence forfeit and pay a Sum not exceeding Five Pounds; and it shall be lawful for any Collector or Collectors to stop and prevent the Passage of every such Person till such Person shall have paid the said Sum forfeited.

For settling Disputes concerning Tolls.

CXI. And be it further enacted, That in case any Dispute shall happen respecting the demanding or taking or the Payment of Toll or the Amount of Toll, or the Charges of keeping or selling any Distress, then and in every such Case such Dispute shall be heard and determined by any Justice or Justices of the Peace acting for the County in which the Cause of Dispute shall arise, who, upon Application made to him or them for that Purpose, shall examine the Matter upon Oath of the Parties or their Witness or Witnesses (which Oath every such Justice or Justices is or are hereby authorized and empowered to administer), and shall determine the Amount of the Toll 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 or Justices shall seem 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 directed to pay the same by Warrant under the Hand and Seal or Hands and Seals of such Justice or Justices (which Warrant every such Justice or Justices is or are hereby empowered to issue); and the Overplus (if any), after Payment of such Costs of such Distress and Sale, shall be returned, upon Demand, to the Person or Persons whose Goods and Chattels shall have been distrained and sold.

For preventing Toll Collectors from taking undue Tolls.

CXII. And be it further enacted, That every Toll Collector shall and he is hereby required to place his Christian and Surname painted on a Board in legible Characters in the Front or 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 Two Inches in Length and of a Breadth in proportion, and painted either in White Letters on a Black Ground or Black Letters on a White Ground, and shall continue the same so placed during the whole Time he shall be upon Duty; and if any Collector of the same Tolls shall not place such Board as aforesaid, and keep 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 Persons than he shall be authorized to do by virtue of the Powers of this Act, or of the Orders and Resolutions of the said Company made in pursuance thereof, or shall demand and take a Toll from any Person or Persons who shall be exempt from the Payment thereof and claim such Exemption, or shall refuse to permit or suffer or shall in any wise hinder any Person or Persons from reading the Inscriptions on the Boards to be affixed and placed as aforesaid, or either of them, or shall refuse to tell his Christian or Surname to any Person or Persons who shall demand the same on having paid the said Tolls or any of them, or shall in answer to such Demand give a false Name or Names, or upon the legal Toll being paid or tendered shall unnecessarily detain, or wilfully obstruct, hinder,

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or prevent any Passenger or Passengers from passing through any Turnpike or Toll Gate, or shall make use of any scurrilous or abusive Language to any Treasurer, Clerk, Surveyor, or other Officer, or any Passenger or Passengers, then and in every such Case every such Toll Collector shall forfeit and pay for every such Offence any Sum not exceeding Ten Pounds.

In case of Neglect of Collectors, the Committee may discharge them, and appoint temporary Collectors.

CXIII. And be it further enacted, That when and so often as any Lessee, Collector, or Receiver of the Tolls shall die, or neglect or refuse to perform or become incapable of performing his Duty, or shall abscond or absent himself, it shall be lawful for any Three or more of the said Committee of Management, although not assembled at a Meeting of the said Committee of Management to be appointed by virtue of this Act, to discharge such Collector or Receiver so neglecting or refusing to perform or becoming incapable of performing his Duty, or absconding or absenting himself, and to appoint some other Person or Persons to be a Collector or Receiver of the said Tolls until the then next Meeting of the said Committee of Management in the Stead of such Collector or Receiver who shall so die, or be discharged, and such Person or Persons so appointed shall have the like Power and Authority, and be answerable and accountable in the like Manner in all respects, as the Collector or Receiver who shall so die or be discharged would have had or been subject to; and that if any Collector or Receiver of the said Tolls who shall be discharged from his said Office by virtue of this Act, 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 or Persons who may have Possession of any Toll House or Building, or any Appurtenance thereto, to be erected, set up, or raised by virtue of this Act, shall neglect or refuse to deliver up the Possession thereof for the Space of Twenty-four Hours next after Demand thereof made by Notice in Writing, signed by the Clerk of the said Company for that Purpose, given to such Collector or Receiver or other Person or Persons, or left at any such Toll House, Building, or Premises, then and in any of the said Cases it shall be lawful for any Justice or Justices of the Peace acting for the County where the same may be situate, by Warrant under his or their Hand and Seal or Hands and Seals, to order a Constable or other Peace Officer, with such Assistance as shall be necessary, to enter such Toll House and Premises in the Daytime, and to remove the Persons who shall be found therein, together with their Goods, out of such House, and to put the Committee of Management or their new-appointed Collector into the Possession thereof.

Toll Houses, &c. may be Sold.

CXIV. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Company or their Committee to sell and dispose of any Toll House or Toll Houses, Crane, Machine, or Engine, and the House or Houses belonging thereto to be erected by virtue of this Act, and the Outhouses and Appurtenances thereunto belonging, when they shall be considered by the said Company or their said Committee unnecessary for the Purposes of this Act.

Directing the Application of the Tolls,

CXV. And be it further enacted, That the Tolls or any Rents payable in respect of the same which shall be received by virtue of this

Act, shall be applied in manner herein-after mentioned; (that is to say,) in the first place, in paying the Expences for the Time being for carrying this Act into execution, and of keeping the said Bridge and Roads in proper Repair, and of lighting and watching the same, as herein-before is mentioned, and in the next place in paying to the Mortgagees and Annuitants under this Act the Interest and Annuities to which they shall be respectively entitled in manner herein-before provided; and the Surplus thereof shall be divided amongst the said Proprietors in proportion to the Amount of their respective Shares, so that such Proprietors do not receive more than Ten Pounds *per Centum per Annum* upon or in respect of such Amount from the Time of the opening of the said Bridge; and if and when and as soon as such Surplus shall be more than sufficient to pay such Ten Pounds *per Centum* as last mentioned, then the Excess shall from Time to Time be laid out in the Names of Four Persons, to be appointed by the said Company, in the Purchase of Three Pounds *per Centum* Consolidated Bank Annuities, and the Income resulting therefrom shall be accumulated in the Nature of Compound Interest until such Excess and Accumulations shall be sufficient to yield, by the Dividends thereof, Ten Pounds *per Centum per Annum* to the said Proprietors upon the Amount of their respective Shares; and when and as soon as such Excess and Accumulations shall be sufficient for the Purpose last mentioned the Stock arising therefrom or the Produce of such Stock shall be divided amongst the said Company in proportion to the Amount of their respective Shares, who shall thereupon cease to receive or be entitled to any further Proportion of the said Tolls, or any Payment in respect thereof; and the said Tolls shall, subject to the Payment of such Expences, Rents, Interests, and Annuities as aforesaid, from thenceforth be laid out and invested in the Purchase of Three Pounds *per Centum* Consolidated Bank Annuities, and accumulated in like Manner as last herein-before directed until a Sum shall be raised sufficient for the paying off the then subsisting Mortgages under this Act, which Sum when raised shall be applied accordingly; and after such Application as last mentioned such Tolls, subject as aforesaid, shall be accumulated in manner herein-before mentioned until a further Sum shall be raised sufficient by the Dividends or Interest thereof to pay the Annuities that may be then subsisting under this Act (and which shall be applied accordingly), and also produce the annual Sum of Five hundred Pounds; which last-mentioned annual Sum, as well as the Dividends or Interest of the Fund which shall be raised as last mentioned for the Payment of the said Annuities, and subject to the Payment thereof, shall be appropriated towards paying the Expences of repairing, lighting, watching, and improving the said Bridge and Accesses thereto as and when there shall be Occasion; and when and as soon as the said last-mentioned Sum shall be raised the Tolls and Duties hereby authorized to be collected and taken on the said Bridge shall wholly cease, subject nevertheless to the Right of the said Company to revive and again to take and collect the said Tolls in case of the said Bridge being out of repair, and of the Insufficiency of such accumulated Fund as next herein-after provided.

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Providing for Repair of Bridge in case Tolls shall be insufficient.

CXVI. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That in case the said Bridge shall be at any Time or Times out of repair, and the Tolls to be collected under or by virtue of this Act during the current Year shall be insufficient to defray the Expences of such Repairs, and other Expences and annual Payments provided for and directed to be paid by this Act, previously to a Division of such Tolls, or the Surplus thereof, amongst the said Proprietors, and also to pay to the said Proprietors the Sum of Ten Pounds *per Centum per Annum* on the Amount of their respective Shares, and there shall be at such Time or Times a subsisting accumulated Fund from the Surplus of the said Tolls theretofore collected, then and in every such Case such accumulated Fund shall be applied, in the first place, in defraying the Expences of such Repairs, in the next place in paying the other Expences and annual Payments provided for and directed to be paid by this Act previously to a Division of such Tolls, or the Surplus thereof, amongst the said Proprietors, and afterwards in paying or making good to the said Proprietors the Sum of Ten Pounds *per Centum per Annum* on the Amount of their respective Shares; and in case such subsisting accumulated Fund shall be insufficient for the Purposes last herein-before mentioned, then the future Tolls to be collected and received under or by virtue of this Act shall be applied in making good such Deficiency before any further Accumulation of the Surplus of such future Tolls shall be made.

Books of Accounts to be produced annually to the Justices of Surruy at the General Quarter Sessions.

CXVII. And be it further enacted, That there shall from Time to Time be provided and kept by the said Company or their Committee One or more Book or Books, in which all Monies to be received by virtue of this Act shall from Time to Time be fairly set down and entered, expressing the Time when and the Name of the Person or Persons from whom the same were so received, and also One other Book or Books in which all Sum and Sums of Money disbursed and laid out by them or by their Order for the Purposes aforesaid, and the several Articles, Matters, and Things for which the same have been disbursed, laid out, and expended, shall be duly set down and entered; and in each and every Year, at the General Quarter Sessions of the Peace held after the Feast of *Saint Michael* the Archangel for the County of *Surrey*, the said Books to be kept by the said Company or their Committee shall be produced and laid before the Justices at such Sessions, together with proper Vouchers for such Expences and Disbursements, and the Justices then and there assembled shall and they are hereby required to examine into, settle, and balance the Accounts from the said Books; and if the said Company shall neglect or refuse to make and render such Accounts as aforesaid, then the said Company shall forfeit and pay the Sum of One hundred Pounds to any Person who shall sue for the same, to be recovered, with full Costs of Suit, in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster*, by Action of Debt or on the Case, or by Bill, Plaint, Suit, or Information, wherein no Essoign, Protection, or Wager of Law, nor more than One Imparlance, shall be allowed; and in case it shall appear to the Justices at such Quarter Sessions that the Tolls then collected and accumulated are more than sufficient for all the Purposes aforesaid, and to discharge the said Mortgages and Annuities, and yield the said

said annual Sum of Five hundred Pounds, then the said Justices may order and direct that the said Tolls shall cease.

Bridge to be public.

CXVIII. And be it further enacted, That after the said Bridge shall have been completed the same shall be a public Bridge, and all Persons with or without Horses, Cattle, and Carriages, shall have free Liberty, upon Payment of the Tolls by this Act granted, or without any Payment after the said Tolls shall have ceased, to pass over the same without any Interruption whatsoever.

No Railway to be constructed upon the Bridge, &c.

CXIX. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That no Railway or Tramroad, or any Road or Way in the Nature of or intended to answer the same Purposes as a Railway or Tramroad, shall at any Time be made or constructed upon or along the said Bridge or any Part thereof; and that there shall be always on either Side of the said Bridge, and extending the whole Length thereof, a Footpath of a Width of not less than Six Feet and not exceeding Nine Feet; and that the whole Width of the said Footpaths shall for ever be used exclusively as Footpaths; and that the whole Width of the said Bridge, including such Footpaths, shall not exceed Forty-two Feet; and the whole Space between the said Footpaths shall always be used as one Road or Carriageway for the Passage of Passengers, Horses, and Cattle, and of Carriages (other than such Carriages as are hereinafter mentioned); and that no Part of such Space between the said Footpaths shall be portioned off or in any Manner separated from the other Part thereof, or used for any particular or exclusive Purpose or Purposes whatsoever, and particularly that the said Bridge shall not at any Time be used in any Manner as a Railway Bridge, and that no Steam Carriage or locomotive Engine, or any Engine or Carriage whatsoever which shall be propelled by or by means of Steam or other mechanical Power, shall at any Time pass over or upon or along the said Bridge or any Part thereof, or upon or along any of the Roads or Approaches of the said Bridge; nor shall any Carriage which shall be of the Description of Carriages now or to be at any Time hereafter usually propelled or drawn along Railways or Tramroads, and not usually employed on Common Highways, be drawn by Horses or otherwise conveyed over or upon or along the said Bridge, or any of the Roads or Approaches thereof, any thing in this Act contained to the contrary notwithstanding; and if any Steam Carriage or locomotive Engine, or any Engine or Carriage whatsoever which shall be propelled by or by means of Steam or other mechanical Power, or any Carriage of the Description of Carriages now or to be at any Time hereafter usually propelled or drawn along Railways or Tramroads, and not usually employed on Common Highways, shall at any Time pass over or upon or along the said Bridge or any Part thereof, or upon or along any of the Roads or Approaches of the said Bridge, or shall at any Time be drawn or otherwise conveyed over or along or upon the said Bridge, or any of the Roads or Approaches thereof, then and in every or any of such Cases, and so often as the same shall happen, the said Company shall forfeit and pay, in respect of every such Engine or Carriage, the Sum of Ten Pounds, one Moiety thereof to the Informer and the other Moiety thereof to the Use of

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the Poor of the Parish of *Saint Mary Lambeth*, to be recovered, with full Costs of Suit, by any Person who shall sue for the same in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster* by Action of Debt or on the Case, to be brought within Three Months after the Cause of Action shall have arisen, of which Action it shall not be necessary to give any Notice, and wherein no Protection whatsoever shall be allowed; and any such Action may be brought either in *Middlesex* or *Surrey*, at the Option of the Person commencing the same; and the Person or Persons, Body or Bodies Politic, Corporate, or Collegiate, being Owner or Owners of such Engine or Carriage, shall also forfeit and pay in respect of every such Offence the like Sum of Ten Pounds, one Moiety thereof to the Informer, and the other Moiety thereof to the Use of the Poor of the Parish of *Saint John the Evangelist*, to be recovered, with full Costs of Suit, by any Person who shall sue for the same in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster* by Action of Debt or on the Case, to be brought within Three Months after the Cause of Action shall have accrued, of which Action it shall not be necessary to give any Notice, and wherein no Protection whatsoever shall be allowed; and any such Action may be brought either in *Middlesex* or *Surrey*, at the Option of the Party commencing the same.

Company to continue Trustees of the Bridge.

CXX. And be it further enacted, That the said Company and their Successors who shall or may be Proprietors of Shares at the Time when the said Tolls are herein-before directed to cease shall be and they are hereby constituted and appointed a Company, to continue and be Trustees of the said Bridge, and have a Committee continued and regulated as before directed, and subject to all other Regulations, Rules, Orders, and Restrictions, Penalties and Forfeitures, herein-before provided in respect of the said Company or their Committee; and the said Company or their Committee shall have Power and Authority to do and perform all Matters and Things which to them shall seem meet and necessary in and about the maintaining, repairing, and supporting the said Bridge, and the several Lamps, Watchboxes, and other Works, Matters, and Things, to be maintained, repaired, and supported by virtue of this Act, in such Manner as to them the said Company or their Committee, or any Five or more of them, shall seem meet; and such Company or their Successors or their Committee, or any Five or more of them, shall have Power and Authority, by an Order or Draft under the Common Seal of the said Company, or under the Hands of at least Five of the Committee of the said Company, to disburse the Interest or Dividends of the Money herein-before directed to be raised and applied for that Purpose as may be required, and to apply the same in and about such Repairs, paving, watching, lighting, or any other Matters or Things relating or appertaining to the said Bridge, Lamps, Watchboxes, and other Matters and Things, to be maintained, repaired, and supported by virtue of this Act as aforesaid; and when all such Expences, Costs, and Charges of repairing, paving, watching, or lighting the said Bridge, or of any other Matters or Things relating or appertaining thereto, shall be fully paid and satisfied out of the Interest or Dividends aforesaid, the said Company may and they are hereby empowered to

make and declare a Dividend of the Overplus or Interest of such Interest Money as aforesaid among the said Company or their Successors, according to the Shares they may respectively be entitled to.

Company may be indicted for Failure of Repairs.

CXXI. And be it further enacted, That if the said Bridge, or the said Lamps, Watchboxes, or other Works to be maintained and repaired by virtue of this Act, or any Part or Parts thereof, shall become and be out of repair, or if the said Bridge, or any Part or Parts thereof (except as aforesaid), shall not continue to be lighted, then the said Company or their Committee, or Five of them, shall forthwith cause the said Bridge, Lamps, Watchboxes, and other Works to be repaired, or the said Bridge to be lighted as herein-before directed; and in case the said Company or their Committee, or any Five or more of them, shall fail, within One Week after Notice to their Clerk to that Effect, to commence such Repairs, or to cause the said Bridge to be lighted, then it shall be lawful to or for any Person or Persons to prefer or prosecute any Bill or Bills of Indictment against the said Company for such Failure; and if the said Company shall be found guilty upon the Trial of such Bill or Bills of Indictment, they the said Company shall forfeit and lose to the Person or Persons who shall have preferred and prosecuted such Bill or Bills of Indictment the Sum of Twenty Pounds for every such Failure, and shall be subject and liable to commence such Repairs as aforesaid, and to cause the said Bridge to be lighted within Ten Days after such Verdict or Verdicts on such Bill or Bills of Indictment; and in case of Failure in the Whole or any Part thereof the said Company shall again become subject and liable to such Bill or Bills of Indictment, and so *toties quoties*, until the said Repairs on the said Bridge shall be completed, or the same shall be lighted as herein-before directed.

For preventing wilful Damage to the Bridge.

CXXII. And be it further enacted, That if any Person or Persons shall wilfully or maliciously damage the said Bridge or any Part thereof, or any Gate, Turnpike, or Toll House belonging thereto, or shall wilfully or maliciously, and without Authority from the said Company of Proprietors or their Committee of Management, remove or take away any Works 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 thereof may be damaged, any Person so offending shall be judged guilty of Felony, and every such Person so offending and being thereof legally convicted shall be subject to the like Punishments and Penalties as in Cases of Felony; and the Court by or before whom such Person shall be tried and convicted shall have Power and Authority to cause such Person to be punished in like Manner as Felons are directed to be punished by the Laws and Statutes of this Realm, or, in mitigation of such Punishment, such Court may award such Sentence as the Law directs in Cases of Petty Larceny; and any Offence committed upon the said Bridge or any Part thereof shall and may be punishable in either of the said Counties of *Middlesex* or *Surrey*.

Owners of Vessels liable for Damage done by their Servants.

CXXIII. And be it further enacted, That in case any Damage or Mischief shall be done to the Bridge or any of the said Works by any Ship, Lighter, Barge, Boat, Float, Raft, or Vessel through the wilful Negligence

Negligence of any Person having the Command of any such Ship, Lighter, Barge, Boat, or other Vessel, or any of the Mariners or Persons employed therein, then and in every such Case the Owner or Owners of such Ship, Lighter, Barge, Boat, or other Vessel shall be and is hereby made answerable to the said Company or their Committee of Management for the Amount or Value of any such Damage or Mischief; and the same, provided it shall not exceed the Sum of Twenty Pounds, if not forthwith paid and satisfied, shall and may be recovered in such Manner as the Penalties and Forfeitures hereby imposed are in and by this Act directed to be recovered.

Masters to recover from their Servants any Sum paid for their Default.

CXXIV. And be it further enacted, That in case the Owner or Owners of any such Ship, Lighter, Barge, Boat, or other Vessel shall be compelled to pay any Penalty or to make Satisfaction for any Damages by reason of any Neglect or Default done or committed by his, her, or their Servants or Mariners, or any of them, such Servant or Mariners 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 or Mariners, or any of them, although demanded (such Oath to be made before any One or more Justice or Justices of the Peace acting for the County or Place where such Penalty or Satisfaction shall have been recovered), the Amount thereof, provided the same shall not exceed the Sum of Twenty Pounds, shall be recovered in the same Manner as any Penalty is hereby directed to be recovered.

Penalty on assaulting Collector, &c.

CXXV. And be it further enacted, That in case any Person or Persons shall resist or make forcible Opposition against any Person or Persons employed in the due Execution of this Act, or shall assault any Surveyor, Engineer, or Agent, or any Collector or Collectors of Tolls, in the Execution of his or their Office or Offices, or shall forcibly pass over the said Bridge or through the Toll Gates or Bars to be erected by virtue of this Act, without having paid the said Tolls, every such Person shall for every such Offence forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Five Pounds.

Penalty for wilfully damaging Lamps.

CXXVI. And be it further enacted, That if any Person or Persons shall wilfully break, throw down, or otherwise damage or destroy any of the said Lamps which shall be so erected or continued by the said Company or their Committee, or which may be erected by any Person or Persons at his or their own Expence on the said Bridge, or any of the Posts, Irons, Cover, or other Furniture thereof, or take away or throw any of the Oil from or out of the said Lamps, or extinguish any of the said Lamps when lighted, he, she, or they shall for every such Offence forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Five Pounds for each Lamp and Oil so broken, damaged, destroyed, taken away, thrown out, or extinguished as aforesaid; and full Satisfaction shall also be made to the said Company or their Committee, or to their Surveyor, or to the Party injured, by such Offender or Offenders, for

the Damage by him, her, or them done as aforesaid, which shall be recovered in like Manner as and as Part of the Penalty; and if any Person shall negligently or accidentally break, throw down, or otherwise damage, destroy, take away, or waste any of the said Lamps or Oil, or any of the Posts, Iron, or other Furniture thereof, and shall not upon Demand make Satisfaction to the said Company or their Committee or to their Surveyor for the Damage by such Person so done, the Amount of just and reasonable Satisfaction shall and may be recovered in the same Manner as Penalties are by this Act directed to be recovered.

For preventing Obstructions and Nuisances on the Bridge.

CXXVII. And be it further enacted, That if any Person or Persons having the Care of any Float, Raft, Boat, Barge, or other Vessel which shall be navigated in and upon the said River *Thames*, or any other Person or Persons, shall pass a Line over the said Bridge to the Annoyance or Hindrance of Passengers, Carriages, or Cattle going over the same; or if any Person or Persons shall haul or draw, or cause to be hauled or drawn, upon any Part of such Bridge or Approaches thereof, any Timber, Stone, or any Thing otherwise 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 to the Prejudice thereof, or shall use any Tipstick, Joggle, or other Instrument for the Purpose of retarding the Descent of any Carts or other Carriage down the Descent of any Part of the said Bridge, in such Manner as to destroy, injure, or disturb the Surface thereof; or if any Person driving any Horse or other Beast on the said Bridge carrying any Iron Bar or Rod, Basket or Pannier, or any other Matter or Thing, shall place such Bar or Rod, Basket or Pannier, Matter or Thing, so that the same or any of them shall project more than Thirty Inches 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 if any Person shall upon any Part of the said Bridge or Approaches thereof throw or let off any Squibs, Crackers, or other Fireworks; or if any Person shall upon any of the Footways or Foot Pavements of the said Bridge run, draw, drive, or carry any Wheelsledge, Wheelbarrow, Handbarrow, Bier, or Carriage whatsoever, or roll any Cask or Tub thereon; or if any Person shall wilfully drive any Cart or Carriage whatsoever, or shall ride, lead, or drive any Horse or other Beast or any Cattle whatsoever on any of the said Footways or Foot Pavements, or set up, affix, or use any Stall, Standing Block, or Working Place thereon, or so near thereto as to obstruct the passing thereon, or put or place any Cask, Tub, Pail, Bucket, Stool, Bench, Stall, or any other Matter or Thing, and suffer it to remain so as in any Manner to cause any Obstruction or Impediment in the Footway or on the Foot Pavement; or if the Driver of any Waggon, Cart, or other Carriage shall on the said Bridge ride on the Shafts or in or upon any Part of such Waggon, Cart, or other Carriage, or on any of the Horses or Cattle driving the same, without Reins; or if any Person riding any Horse or Beast, or drawing any Sort of Carriage, shall ride or drive the same furiously, so as to endanger the Life or Limb of any Passenger; or if any Person or Persons shall wilfully hinder, obstruct, or prevent the free

free Passage of the said Bridge or Approaches, or any of them, or any of the Footways thereof; 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 Road or Way, or shall in any Manner wilfully prevent any other Person or Persons from passing him or her, or any Carriage under his or her Care, on the said Bridge and Approaches, or any of them, or by Negligence or Misbehaviour prevent, hinder, or interrupt the free Passage of any Carriage or of His Majesty's Subjects on the said Bridge and Approaches or any of them, 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 so offending in any of the aforesaid Cases, or the Owner or Proprietor of any such Horse, Beast, Cattle, Carriage, Goods, Matter, or Thing as aforesaid, as the Case may be, in any Instance where the Person actually offending cannot afterwards be found, shall for every such Offence forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Five Pounds; 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 in case the Party occasioning the same shall not remove the same within a reasonable Time after being required so to do by any Person or Persons whomsoever.

In Cases of Nonpayment of Compensation for Damages, &c. the same to be levied by Distress of the Goods vested in the Company or their Treasurer, or in case of no Treasurer, then of the Goods of any Proprietor.

CXXVIII. And be it further enacted, That when and as often as any Sum or Sums of Money shall be directed or ordered to be paid by any Justice or Justices of the Peace, or as or by way of Compensation or Satisfaction for any Costs, Damage, Spoil, Injury of any Nature or Kind whatsoever done or committed by the said Company or any Person or Persons acting by or under their Authority, and such Sum or Sums of Money shall not be paid by the said Company to the Party or Parties entitled to receive the same within Ten Days after Demand in Writing shall have been made by the Clerk of such Justice to the said Company or their Treasurer in pursuance of the Direction or Order made by such Justice or Justices, and in which Demand the Order of such Justice or Justices shall be stated, then and in such Case the Amount of such Compensation or Satisfaction shall and may be levied and recovered by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels vested in the said Company, or of the Goods and Chattels of their Treasurer for the Time being, or in case there shall be no such Treasurer, then by Distress or Sale of the Goods and Chattels of any Proprietor of the said Company, under a Warrant to be issued for that Purpose by such Justice or Justices, which Warrant any such Justice or Justices is and are hereby authorized and required to grant under his Hand and Seal or their Hands and Seals on Application made to him or them for that Purpose by the Party or Parties entitled to receive such Sum or Sums of Money as or by way of Compensation or Satisfaction for any such Costs, Damages, Spoil, or Injury as aforesaid; and in case any Overplus shall remain after Payment of such Sum or Sums of Money, and the Costs and Expences of hearing and determining the Matter in dispute, and also the Costs and Expences of such Distress and Sale, then and in such Case such Overplus shall be returned, on Demand, to the said Company or to their Treasurer for the Time being, as the Case may be: Provided always,

always, that it shall and may be lawful for any such Treasurer or Proprietor to retain and reimburse himself, out of any Monies which he shall have received or shall or may receive in pursuance or by virtue of this Act, all such Sum or Sums which he shall have paid for or on account of any such Compensation or Satisfaction as last above mentioned, together with all such Damages, Costs, Charges, and Expences as he shall have sustained or been put unto by virtue of any such Warrant as aforesaid.

For Recovery and Application of Penalties.

CXXIX. And be it further enacted, That all Fines, Penalties, and Forfeitures inflicted or imposed by this Act, or by virtue of any Rule or Order made in pursuance thereof, the Manner of levying and recovering whereof and the Appropriation 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 acting for the County of *Middlesex* or *Surrey* 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 Justice or Justices, who is and are hereby authorized and required to summon and examine any 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 be 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, all which Penalties not herein directed to be otherwise applied shall be paid to the Overseers of the Parish or Place within which such Offence shall be committed; and it shall and may be lawful for the said Justice or Justices to order the Offender or Offenders so convicted to be detained in safe Custody until Return can be conveniently 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 for his, her, or their Appearance before the said 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 Seven 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 such Justice or Justices, upon the Confession of the Offender or Offenders or otherwise, that he, she, or they hath or have not sufficient Goods and Chattels whereupon such Penalties, Forfeitures, Costs, and Expences can be levied if a Warrant of Distress were 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 em-

powered, 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 or Place, there to remain without Bail or Mainprize for any Time not exceeding Three Calendar Months, or until such Offender or Offenders shall have paid such Penalty or Penalties, and all Costs and Charges attending such Proceedings as aforesaid, to be ascertained by such Justice or Justices, or shall otherwise be discharged by due Course of Law: Provided always, that in all Cases where the Penalty imposed by this Act shall exceed the Sum of Five Pounds no Proceedings before Justices shall be had and taken for the Recovery thereof before a less Number than Two such Justices.

Informers may have Part of the Penalties.

CXXX. Provided nevertheless, and be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Company or their Committee of Management from Time to Time, if he or they shall see Cause, to cause Part of any Penalties, Forfeitures, or Fines to be paid to and for the Use of any Informer or Informers, or any Person or Persons not being a Witness or Witnesses, taking or seizing the Person or Persons convicted or assisting therein, or any of them.

Collectors not incompetent to give Evidence.

CXXXI. And be it further enacted, in case of any Information, Complaint, Dispute, Suit, or Litigation touching or in anywise relating to the said Tolls, or 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 Company or their Committee of Management, shall not be incompetent to give Evidence therein.

For compelling the Attendance of Witnesses.

CXXXII. And be it further enacted, That if any Person who shall be summoned as a Witness to give Evidence before any Justice or Justices 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 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 Neglect or Refusal, such Person or Persons shall forfeit for every such Neglect or Refusal any Sum not exceeding Ten Pounds; and for the Recovery of any Penalty for such Neglect or Refusal the Justice or Justices aforesaid may proceed against such Offender by Summons in a summary Way as hereinbefore provided.

For securing transient Offenders.

CXXXIII. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for any Collector, Agent, or any other Officer of the said Company, and such Person or Persons as he shall call to his Assistance (and which all By-standers and other Persons on Demand are hereby required to give), without any Warrant or other Authority than this Act, to seize and detain any Person or Persons to him unknown who shall refuse to pay the Toll payable by him, her, or them, or who shall be seen by such Collector, Agent, or other Officer to commit any other Offence against this Act, and forthwith to take him, her, or them, or any of them,

them, before One or more Justice or Justices of the Peace acting for the County or Place where such Refusal or Offence shall take place or be committed, or where such Offender or Offenders shall be; and such Justice or Justices are hereby required to act with respect to such Offender or Offenders according to the Provisions of this Act.

Conviction of Offenders.

CXXXIV. 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 and 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
' to wit. } in the Year of our Lord *A. B.* is convicted
' before me *C. D.* [*or* before us *C. D.* and *E. F.*] One [*or* Two, *as*
' *the Case may be,*] of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace acting for
' the said County, for [*here specify the Offence, and when and where*
' *committed,*] contrary to an Act passed in the Sixth and Seventh
' Years of the Reign of King *William* 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
' [*or* shall be committed to for the Space 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.

CXXXV. And be it further enacted, That when 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 Trespasser or Trespassers, on account of any Defect or Want of Form in the Summons or Conviction, Warrant of Distress, in the Appointment of the Officer or Officers, or any Proceedings 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.

CXXXVI. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That if any Person or Persons shall think himself, herself, or themselves aggrieved by any Order or Judgment made or given in pursuance of any Rule or Order of the said Company or the Committee of Management, or by any Order, Judgment, or Determination of any Justice or Justices, relating to this Act, or any Matter or Thing herein contained, such Person or Persons may appeal to the Justices of the Peace at the first or next General or Quarter Sessions to be holden for the County or Place wherein the Cause of Appeal shall have arisen, unless the same shall arise within Twenty-one Days preceding such Sessions, in which Case such Appeal may be brought at the Second 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 or Place, and shall and may, if they see Cause, by Order of such Sessions,

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 to levy by their Order or Warrant such 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 to commit such Person or Persons to the Common Gaol for the County or Place where the Cause of Appeal shall arise for any Time not exceeding Three Calendar Months, or until the Payment of such Costs: Provided always, that the Person or Persons so appealing as aforesaid shall, and he, she, and they are hereby required to give Notice in Writing of such his, her, or their Intention of bringing or prosecuting such Appeal Fourteen Days before the said Quarter Sessions, and shall before the said Quarter Sessions, and before such Notice given, enter into a Recognizance before One or more 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.

CXXXVII. 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 removeable by Certiorari, or any other Writ or Process whatsoever, into any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster* (except as herein-before mentioned), any Law or Statute to the contrary notwithstanding.

Plaintiffs not to recover after Tender of Amends.

CXXXVIII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That no Plaintiff or Plaintiffs shall recover in any Action to be commenced against any Person or Persons for any thing done in pursuance of this Act, other than any Action for any Penalty or Forfeiture inflicted or imposed by this Act, unless Notice in Writing signed by his, her, or their Attorney (specifying the Cause of Action), shall have been given to the Defendant or Defendants, or left at his or their last or usual Place or Places of Abode, at least Twenty-one Days before the same shall have been commenced; nor shall the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs recover in any such Action if Tender of sufficient Amends shall have been made to him, her, or them, or to his, her, or their Attorney, by or on the Behalf of the Defendant or Defendants, before such Action brought, nor if such Tender of Amends shall be made after the said Action brought, and before the Trial thereof, together with Costs of Suit to the Time of such last-mentioned Tender; but on Proof of such Tender on any Trial to be had in such Action the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs shall suffer Judgment as in Cases of Nonsuit, with Double Costs, to be recovered in the same Manner as any Defendant or Defendants may recover Costs in any other Case by Law; and in case no such Tender of Amends shall have been made it shall be lawful for the Defendant or Defendants (by Leave of the Court) at any Time before Issue joined

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to pay into Court such Sum or Sums of Money as he, she, or they shall think fit, whereupon such Proceedings, Orders, and Judgments shall be made and given in and by such Court as in other Actions when Defendants are allowed to pay Money into Court.

Limitation of Actions.

CXXXIX. And be it further enacted, That no Action or Suit shall be brought against any Person or Persons, Body or Bodies Politic, Corporate, or Collegiate, for any thing done in pursuance of this Act, after Three Calendar Months next after the Cause of Action shall arise; and every such Action or Actions shall be laid and brought in the County where the Cause of Action shall have arisen, and not elsewhere, except where otherwise authorized by this Act; and the Defendant or Defendants in any such Action or Suit may, at their, his, or her Option, 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 in Cases in which such Notice is hereby required to be given, or after sufficient Amends tendered as aforesaid, or after the Time limited for bringing the same, or to be brought in any other County or Place than as aforesaid, then and in any such 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, then 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.

Declaring what shall be good Service of Notices on the Company.

CXL. And be it further enacted, That in all Cases wherein it may be requisite or necessary for any Person or Persons, Party or Parties, to serve any Notice or Notices upon the said Company, or any Writ or Writs or other legal Proceedings, the Service thereof upon the Chairman or any Member of the said Committee of Management for the Time being, or left at his usual Place of Abode, or upon the Clerk of the said Company for the Time being, or at the Office of such Clerk, or left at his usual Place of Abode, or in case there shall be no such Treasurer or Clerk, then upon any Proprietor for the Time being of the said Company, or left at the usual Abode of such Proprietor, shall be deemed a good and sufficient Service of the same respectively on the said Company.

Saving the Rights of the Corporation of London.

CXLI. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall extend or be construed to extend to take away, prejudice, or derogate from the Rights, Interests, Privileges, Franchises, Jurisdictions, or Authorities of the Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of the City of *London*, or their Successors, or the Lord Mayor of the said City for the Time being, or to prohibit, defeat, alter, or diminish any Power, Authority, or Jurisdiction which at the

Time of making this Act the said Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens, or the said Lord Mayor for the Time being as Conservator of the said River *Thames* or otherwise, had, did, or might lawfully claim, use, or exercise.

Saving the Rights of the Commissioners of Sewers for Middlesex.

CXLII. Provided always, and be it further declared and enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall extend or be deemed or construed to extend to prejudice, diminish, alter, or take away any of the Rights, Powers, or Authorities vested in the Commissioners of Sewers for the County of *Middlesex*, but all the Rights, Powers, and Authorities vested in them shall be as good, valid, and effectual as if this Act had not been made.

Saving the Rights of the Commissioners of Sewers for Surrey.

CXLIII. Provided always, and be it further declared and enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall extend or be deemed or construed to extend to prejudice, diminish, alter, or take away any of the Rights, Powers, or Authorities vested in the Commissioners of Sewers for the Limits extending from *East Mousley* in the County of *Surrey* to *Ravensbourne* in the County of *Kent*; but all the Rights, Powers, and Authorities vested in them shall be as good, valid, and effectual as if this Act had not been made.

Saving the Rights of the Watermen's Company.

CXLIV. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall extend or be construed to extend to take away, prejudice, or in any Manner affect any Right, Privilege, or Franchise which the Company of the Master, Wardens, and Commonalty of Watermen and Lightermen of the River *Thames* have or claim to have, or to abridge, alter, or diminish, or take away, any of the Jurisdictions, Powers, or Authorities which the said Company of Master, Warden, and Commonalty of Watermen and Lightermen of the River *Thames* have or claim to have, but all the Rights, Privileges, Franchises, Jurisdictions, Powers, and Authorities vested in them shall be as good, valid, and effectual as if this Act had not been made.

The Bridge to be completed in Seven Years.

CLXV. And be it further enacted, That if the said Company of Proprietors shall not, within Seven Years from and after the passing of this Act, complete the said Bridge so as to make the same passable for Horses and Carriages, that then and from thenceforth all and singular the Powers and Authorities vested in them by this Act shall cease and determine to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever.

Whole Sum to be subscribed before Work commences.

CXLVI. And whereas the probable Expence of making the said Bridge and the Works connected therewith will amount to the Sum of One hundred and thirty thousand Pounds, and the Sum of One hundred and eighteen thousand two hundred and ninety Pounds, being more than Four Fifth Parts thereof, has been already subscribed for by several Persons under a Contract binding themselves, their Heirs, Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, for the Payment of the several Sums by them subscribed for respectively; be it therefore enacted, That the whole of the said Sum of One hundred and

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thirty thousand Pounds shall be subscribed for in like Manner before any of the Powers given by this Act shall be put in force.

CXLVII. 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. Public Act.

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