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respective Successors, Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, shall be and they are hereby incorporated into a Company for building a Bridge over the River *Thames* at or near the present Horse Ferry in the Parish of *Cookham* aforesaid to the opposite Shore in the Parish of *Wooburn* in the said County of *Bucks*, with all convenient Approaches thereto, according to the Provisions and Restrictions herein-after mentioned, and for that Purpose shall be One Body Corporate by the Name and Style of "The *Cookham Bridge* Company," and by that Name shall have perpetual Succession and a Common Seal, and by that Name shall and may sue and be sued, and also shall have Power and Authority to purchase and hold Lands to them and their Successors and Assigns for the Purposes herein mentioned, and to do and exercise all other Powers and Authorities hereafter given, without incurring any Penalties or Forfeitures whatever.

Rules for the Interpretation of this Act.

II. And be it further enacted, That where in this Act any Word shall be used importing the Singular Number or the Masculine Gender only, the same shall be understood to include several Matters as well as one Matter, several Persons as well as one Person, Females as well as Males, and Bodies Politic, Corporate or Collegiate, Civil or Ecclesiastical, Aggregate or Sole, as well as Individuals; and where the Word "Lands" shall be used, the same shall be understood to include Tenements and Hereditaments; and where the Word "Company" shall be used, the same shall be held to mean the said *Cookham Bridge* Company; unless in any of the Cases aforesaid it be otherwise specially provided, or there be something in the Subject or Context repugnant to such Construction.

Proprietors to raise Money amongst themselves for the Undertaking, not exceeding 5,000*l.*

III. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Company to raise amongst themselves any Sum of Money for the Purposes of the said Undertaking, not exceeding in the whole Five thousand Pounds, the whole to be divided into Two hundred Shares of Twenty-five Pounds each; and such Two hundred Shares shall be numbered, beginning with Number One, in arithmetical Progression; and every such Share shall be distinguished by the Number to be applied to the same; and the said Shares shall be and are hereby vested in the several Parties subscribing for the same, and their several and respective Successors, Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, in proportion to the Sums they may respectively subscribe; and all Corporations and Persons, and their several and respective Successors, Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, who shall severally subscribe for One or more Share or Shares, or such Sum or Sums as shall be demanded in lieu thereof, towards the said Undertaking, shall be entitled to and shall receive in proportionate Parts, according to the Sums by them respectively paid, the net Profits and Advantages which shall arise or accrue from or by the Rents, Tolls, and other Sums of Money to be received by the said Company as and when the same shall be divided under the Authority of this Act.

Shares to be deemed Personal Estate.

IV. And be it further enacted, That all Shares in the said Undertaking, and in the net Profits and Advantages thereof, shall be deemed Personal Estate, and not of the Nature of Real Property, and as such Personal Estate shall be transmissible accordingly.

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Subscribers to pay their Subscriptions as called for by the Directors.

V. And be it further enacted, That the respective Persons who have subscribed or who shall hereafter subscribe or advance any Money for or towards the Purposes of this Act, or shall be Owners or Proprietors of any Shares in the said Undertaking, shall be and they are hereby required to pay the Sums by them respectively subscribed, or such Parts or Proportions thereof as shall from Time to Time be called for by the Directors for the Time being of the said Company; and in case any such Subscribers shall neglect or refuse to pay the same at the Time, Place, or in manner required for that Purpose, the said Company are hereby empowered to sue for and recover the same in any of Her Majesty's Courts of Law whatever; but no Subscriber shall be liable to pay more than the Amount of his Subscription and the Expences of recovering and enforcing the Payment thereof.

Names of Proprietors and Numbers of their Shares to be entered in a Book, and Certificates delivered to them.

VI. And be it further enacted, That the said Company shall and they are hereby required, at their First or some subsequent General Meeting, to cause the Names and proper Additions of the several Persons who shall be then entitled to any Share 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 to be kept by the Clerk of 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 Shareholder, on Demand, specifying the Share or Shares to which he is 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; and such Certificate or Instrument shall be admitted in all Courts whatsoever as *primâ facie* Evidence of the Title of such Subscriber, his 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 Owner or Proprietor of any Share or Shares from selling or disposing thereof; and in case any such Certificate 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 aforesaid, and delivered by him, on Demand, to the Party entitled thereto.

Shares may be sold.

VII. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said several Proprietors, and for their respective Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, to sell or dispose of any Share or Shares they may be entitled to in the said Bridge, subject to the Rules and Conditions herein contained; and every Transfer of any Share shall and may be in the Form or to the Effect following; (that is to say,)

Form of Transfer of Shares.

'I *A. B.*, in consideration of the Sum of paid to me by *C. D.*, do hereby bargain, sell, and transfer to the said *C. D.*, his Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, all that my Share [*or* those my Shares, *as the Case may require*], numbered , in "The *Cookham Bridge* Company," to hold to the said

'said , his Executors, Administrators, and Assigns,
'subject to the same Rules and Orders and on the same Conditions
'that I now hold the same; and I the said do
'accept the said Share [*or* Shares], subject to the same Rules,
'Orders, and Conditions. Witness our Hands and Seals the
'Day of .'

Transfers to be registered.

And every such Transfer shall be produced to the Clerk of the said Company, and shall be registered by him in the Books of the said Company, for which the Sum of Two Shillings and Sixpence shall be paid by the Person so requiring such Transfer to such Clerk, and no more; and the Registry thereof shall specify the Date of such Transfer, the Names of the Parties, and the Number or Numbers by which the Share or Shares transferred is or are distinguished; and a Copy of such Register, signed by the said Clerk, shall be sufficient Evidence of such Transfer, and be received and admitted as such; and until such Transfer shall be registered in the Books of the said Company no Purchaser of any Share, or his Executors, Administrators, or Assigns, shall be deemed a Proprietor, or have any Part of the Profits or Advantages arising from the said Bridge, nor shall receive any Interest or Dividends for or in respect of such Share so purchased, nor be entitled to vote at any Meeting as a Member of the said Company in respect of such Share.

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

VIII. And be it further enacted, That no Person shall sell or transfer any Share which he shall possess in the said Undertaking, upon which any Call shall have been made, after the Day appointed for the Payment of the same, unless at the Time of such Sale or Transfer he shall have paid the full Sum of Money which shall have been called for or in respect of each Share so to be sold or transferred.

For ascertaining the Proprietorship of Shares in certain Cases.

IX. And whereas in Cases where the Proprietor of any Share in the said Undertaking shall marry, die, become insolvent or bankrupt, or go out of the Kingdom, or shall transfer his Right and Interest to some other Person, and no Register shall have been made of the Transfer thereof by the said Clerk as directed by this Act, it may not be in the Power of the said Company to know who is the Owner or Proprietor of such Share; be it therefore further enacted, That in all Cases where the Right of Property in any Share in the said Undertaking shall pass from the Proprietor thereof to any other Person by any other legal Means than by a Transfer or Conveyance thereof as herein directed, a Declaration shall be made by One credible Person before a Master or Master Extraordinary in Chancery, or One of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace, stating the Manner in which such Share hath passed to such other Person, his Executors, Administrators, or Assigns; and such Declaration shall be transmitted to the Clerk of the said Company, to the Intent that he may and he is hereby required to enter and register the Name of every such new Proprietor in the Register Book or List of Proprietors of the said Undertaking.

Power to pay Subscriptions in advance.

X. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the several Proprietors for the Time being of the said Undertaking, and they are hereby

hereby empowered, whether before or after any Call shall have been paid in respect of any Shares held by them respectively, to pay in advance, in case the Directors shall think proper to accept the same, which they are hereby authorized to do, to such Person as the said Directors shall appoint, the respective Sums of Money by them respectively subscribed for, or such Part or Proportion thereof as shall be wanting (over and above the Amount, if any, actually paid in respect of such Shares) to make up the full Sum of Twenty-five Pounds in respect of each such Share; and the said Company shall and they are hereby required to pay Interest at such Rate not exceeding the Rate of Four Pounds for every One hundred Pounds by the Year upon the Principal Monies which shall have been so paid in advance, or for so much thereof as shall from Time to Time exceed the Amount of the Calls which shall have been made upon the Shares in respect of which such Money shall have been paid in advance as aforesaid, as the Subscriber paying such Sum in advance and the Directors for the Time being of the said Company shall agree upon.

Interest to be paid on the Amount in advance.

XI. And be it further enacted, That the First General Meeting of the said Company shall be held within Two Months after the passing of this Act, or as soon after as conveniently may be, at some convenient House or Place within the Parish of *Cookham*, between the Hours of Eleven of the Clock in the Forenoon and Two of the Clock in the Afternoon, for the Purpose of putting this Act into execution; and a General Meeting shall afterwards be holden once in each and every Year, at such Place within the said Parish of *Cookham* and at such Hour as the Directors for the Time being of the said Company shall appoint, of which Meeting, and of the Place and Time of holding the same, Ten Days previous Notice shall be given in some Newspaper or Newspapers circulating in the Counties of *Berks* and *Bucks*.

First General Meeting.

XII. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the Directors of the said Company, or for any Two or more of the said Proprietors who may collectively be possessed of or entitled unto Eight Shares at the least in the said Undertaking, to call a Special Meeting of Shareholders, by giving at least Seven Days Notice thereof in One or more Newspaper or Newspapers printed and circulated in the said Counties of *Berks* and *Bucks*, and specifying in such Notice the Reason and Intention of requiring such Special Meeting, and the Time when and the Place where the same is to be holden; and the said Proprietors are hereby required to meet pursuant to such Notice; and all Acts of the major Part in Votes of the Proprietors present at such Special Meeting shall be as valid, with respect to the Matters specified in such Notice, as if the same had been done at a General Meeting.

For assembling Special Meetings.

XIII. And be it further enacted, That any General Meeting or Special Meeting may be adjourned from Time to Time and from Place to Place, and when any Adjournment shall be made to a more distant Time than the next Day such Notice thereof shall be given as such General or Special Meeting shall appoint.

Meetings may be adjourned.

Limiting Business to be done at General Meetings.

XIV. And be it further enacted, That no Business shall be transacted at any General Meeting unless Three or more Proprietors holding collectively at least Fifteen Shares in the said Undertaking, shall assemble and proceed to Business; and no Business shall be transacted at any Special Meeting besides the Matters specified in the Notice by 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.

Chairman to be appointed.

XV. And be it further enacted, That the said Company at their respective Meetings shall and may appoint a Chairman, and such Chairman shall not only vote as a Proprietor but in case of an Equality of Votes shall have the decisive or casting Vote.

Subscribers to have Votes according to the Number of their Shares.

XVI. And be it further enacted, That every Person possessed of One or more Share or Shares in the said Undertaking shall have One Vote for every such Share not exceeding Ten, and One Vote for every additional Five Shares, in every General or Special Meeting of the said Company.

Power to vote by Proxy.

XVII. And be it further enacted, That every Proprietor entitled to vote at any such General or Special Meeting of the said Company may give his Vote either in Person or by Proxy appointed in Writing under his Hand, and in case of Infancy, Idiotcy, or Lunacy, then under the Hand and Seal of his Guardian or of his Committee, and which Appointment may be in the Form or to the Effect following; (that is to say,)

Form of Proxy.

'I of one of the Company of Proprietors
'of the *Cookham Bridge* Company, do hereby nominate, con-
'stitute, and appoint of to be my
'Proxy, in my Name and in my Absence to vote and give my Assent
'to or Dissent from any Business, Matter, or Thing relating to the
'said Company which shall be mentioned or proposed at any Meeting
'of the said Company, or any Adjournment thereof, in such Manner
'as the said shall think proper. In witness whereof I
'have hereunto set my Hand and Seal the Day of .'

And every such Person so appointed a Proxy as aforesaid shall be entitled to give as many Votes for and on behalf of his Principal as such Principal could give in Person.

How Questions are to be decided.

XVIII. And be it further enacted, That every Question, Matter, or Thing which shall be proposed, discussed, or considered in any Meeting of the said Company to be held in pursuance of this Act shall be determined by the Majority of the Votes given by the Proprietors and Proxies present and voting at such Meeting.

General Meetings to audit Accounts, and declare Dividends.

XIX. And be it further enacted, That the General and Special Meetings of the said Company may call for, audit, and settle all Accounts of Money laid out and disbursed on account of the said Undertaking by any Officer or Person employed by or concerned for or in or about the said Undertaking; and at every General Meeting,

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or some Adjournment thereof, a Dividend shall be made out of the Profits of the said Company, unless such General Meeting shall declare otherwise.

Committee of Directors.

XX. And be it further enacted, That for the better managing and conducting the Affairs of the said Company a Committee of Directors, consisting of Five Proprietors each possessed of at least Two Shares, shall be nominated and appointed at the First General Meeting of the Company that shall be held after the passing of this Act, or at some Adjournment thereof, which Committee so to be appointed shall continue in Office until the next General Meeting, or some Adjournment thereof, and until others shall be appointed in their Stead, unless any such Director shall die or resign, or be removed, or shall cease to be entitled to Two Shares in the said Undertaking; and at the General Meeting to be held in each succeeding Year as aforesaid, or some Adjournment thereof, a like Committee of Directors, consisting of Five Proprietors as aforesaid, shall be nominated and appointed in the like Manner and for the like Period as is directed at the said First General Meeting of the said Company; and any Special Meeting called for that Purpose may remove any Member of the Committee of Management, and elect any other Person in the Room of any Member who may be so removed, or who shall die or resign, or otherwise cease to be a Member of the said Committee of Management: Provided always, that any Member of the said Committee, upon going out of Office as aforesaid, shall be immediately, or at any future Period, eligible to be re-elected a Member of the said Committee.

Memoers of the Committee may resign, or shall cease to be Members on becoming disqualified.

XXI. 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 said Company; and in case any Member of the said Committee shall, during the Continuance of his Office, by Transfer, Forfeiture, Bankruptcy, or otherwise, cease to be entitled to Two Shares in the said Undertaking, or shall otherwise become disqualified to be a Member of the said Committee, or shall be removed by any General or Special Meeting, then 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 Meeting shall continue in Office until the next General Meeting, and until another Member shall be elected in his Stead: Provided always, that all Acts done and performed by any Three of the Directors to be appointed as aforesaid shall be binding on the Company.

No Person holding any Place of Profit or Contract under the Company to vote in the Committee.

XXII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That no Person shall be capable of taking any Contract under the said Company whilst he shall be a Member of the said Committee of Directors; and no Person who shall hold any Place of Profit under or Contract with the said Company, or be in any Manner interested or concerned directly or indirectly in supplying any Articles or Materials for the Use of the said Company, unless gratuitously, shall be entitled to vote at any Meeting of the said Committee of Directors during the Time he shall be so employed or shall be so concerned or interested as aforesaid; and if any such Person shall vote or attempt to vote at any such

such Meeting of the said Committee of Management, then and in every such Case every Person so offending shall forfeit and pay for every such Offence the Sum of Fifty Pounds, together with full Costs of Suit, to any Person who may sue for the same, to be recovered by Action of Debt or on the Case in any of Her Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster*; and one Moiety of such Penalty, when recovered, shall be paid to the Person 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.

General Powers of Committee of Directors.

XXIII. And be it further enacted, That (subject to the Rules, Orders, and Directions of the General Meetings of the said Company) the said Committee of Directors shall superintend all the Affairs of the said Company, and shall have the Custody of the Common Seal of the said Company, with full Power and Authority to use the same on their Behalf, and shall have Power and Authority to do all Acts whatsoever for carrying into effect the Purposes of this Act, and for the Management, Regulation, and Direction of the Affairs of the said Company, or relative thereto, which the said Company are by this Act authorized to do, except such as are herein required and directed to be done at some General or Special Meeting of the said Company; and there shall be Three Members of the said Committee present at the least to constitute a Meeting; and all Questions, Matters, and Things which shall be discussed or considered at any Meeting of the said Committee shall be finally determined by a Majority of Votes then present; and no Member of the said Committee shall have more more than One Vote at any such Meeting, except the Chairman of such Meeting, who, in case of an equal Division, shall have a second or casting Vote as such Chairman.

Committee to make Reports of their Proceedings.

XXIV. And be it further enacted, That such Committee shall from Time to Time make Reports of their Proceedings to and be subject to the Examination and Control of the General or Special Meetings of the said Company, and shall pay due Obedience to all such Orders and Directions in and about the Premises as shall from Time to Time be made by the said Company at any of their General or Special Meetings, such Orders and Directions not being contrary to the Laws and Statutes of that Part of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland* called *England*, nor to any of the Directions or Provisions in this Act contained.

Committee empowered to make Calls.

XXV. And be it further enacted, That the Committee of Directors shall have Power from Time to Time to make Calls for Money from the Subscribers to or Proprietors of the said Undertaking, their Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, as the said Committee shall from Time to Time find necessary for the Purposes of this Act, so that no such Call shall exceed the Sum of Five Pounds for every such Share, and so that no Calls be made but at the Distance of Two Calendar Months from each other; which Money so called for shall be paid into the Hands of the Treasurer for the Time being, or to such Person as he shall authorize to receive the same, at such Time and Place as shall be appointed by the said Committee, of which Time and Place Twenty Days Notice shall be given in such Manner as the said Com-

pany of Proprietors shall at any Meeting from Time to Time direct; and Notice thereof shall also be given by the Clerk of the said Company, by Letter through the Post Office, directed to each Subscriber or Proprietor at his usual Place of Abode.

In case of Neglect to pay Calls, Shares to be forfeited, and may be sold after Notice given to the Owner.

XXVI. And be it further enacted, That if any Subscriber or Proprietor of any Share in the said Undertaking, his Executors, Administrators, or Assigns, shall refuse or neglect to pay his rateable or proportionate Part or Share of the said Money to be called for by any Call to be made by virtue of this Act at the Time and Place so to be appointed as aforesaid, or within Thirty Days next ensuing, then and in every such Case he shall (whether or not the same shall have been sued for in any Court of Law or Equity) absolutely forfeit his Share and Interest in the said Undertaking, and all the Profits and Benefits thereof, and all Money theretofore advanced by him on account thereof, for the Use and Benefit of the said Company, unless otherwise determined by a General or Special Meeting of the said Company, and all such Shares so forfeited shall be publicly sold, and the Money arising therefrom applied in manner by this Act directed: Provided nevertheless, that no Advantage shall be taken of such Forfeiture of any Share in the said Undertaking until after Twenty Days Notice in Writing, signed by the Chairman of the said Committee of Directors, shall have been given to the Owner thereof, or left at his usual or last Place of Abode; and every such Forfeiture so to be declared shall be an absolute Indemnification and Discharge to and for the Subscriber and Proprietor, his Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, so forfeiting, against all Actions, Suits, and Prosecutions for or on account of not paying up such Calls.

If the Purchase Money of forfeited Shares shall be more than sufficient to pay Arrears of Calls, and Interest and Expences thereon, the Surplus to be paid to the Owner on Demand.

XXVII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That in case the Money produced by the Sale of any Share shall be more than sufficient to pay all such Arrears of Calls as aforesaid and lawful Interest thereon, with the Expences attending such Sale, the Surplus of such Money shall be paid on Demand to the Person to whom such Share shall have belonged; but the said Company shall not sell or transfer or direct to be sold or transferred any more of the Shares of such Defaulter than shall be sufficient as near as may be at the Time of such Call to pay the Arrears due from such Defaulter for or on account of such Call, and the Interest and Expences attending the same; and from and after the Payment of all such Calls, and the Interest and Expences as aforesaid, any Share so vested in the said Company which shall remain in their Hands unsold shall revert to and again become the Property of the Person to whom such Share shall have belonged immediately before such Forfeiture as aforesaid, in the same Manner as if such Calls had been duly and regularly paid.

Mode of Proceeding in Actions for Calls.

XXVIII. And be it further enacted, That in all Actions brought by the said Company against any Person who may have subscribed or who shall hereafter subscribe or advance any Money for or towards the Purposes of this Act, or against any Owner or Proprietor of any Share in the said Undertaking, to recover any Sum of Money due and payable to the said Company for or by reason of any Call made by virtue of this Act, it shall be sufficient for the said Company to

declare and allege that the Defendant, being an Owner or Proprietor of a Share in the said Undertaking, is indebted to the said Company in such Sum of Money as the Call in arrear shall amount to for such Call on such Share belonging to the said Defendant, 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 only be necessary to prove that the Defendant at the Time of making such Call was an Owner or Proprietor of some Share in the said Undertaking, and that such Call was in fact made, 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, unless it shall appear that the Call in respect of which such Action shall have been brought exceeded the Sum of Five Pounds on the Share so subscribed, or was made within the Distance of Two Calendar Months from the last preceding Call, or without Notice given as aforesaid.

Directors to appoint Officers.

XXIX. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Directors and they are hereby authorized and empowered from Time to Time to nominate and appoint a Treasurer, Engineer, Architect, Surveyor, Clerk, Collector, or Receiver of the Tolls herein authorized to be demanded and taken, and such other Officers as to the said Directors shall seem proper, and from Time to Time to remove any such Treasurer, Engineer, Architect, Surveyor, Clerk, Collector, Receiver, or other Officer, and to nominate another Person in his Room and Stead, taking Security from every such Treasurer, Collector, Receiver, or other Officer, for the due Execution of their respective Offices, and to grant them respectively such Salary and Compensation as the said Directors shall think proper.

Clerk and Treasurer not to be the same Person.

XXX. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That it shall not be lawful for the said Company to appoint the Person who may be appointed to act as Clerk in the Execution of this Act, or the Partner of any such Clerk, or the Clerk or any Person in the Service or Employ of such Clerk or of his Partner, to be the Treasurer for the Purposes of this Act, nor to appoint the Person who may be appointed Treasurer, or the Partner of any such Treasurer, or the Clerk or other Person in the Service or Employ of any such Treasurer or of his Partner, to be Clerk 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 the Clerk or other Person in the Service or Employ of any such Clerk or of his Partner, shall accept the Office of Treasurer, or shall act as Deputy of the Treasurer, or in any Manner officiate for the Treasurer, or being the Partner of such Treasurer, or the Clerk or other Person in the Service or Employ of such Treasurer or of his Partner, shall accept the Office of Clerk in the Execution of this Act, or shall act as Deputy of such Clerk, or in any Manner officiate for such Clerk, or if any such Treasurer shall hold or accept any Place or Office of Profit or Trust under the said Company other than that of Treasurer, every Person so offending shall for every such Offence forfeit and pay the Sum of One hundred Pounds to any Person who may sue for the same, to be recovered, with full Costs of Suit, by

Action of Debt or on the Case in any of Her Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster*.

Committee may remove Collectors, and appoint temporary ones.

XXXI. And be it further enacted, That when and so often as any 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 Directors, although not assembled at any Meeting of the said Committee 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 nominate and appoint some other fit and proper Person to be a Collector or Receiver of the said Tolls, until the then next Meeting of the said Committee, instead of such Collector or Receiver who shall so die or be discharged; and such Person so nominated and appointed shall be vested with the like Power and Authority and be answerable and accountable in like Manner in all respects as the Collector or Receiver who shall so die or be discharged would have been; and if any Collector or Receiver of the said Tolls who shall be discharged from his 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 who may have the Possession of any Toll House or Building, or any Appurtenances thereto, to be erected, set up, or used by virtue of this Act, shall neglect or refuse to deliver up the Possession thereof for the Space of Two Days 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 left at such Toll House, Buildings, or Premises, then and in every of the said Cases it shall be lawful for any Justice of the Peace, by Warrant under his Hand and Seal, to order any Constable or other Peace Officer, with such Assistance as may be necessary, to enter such Toll House or other Buildings or Premises in the Day-time, and to remove any Person who shall be found therein, together with his Goods, out of the same, and put the said Committee of Management, or such new appointed Collector or Receiver as aforesaid, into the Possession thereof.

Proceedings to be entered in a Book.

XXXII. And be it further enacted, That all Orders and Proceedings of every General Meeting or Special Meeting of the said Proprietors shall be entered in a Book to be kept for that Purpose, and be signed by the Chairman of the Meeting at which such Order or Proceeding shall be made or had, and such Book shall be open at all reasonable Times to the Inspection of any of the Proprietors of Shares in the said Undertaking without Fee or Reward; and such Orders and Proceedings so entered and signed by the Chairman as aforesaid shall be deemed and taken to be original Orders and Proceedings, and such Book shall and may be read in Evidence in all Courts whatsoever in all Cases of Appeal, and in all Prosecutions, Suits, and Actions whatsoever.

Books of Accounts to be kept,

XXXIII. And be it further enacted, That the said Directors shall and they are hereby required from Time to Time and at all Times to order

which shall be open for Inspection.

order and direct a Book to be provided and kept by their Clerk for the Time being, in which Book such Clerk shall enter or cause to be entered true and regular Accounts of all Sums of Money received, paid, laid out, and expended for or on account of the said Undertaking, and of the several Articles, Matters, and Things for which such Sums of Money shall have been disbursed, laid out, and paid, which Book shall at all seasonable Times be open to the Inspection of the Proprietors of the said Undertaking, or any Loan Creditor on the Tolls to be collected and taken on such Bridge, without Fee or Reward; and the said Proprietors and Loan Creditors, or any of them, shall or may take Copies of or Extracts from the said Book or any Part thereof, without paying any thing for the same; and in case the said Clerk shall refuse to permit or shall not permit any of the said Proprietors or Loan Creditors to inspect any such Book, or to take such Copies or Extracts as aforesaid, such Clerk shall forfeit and pay any Sum of Money not exceeding Five Pounds, to be levied and applied in the same Manner as other Penalties are hereby directed to be levied and applied.

Officers to account.

XXXIV. And be it further enacted, That every Officer and Person who shall be appointed or employed by virtue of this Act shall from Time to Time, when thereunto required by the said Company, make out and deliver to the said Company, or to such Persons as they shall for that Purpose appoint, a true and perfect Account, in Writing under his Hand, of all Monies which shall have been by him received by virtue of this Act, and such Account shall state how, and to whom, and for what Purpose the same shall have been disposed of, together with Vouchers and Receipts for such Payments; and every such Officer or Person shall and is hereby required to pay all such Monies as upon the Balance of such Account shall appear to be owing from him to the said Company, or to such Persons as the said Company shall appoint to receive the same; and if any such Officer or Person shall refuse or neglect to render such Account, or to produce and deliver up the Vouchers and Receipts relating to the same in his Possession or Power, or to pay the Balance thereof when thereunto required in manner aforesaid, or shall refuse or neglect to deliver up to the said Company, or to such Persons as they shall appoint, within Three Days after being thereunto required by the said Company, or by such other Persons as last aforesaid, all Books, Papers, and Writings in his Possession or Power relating to the Execution of this Act, then and in every such Case, Complaint being made thereof by the said Company, or by any other Person on their Behalf, to any Justice of the Peace acting within his Jurisdiction, such Justice may and he is hereby required, by Warrant under his Hand and Seal, to cause such Officer or Person to be brought before him, and upon his appearing or not being to be found to hear and determine the Matter of such Complaint in a summary Way, and to settle the said Account, if produced, in such Manner as the said Company might have done; and if, upon the Confession of the Officer or Person against whom such Complaint shall be made, or by the Oath of any credible Witness, or by the solemn Affirmation of any Person being a Quaker, it shall appear to such Justice that any of the Monies which shall have been collected and received shall be in the Hands of or be owing from such Officer

Officer or Person, such Justice may and he is hereby empowered, upon Nonpayment thereof, by Warrant under his Hand and Seal, to cause such Money to be levied by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of such Officer or Person; and if sufficient Goods or Chattels shall not be found to answer and satisfy the said Monies, and the Charges of taking and making such Distress and of selling the same, or if such Officer or Person shall not appear before such Justice at the Time and Place appointed for that Purpose, or, if appearing, shall refuse or neglect to make out and deliver to such Justice such Account in Writing as aforesaid, or to produce and deliver to the said Justice the several Vouchers and Receipts relating to such Accounts in his Possession or Power, or to deliver up such Books, Papers, and Writings in his Possession or Power, or to pay the Balance due as aforesaid, then and in any of the Cases aforesaid the said Justice may, by Warrant under his Hand and Seal, commit such Officer or Person to some Common Gaol or House of Correction within his Jurisdiction, there to remain without Bail or Mainprize until he shall have made out and delivered such Account, and have delivered up the Vouchers and Receipts aforesaid (if any) relating thereto, and have delivered up such Books, Papers, and Writings (if any) as aforesaid, and shall have paid all the Money which shall appear to be in the Hands of or owing from him, and the reasonable Charges of such Distress and Sale as shall in that respect have been made, or until he shall have compounded with the said Company for such Money and Charges, and have paid the Composition Money to the said Company (and which Composition the said Company are hereby empowered to make), or have given Satisfaction in respect of such Vouchers, Receipts, Books, Papers, and Writings to the said Company: Provided always, that no Person who shall be committed for Want of sufficient Distress only shall be detained in Prison for any longer Space of Time than Three Calendar Months.

Power to build the Bridge and all necessary Approaches.

XXXV. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Company, after having made Compensation and Satisfaction to the Owners or Persons interested in the ancient Ferry called *Cookham Ferry*, as herein-after mentioned, to erect and build, or cause to be erected and built, of such Materials as they may think fit, a Bridge over the River *Thames*, at or near to the said Ferry in *Cookham* aforesaid, from the Shore or Bank of the said River in the said Parish of *Cookham* to the opposite Shore or Bank of the said River in the said Parish of *Wooburn*; and also to make, drive, construct, lay, erect, and build, or cause to be made, driven, constructed, laid, erected, and built, all proper and necessary Foundations, Piers for Arches, Piles or other Supports of the said Bridge, Buttresses, and other Works, in the Bed of the said River, and on the Shores and Banks thereof, and Lands adjoining thereto; and also to open, form, make, and maintain all necessary Ways or Approaches to the said Bridge on both Sides of the said River, and to make, build, and construct all necessary Footpaths and Causeways, and Steps for or Landing-places near the same; and to make any temporary Dam or Dams on the said River, and to cut and level the Banks thereof, and to take or remove and carry away from the Bed thereof, or from the Shores or Banks thereof, all

Trees, Roots of Trees, Beds of Gravel, Stone, Sand, Mud, Earth, Soil, or any other Matter or Thing whatsoever which may be an Impediment to the full Execution of the Purposes of this Act, and to do and execute all Things necessary or convenient for erecting, building, making, and maintaining the said Bridge and Works, and Ways or Approaches thereto, and for the other Purposes of this Act, doing as little Damage as may be in the Execution of the Works aforesaid, and making full Satisfaction and Compensation for all Damage done in the Execution thereof: Provided always, that in building the said Bridge the Traffic on the said River shall not be stopped, and no Interruption or Impediment shall be caused to the Navigation of the said River *Thames*, or the Towing Path on the Side thereof, for a longer Space of Time than shall be absolutely necessary and unavoidable; and when the said Bridge shall be made, the same shall at all Times thereafter be kept in good and sufficient Repair by the said Company.

Maps or Plans deposited with the Clerk of the Peace to remain there, and to be open to Inspection.

XXXVI. And whereas Maps or Plans describing the Line of the said intended Approaches, and the Lands through or over which the same are to be made or carried, and the Situation of the said Bridge, together with Books of Reference containing Lists of the Names of the Owners and Occupiers of such Lands, hath been deposited in the Office of the respective Clerks of the Peace for the Counties of *Bucks* and *Berks*; be it therefore enacted, That the said Maps or Plans and Books of Reference shall remain in the Custody of the said Clerks of the Peace respectively, to the end that all Persons may at any reasonable Time have Liberty to inspect and peruse the same and to take Copies of or Extracts therefrom at their Will and Pleasure, paying to the Clerk of the Peace having Custody of the Map or Plan or Book of Reference inspected the Sum of One Shilling for each Inspection, and for every Extract therefrom at and after the Rate of Sixpence for every One hundred Words; and the said Company, in building the said Bridge, and in making the said Approaches to communicate therewith, shall not deviate from the Situation or Lines thereof described in the said Maps or Plans to a greater Extent than One hundred Yards, without the Consent in Writing of the Owner or Owners for the Time being of the Lands and Grounds in which such Deviation shall take place.

Limiting Deviations from Plan.

Company to make Roads conformably to Plan, &c. notwithstanding Errors.

XXXVII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Company to set out and make the said Approaches into, through, or over the Lands of any Person who is or may be the Owner or Occupier of Lands over which the same are set out and described in the said Maps or Plans, although such Lands, or any Part or Parts thereof, or the Name or Names of such Person, may happen to be erroneously described, omitted, or mis-stated in the said Maps or Plans or Books of Reference, or in the Schedule to this Act annexed, in case it shall appear to any Two or more Justices of the Peace for the County in which such Lands are situate, and be certified by Writing under their Hands, that such Error or Omission proceeded from Mistake: Provided also, that the said Company shall have Power to alter and vary the Site of the said Approaches, or either of them, or to extend the same to any Extent not exceeding

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One Quarter of a Mile on either Side of the said River, and to purchase and hold Lands for the Purposes thereof, with the Consent of the Owners and Occupiers of such Lands.

Power to widen and straighten the present Road leading from Wycomb to the Bridge.

XXXVIII. And whereas the present Highway leading from and out of the *High Wycomb* Turnpike Road to the Horse Ferry at *Wooburn* in the County of *Bucks*, and the Road from the Village of *Cookham* to the said Ferry, are at present in many Places so narrow that Carriages travelling thereon cannot conveniently pass each other, and the Curves in the said Roads are in some Places extremely inconvenient and unnecessarily circuitous: And whereas it would be very advantageous to the Public if the *Cookham Bridge* Company were empowered to divert, widen, and straighten the said Roads where necessary; be it therefore enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Company, by and with the Consent of the Owners and Occupiers of the Lands which may be requisite for diverting, widening, and straightening the said Roads as aforesaid, to purchase such Lands, and to make such Alterations in the said Roads, as may be necessary for the Purpose of widening and straightening the same in those Places where such Alterations may be advisable, or for diverting such Roads where by such Diversion they may be rendered more direct.

Ascent to the Bridge.

XXXIX. And be it further enacted, That the Ascent to the said Bridge over the said River, on either Side, shall not be more than One Foot in Twenty Feet, and that the Fence on each Side of such Bridge shall not be less than Four Feet above the Surface of the said Bridge, nor less than Three Feet above the Surface of the said Approaches.

Power to take Lands, &c.

XL. And be it further enacted, That for the Purpose of constructing the said Bridge and Approaches, and any Toll Houses and other Houses and Buildings which may be necessary for the Purposes of this Act, and subject to the Provisions and Restrictions of this Act, it shall be lawful for the said Company, and their Agents and Workmen, and all other Persons by them authorized, and they are hereby empowered, to enter into and upon the Lands of any Person or Corporation whatsoever, and to survey and take Levels of the same, or of any Part thereof, and to set out and appropriate, for the several Purposes of this Act, such Parts thereof as they are by this Act empowered to take or use, and in or upon such Lands or any Lands adjoining thereto, or within Five hundred Yards thereof, to bore, cut, take, fetch, carry, and remove or lay, and also to use, work, and manufacture, any Clay, Earth, Stone, Rubbish, Pebbles, Trees, Gravel, or Sand, or any other Materials or Things which may be dug or obtained therein or otherwise in the Execution of any of the Powers of this Act, and which may be proper or necessary for constructing, making, maintaining, altering, repairing, or using the said Bridge and Approaches and other Works by this Act authorized, or which may obstruct the constructing, making, maintaining, altering, repairing, or using the same respectively, according to the true Intent and Meaning of this Act, and as the said Company shall think proper, they the said Company, their Agents and Workmen, doing as little Damage as may be in the Execution of the several Powers to them hereby granted, and making full Satisfaction in manner herein-after mentioned to all Persons

Persons and Corporations interested in any Lands which shall be taken, used, or injured, for all Damage to be by them sustained in or about the Execution of all or any of the Powers hereby granted; and this Act shall be sufficient to indemnify the said Company and all other Persons for what they or any of them shall do by virtue of the Powers by this Act granted, subject nevertheless to such Provisions and Restrictions as are herein-after mentioned and contained.

For Protection of Towing Path belonging to Lord Boston.

XLI. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall extend or be construed to extend to authorize or empower the said Company, their Agents, Workmen, or any other Person or Persons, to obstruct, block up, or impede the Passage of Horses and Cattle in, over, and along the Towing Path belonging to the Right Honourable Lord *Boston*, and situate on the *Buckinghamshire* Side of the said River *Thames*, and allotted by the Award of the Commissioners for inclosing Lands in the said Parish of *Wooburn*.

For Protection of the Lands of William Henry Fleming, Esquire.

XLII. Provided also, and be it hereby further enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall extend or be construed to extend to authorize or empower the said Company, their Servants, Agents, or Workmen, or any other Person, to enter upon, or to take, use, or occupy, for any Purposes whatever, any Lands belonging to *William Henry Fleming* Esquire, of *Cookham Grove*, without the Consent of the said *William Henry Fleming*, his Heirs or Assigns, for that Purpose first had and obtained.

Persons under legal Disability empowered to sell and convey Lands, &c.

XLIII. And be it further enacted, That after any Lands intended to be taken or used for the Purposes of this Act shall have been set out and ascertained it shall be lawful for all and every Corporation and Corporations, Tenants in Tail or for Life, or for any other partial or qualified Estate or Interest, Husbands, Guardians, Trustees, and Feoffees in Trust for charitable or other Purposes, Committees, Executors, and Administrators, and all Trustees and other Persons whomsoever, not only for and on behalf of themselves, their Heirs and Successors, but also for and on behalf of all Persons entitled in Reversion, Remainder, or Expectancy after them, and for and on behalf of their Wives, Wards, Lunatics, and Idiots respectively, and in the same Manner and to the same Extent as such Wives, Wards, Lunatics, and Idiots respectively could have done by Law under the Powers of this Act in case they had been sole, of full Age, and of sound Mind, and for and on behalf of their Cestuique Trusts, whether Infants, Issue unborn, Lunatics, Idiots, Femes Covert, or other Persons, and to and for all Femes Covert seised, possessed of, or interested in their own Right, or entitled to Dower or other Interest in, and for all and every other Persons whomsoever seised or possessed of or interested in, any such Lands, to contract for the Sale and Conveyance of and to sell and convey the same or any Part thereof unto the said Company; and all such Contracts, Sales, and Conveyances shall be made at the Expence of the said Company, and may be made according to the following Form, or as near thereto as the Number of the Parties and the Circumstances of the Case will admit; (that is to say,)



'I *A. B.*

Form of Conveyance.

'I *A.B.* of in consideration of the Sum of
'to me [*or as the Case may be*] paid by "The *Cookham Bridge*
'Company," incorporated under or by virtue of an Act passed in
'the Year of the Reign of Her Majesty Queen *Victoria*,
'intituled [*here insert the Title of this Act*], do hereby convey to the
'said Company and their Successors all [*describing the Premises to*
'*be conveyed*], together with all Ways, Rights, and Appurtenances
'thereunto belonging, and all such Estate and Interest therein as I
'am or shall become seised or possessed of, or am by the said Act
'capacitated or empowered to convey; to hold the said Heredita-
'ments and Premises, with the Appurtenances, unto the said Com-
'pany and their Successors for ever, according to the true Intent and
'Meaning of the said Act. In witness whereof I have hereunto set
'my Hand and Seal the Day of in the
'Year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and .'

Conveyances in that Form to be valid.

And all such Conveyances as aforesaid of Lands of any Tenure shall be valid and effectual in the Law, and shall operate to merge all Terms of Years attendant by express Declaration or by Construction of Law on the Estate or Estates, Interest or Interests so thereby conveyed or aliened, and to bar and destroy all Dower, Estates Tail, and all other Estates, Rights, Titles, Remainders, Reversions, Limitations, Trusts, and Interests whatsoever of and in the same, intended to be conveyed by the said Instrument.

Satisfaction to be made for Lands taken for Works.

XLIV. And be it further enacted, That all and every Corporations and Corporation, and other Parties by this Act capacitated to sell and convey Lands, or to release Lands from Rents and other Incumbrances charged thereon, and the respective Owners and Occupiers of any Land in, through, or upon which the Works by this Act authorized are intended to be constructed or made, may agree to accept and receive, and may, subject to such Restrictions as in this Act contained as to the Payment thereof, accept and receive Satisfaction for the Value of such Lands, or of the Interest therein by them conveyed, and also Compensation for any Damage by them sustained by reason of the Execution of any of the Works by this Act authorized, and also by reason of the severing or dividing such Lands, and also for and on account of any Damage, Loss, or Inconvenience which may be sustained by such Corporations or other Parties by reason of the Execution of any of the Powers of this Act, in such gross Sums as shall be agreed upon between the said Owners (including Persons hereby capacitated as aforesaid) and Occupiers respectively and the said Company; and in case the said Company and such Parties respectively shall not agree as to the Amount or Value of such Purchase Money, Satisfaction, or Compensation, the same respectively, or either of them concerning which they do not so agree, shall be ascertained and settled by the Verdict of a Jury, if required, as herein-after is directed.

In case the Parties refuse or are incapable to treat, the

XLV. And for settling all Differences which may arise between the said Company and the several Owners (including Persons by this Act capacitated as aforesaid) and Occupiers of or Persons interested in any Lands which shall or may be taken, used, damaged, or injuriously affected

Value of Land and of Damages to be settled by a Jury.

affected by the Execution of any of the Powers hereby granted; be it further enacted, That if any Corporation, Trustee, or other Person so interested or entitled and capacitated to sell, agree, or convey as aforesaid shall not agree with the said Company as to the Amount of such Purchase Money or Satisfaction or other Compensation as aforesaid, or if any of the Parties entitled to receive such Purchase Money or Satisfaction or other Compensation as aforesaid shall refuse to accept such Purchase Money or Satisfaction or other Compensation aforesaid as shall be offered by the said Company, and shall give Notice thereof in Writing to the said Company within Twenty-one Days next after such Offer shall have been made, and the Party giving such Notice shall therein request that the Matter in dispute may be submitted to the Determination of a Jury; or if any of such Parties as aforesaid shall, for the Space of Ten Days next after Notice in Writing shall have been given to the Clerk, Agent, or principal Officer of any such Corporation, or to any of such Trustees or Persons respectively, or left at his last or usual Place of Abode, neglect or refuse to treat or shall not agree with the said Company for the Sale and Conveyance of their respective Estates or Interests, or the respective Estates or Interests which they respectively are hereby capacitated to convey therein, or shall by reason of any Impediment or Disability not provided for by this Act, or by reason of Absence or otherwise, be incapable of or prevented from making such Agreement or Conveyance as shall be necessary or expedient for enabling the said Company to take such Lands or proceed in constructing the Works by this Act authorized, or shall not disclose and prove the State of the Title to the Premises of which they respectively may be in possession, or of the Share, Interest, or Charge which they may claim to be entitled unto or interested in, or in any other Case where Agreement for Compensation for Damage incurred in the Execution of this Act, or for the Purchase of Lands required for the Purposes of this Act, or for the Apportionment of any such Charge as aforesaid, cannot be made; then and in every such Case the said Company shall and they are hereby required from Time to Time to issue a Warrant under their Common Seal to the Sheriff of the County in which the Premises in question shall be situate or the Matter in dispute shall arise, or in case such Sheriff or his Under Sheriff shall be one of the said Company, or enjoy any Office of Trust or Profit under them, or shall be in any ways interested in the Matter in question, then to any of the Coroners of such County not interested as aforesaid, commanding such Sheriff or Coroner to impannel, summon, and return, and the said Sheriff or Coroner is hereby accordingly empowered and required to impannel, summon, and return, a Jury of at least Twenty-four sufficient and indifferent Men qualified according to the Laws of this Realm to be returned for Trials of Issues in Her Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster;* and the Persons so to be impannelled, summoned, and returned are hereby required to appear before the said Sheriff, Under Sheriff, or Coroner at such Time and Place as in such Warrant shall be appointed, and to attend from Day to Day until duly discharged; and out of such Persons so to be impannelled, summoned, and returned a Jury of Twelve Men shall be drawn by the said Sheriff, Under Sheriff, or Coroner or other Person, or by some Person to be by them or either of

of them appointed, in such Manner as Juries for Trials of Issues joined in Her Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster* are by Law directed to be drawn; and in case a sufficient Number of Jurymen shall not appear at the Time and Place so to be appointed as aforesaid, such Sheriff, Under Sheriff, or Coroner shall return other honest and indifferent Men of the Standers-by, or of others that can speedily be procured to attend that Service (being so qualified as aforesaid), to make up the said Jury to the Number of Twelve; and all Parties concerned may have their lawful Challenges against any of the said Jurymen, but shall not challenge the Array; and the said Sheriff, Under Sheriff, or Coroner is hereby empowered and required to summon before him all Persons who shall be thought necessary to be examined as Witnesses touching the Matters in question, and may authorize or order the said Jury or any Three or more of them to view the Place or Matter in controversy; and such Jury shall upon their Oaths, or being Quakers upon their Affirmations, (which Oaths and Affirmations, as well as the Oaths and Affirmations of all such Persons as shall be called upon to give Evidence, the said Sheriff, Under Sheriff, or Coroner is hereby empowered and required to administer,) inquire of and assess and give a Verdict for the Sum of Money to be paid for the Purchase of such Lands, or of such Interests therein as shall be in question, except for such Interests therein as shall have been of right purchased by the said Company from any other Person, and also the Sum of Money to be paid by way of Satisfaction or Compensation, either for the Damages which shall before that Time have been done or sustained as aforesaid, or for the future temporary or perpetual or for any recurring Damages to be so done or sustained as aforesaid, and the Cause or Occasion of which shall have been in part only obviated, removed, or repaired by the said Company, and which cannot or will not be further wholly obviated, removed, or repaired by them; which Satisfaction or Compensation for such Damage or Loss shall be inquired into and assessed separately and distinctly from the Value of the Lands so to be taken or used as aforesaid, or the Apportionment of the Charge in question, as the Case may require; and the said Sheriff, Under Sheriff, or Coroner shall accordingly give Judgment for such Purchase Money, Satisfaction or Compensation, or Apportionment, as shall be assessed by such Jury; which said Verdict and the Judgment thereon to be pronounced as aforesaid shall be binding and conclusive as to the Value of the said Lands and the Compensation to be made for Damage as aforesaid: Provided always, that in such Inquiry as aforesaid the Person or Corporation claiming Compensation shall be Plaintiff, and shall have all such Rights and Privileges as Plaintiffs in Actions at Law are entitled to: Provided always, that not less than Ten Days Notice in Writing of the Time and Place at which such Jury are so required to be returned shall be given by the said Company to the Party with whom any such Controversy shall arise, either by delivering such Notice to such Party, or by leaving the same at his Place of Abode, or with the Clerk or Agent or principal Officer of the Corporation in the Case of a Corporation, or with some Tenant or Occupier of the Premises intended to be valued or respecting which or any Damage to which any such Question shall arise.

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Compensation Money to be apportioned.

XLVI. And be it further enacted, That the said Juries shall and they are hereby respectively empowered, if thereunto required, to settle what Shares and Proportions of the Purchase Money or Compensation for Damages which shall be assessed as aforesaid shall be allowed to any Tenant or other Person having a particular Estate, Term, or Interest in the Premises, by way of Lease, Mortgage, or otherwise, for his Interest therein.

Verdicts to be recorded.

XLVII. And be it further enacted, That the said Verdicts and Judgments, being first signed by the said Sheriff, Under Sheriff, or Coroner presiding at the taking of such Verdict and pronouncing of such Judgment respectively, shall be kept by the Clerk of the Peace for the County in which the Matter of Dispute shall have arisen, among the Records of the Quarter Sessions for such County, and shall be deemed Records to all Intents and Purposes; and the same, or true Copies thereof, shall be allowed to be good Evidence in all Courts whatsoever.

Penalty on Sheriff, &c., Jurors, or Witnesses, making default.

XLVIII. And be it further enacted, That if any such Sheriff or his Under Sheriff, or any Coroner herein-before authorized and directed to act in the Stead of such Sheriff, shall make default in the Premises, he shall for every such Offence forfeit and pay the Sum of Fifty Pounds, to be paid to the Party who shall be prejudiced or injured thereby, to be recovered, with full Costs of Suit, by Action of Debt or on the Case, in any of Her Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster*; and if any Person so summoned and returned upon any such Jury as aforesaid shall not appear, or appearing shall refuse to be sworn, or being a Quaker to make Affirmation, or shall refuse to give his Verdict, or shall in any other Manner wilfully neglect his Duty, contrary to the true Intent and Meaning of this Act, or if any Person so summoned to give Evidence as aforesaid shall not appear on being paid or tendered a reasonable Sum for his Costs and Expences, or appearing shall refuse to be sworn, or being a Quaker affirmed, or to give Evidence, every Person so offending, having no reasonable Excuse, (to be judged of and determined by the said Sheriff, Under Sheriff, or Coroner,) shall forfeit and pay for every such Offence, for the Benefit of the Party for whom or on whose Account such Jury or Witness shall have been summoned, any Sum not exceeding Five Pounds; which said last-mentioned Penalty and Forfeiture shall and may be levied, by virtue of a Warrant under the Hand and Seal of any Justice of the Peace for the County or Place in which the said Lands shall be situate or the said Inquisition shall be held, by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of the Person so offending, rendering to him, on Demand, the Overplus (if any) of the Money thereby produced, after such Penalty and the Charges and Expences of such Distress and Sale shall have been satisfied.

Jurors to be under the same Regulations as those of the Courts at Westminster.

XLIX. And be it further enacted, That every such Jury and Juryman as aforesaid shall be subject to the same Regulations, Pains, and Penalties as if such Jury and Juryman had been returned for the Trial of any Issue joined in any of Her Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster*; and all Persons who, in any Examination to be taken on by virtue of this Act, upon their Oath, or being Quakers upon their

their Affirmation, shall wilfully and corruptly give any false Evidence before any such Jury, Sheriff, Under Sheriff, or Coroner, or before any Justice of the Peace acting as such in the Execution of this Act, shall and may be prosecuted for the same, and upon Conviction thereof shall be subject to the Pains and Penalties to which Persons guilty of wilful and corrupt Perjury shall or may by Law be subject.

Persons giving false Evidence to be guilty of Perjury.

L. And be it further enacted, That in every Case in which the Verdict of the Jury shall be given for the same or for a greater Sum than shall have been previously offered by the said Company for the Purchase of any Lands to be used or taken by them for the Purposes of this Act, or as Compensation or Satisfaction for any Damage or Loss which may happen or arise in the Execution of any of the Powers hereby granted, all the Costs, Charges, and Expences of the said Inquisition, Verdict, and Judgment thereon, in or in anywise incident to or consequent on the same, and the Expences of Witnesses, shall be defrayed by the said Company; and such Costs, Charges, and Expences shall be settled and determined by the said Sheriff, Under Sheriff, or Coroner as aforesaid; and in case such Costs, Charges, and Expences shall not be paid to the Party entitled to receive the same within Fourteen Days after the same shall have been demanded, then the same shall and may be levied and recovered by Distress and Sale of any Goods or Chattels of the said Company or their Treasurer, under a Warrant to be issued for that Purpose by any Justice of the Peace for the County or Place where such Inquisition shall be held not interested in the Matter in question, which Warrant such Justice is hereby authorized and required to issue under his Hand and Seal on Application made to him for that Purpose by any Party entitled to receive such Costs and Expences; but if the Verdict of the Jury shall be given for a less Sum than what shall have been previously offered by the said Company, One Moiety of the said Costs, Charges, and Expences shall be defrayed by the Party with whom the said Company shall have such Controversy or Dispute, and the Remainder shall be defrayed by the said Company; and the first-mentioned Moiety of such Costs and Expences, having been ascertained and settled in manner herein-before mentioned, shall and may be deducted out of the Money adjudged to be paid to such other Party as so much Money advanced to or for his Use, and the Payment or Tender of the Remainder of the Money so adjudged shall be deemed and taken to all Intents and Purposes to be good Payment or Tender in satisfaction of the whole thereof: Provided always, that in Cases in which, by reason of Absence in Foreign Parts or from any other Cause or Disability not herein-before provided for, any Person shall have been prevented from treating and agreeing as aforesaid, the whole of such Charges and Expences shall be borne and paid by the said Company.

Expences of Jury how to be paid.

LI. And be it further enacted, That the said Company shall not be obliged, nor shall any Jury to be summoned by virtue of this Act be allowed, to receive or take notice of any Complaint to be made by any Party for any Loss or Injury by him sustained or supposed to be sustained in consequence of the Execution of any of the Powers of this Act, unless Notice in Writing signed by or on behalf of the Corporation, or by the Person making such Complaint, stating

Notice of Injury to be given to the Company before Complaint.

stating the Nature, Extent, and Particulars of such Loss or Injury, and the Amount of the Compensation claimed in respect thereof, shall, after Demand thereof by the said Company, setting forth this Provision, have been given by such Corporation or Person to the said Company Five Days before the summoning of such Jury, and within the Space of Two Calendar Months after the Time of such supposed Loss or Injury having been sustained, or after the doing or committing thereof shall have ceased.

Tenants at Will or for Years to quit Lands, &c. after Notice.

LII. And be it further enacted, (but without Prejudice to any other Powers herein contained under which the said Company may take possession of Lands for the Purposes of the Undertaking hereby authorized at any different Periods or on different Terms,) That all Persons in Possession of any Lands which shall be intended to be taken or used for the Purposes of this Act, and who shall have no greater Interest therein than as Tenants at Will or Lessees for a Year, or as Tenants from Year to Year, shall respectively deliver the Possession thereof to the said Company, or to such Person as they shall appoint to take possession of the same, at the Expiration of Six Calendar Months next after Notice to that Effect shall have been given by the said Company to such respective Tenants or Lessees or Persons in possession, or left upon the said Lands, or at such other Time after the Expiration of Six Calendar Months as they shall be respectively required, whether such Notice be given with reference to the Time of the Commencement of such Tenant's Holding or not, and whether such Notice be given before or after the said Lands shall have been purchased by the said Company; and in case any such Tenant or Lessee, or Person so in Possession as aforesaid, shall refuse to deliver such Possession as aforesaid, it shall be lawful for the said Company to issue their Precept to the Sheriff of the County or Place in which such Lands shall be situate to deliver Possession thereof to such Person as in such Precept shall be nominated to receive the same, and the said Sheriff is hereby required to deliver the Possession of the said Lands accordingly, and to levy and satisfy such Costs as shall accrue from the issuing and Execution of such Precept on the Person so refusing to deliver Possession by Distress and Sale of his Goods and Chattels.

Interest of such Tenants may be settled by a Jury.

LIII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That where any such Tenant or Lessee shall be required to deliver the Possession of any Lands so occupied by him before the Expiration of his Term or Interest therein, the said Company shall and they are hereby required to make or tender to such Tenant or Lessee, before they shall issue their Precept to the Sheriff to give Possession of the Lands in the Occupation of such Tenant or Lessee, Satisfaction or Compensation for the Value of his unexpired Term or Interest in them, which Satisfaction or Compensation, in case of Difference, shall be ascertained and determined in the same Manner as any other Satisfaction or Compensation for any Lands taken or used by the said Company is by this Act directed to be made or determined.

For settling Disputes as

LIV. And be it further enacted, That in case any Difference shall arise between the said Company and any of the Owners or Occupiers of

of the Property to be taken for the Purposes of this Act as to the Amount or Value of the Damages done by the said Company, their Agents or Workmen, to such Property in the Execution of any of the Powers of this Act, and such Difference cannot be adjusted and settled between the said Parties, the same, notwithstanding the Provision herein-before made directing the summoning a Jury, and instead thereof, shall be ascertained and determined by some Two or more Justices of the Peace for the County or Place in which such Lands or Property shall lie, who, upon Application made to them by both or either of the said Parties, shall examine into the Matter in dispute, and shall determine and settle the Amount of Compensation which shall be payable by the said Company, provided such Compensation do not exceed the Sum of Twenty Pounds; and the said Justices respectively are hereby authorized and required, on Nonpayment of the said Damages for the Space of Ten Days after the same shall become due, to levy such Damages and all Charges respecting the same by Distress and Sale of any Goods and Chattels by this Act vested in the said Company, in the same Manner as by this Act is directed with respect to the Recovery of Compensation for other Damages done by the said Company.

to Damages under 20*l.*

LV. And be it further enacted, That in case any Party to whom any Money shall be agreed or awarded to be paid for the Purchase of any Lands to be taken or used under or by virtue of the Powers of this Act, or for any Interest therein, or for the Release of any such Lands from any Rent or other Incumbrance charged thereon, or for Compensation or Satisfaction as aforesaid, shall refuse or neglect to accept the same, or cannot be found, or shall be absent from *England*, or shall refuse, neglect, or be unable to make a Title to such Lands or to such Interest therein to the Satisfaction of the said Company for the Purposes of this Act, or if any Party entitled unto or to convey such Lands or such Interest therein be not known, or shall be absent from *England*, or shall refuse to convey the same or such Interest therein, then and in every such Case, where not otherwise provided by this Act, it shall be lawful for the said Company to order the Money so agreed or awarded to be paid into the Bank of *England* in the Name and with the Privity of the Accountant General of the Court of Exchequer, to be placed to his Account, to the Credit of the Parties interested in the said Lands (describing them, so far as the said Company can do), subject to the Control and Disposition of the said Court; which said Court, on the Application of any Party making claim to such Money or to any Part thereof by Petition, is hereby empowered, in a summary Way of Proceeding or otherwise, as to such Court shall seem meet, to order the same to be laid out and invested in the Public Funds, and to order Distribution thereof, or Payment of the Dividends thereof, according to the Estate, Title, or Interest of the Party making claim thereunto, and to make such other Order in the Premises as to the said Court shall seem proper; and the Cashier of the Bank of *England* who shall receive such Money is hereby required to give to the said Company, or to any Party paying any Money into the Bank of *England* under or pursuant to this Act, a Receipt for such Money, mentioning and specifying therein for what and for whose Use (described as aforesaid) the same is received.

In case of not making out Titles, &c. the Money to be paid into the Bank.

LVI. Pro-

Persons in Possession presumptively entitled.

LVI. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That where any Question shall arise touching the Title of any Party to any Lands, or to any Interest in any Lands, or to any Compensation Money in respect to Damage done to any Lands, or to any Money 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, in pursuance of this Act, for the Purchase of any Lands, or of any Estate, Right, Title, or Interest in any Lands to be taken or used in pursuance of this Act for the Purposes aforesaid, or for Compensation or Satisfaction as aforesaid, or to any Annuities or Securities to be purchased with any such Money as aforesaid, or to the Dividends on any such Securities, the Parties respectively who shall have been in Possession or Receipt of the Rents or Profits of such Lands at the Time of such Purchase, and all Corporations and Persons claiming under such Parties, or under or consistently with the Possession of such Parties, shall be deemed to have been lawfully entitled to such Lands or such Interest therein, or to such Money as aforesaid, according to such Possession, until the contrary shall be shown to the Satisfaction of the said Court; and the Dividends or Interest of the Securities to be purchased with such Money, and also the Capital of such Annuities or Securities, shall be paid, applied, and disposed of accordingly, unless it shall be made to appear to the Satisfaction of the said Court that such Possession was a wrongful Possession, and that some other Party was lawfully entitled to such Lands, Estate, or Interest.

Application of Compensation Money amounting to 200*l.*

LVII. And be it further enacted, That if any Money shall be agreed or awarded to be paid for the Purchase of any Lands to be taken or used by virtue of the Powers of this Act, or of any Interest therein, or for the Release of any such Lands from any Rent or other Incumbrance charged thereon, or for any Compensation or Satisfaction under this Act, which any Corporation, Tenant for Life or in Tail, or Feoffee in Trust, Executor, Administrator, Husband, Guardian, Committee, or other Trustee for or on behalf of any Infant, Idiot, Lunatic, Feme Covert, or other Cestuique Trust, or any Persons whose Lands are limited in strict or other Settlement, or any Person under any other Disability or Incapacity, shall be entitled unto, interested in, or hereby capacitated to convey, such Money shall, in case the same shall amount to or exceed 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 the Court of Exchequer, to be placed to his Account there *ex parte* "The *Cookham Bridge* Company," pursuant to the Method prescribed by an Act passed in the First Year of the Reign of His Majesty King *George* the Fourth, 1 G. 4. c. 35. 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*, and the General Orders of the said Court, without Fee or Reward; and shall, when so paid in, there remain until the same shall, by Order of the said Court made in a summary Way upon Petition to be presented to the said Court by the Party who would have been entitled to the Rents and Profits of the said Lands, be applied either in the Purchase or Redemption of the Land Tax, or in or towards the Discharge of any

Debt

Debt or other Incumbrance affecting the said Lands, or affecting other Lands standing settled therewith to the same or the like Uses, Trusts, Intents, or Purposes, as the said Court of Exchequer shall authorize to be purchased or paid, or such Part thereof as shall be necessary; or until the same shall, upon the like Application, be laid out, by Order of the said Court made in a summary Way, in the Purchase of other Lands, which shall be conveyed, limited, and settled to, for, and upon such and the like Uses, Trusts, Intents, and Purposes and in the same Manner as the Lands which shall be so purchased, taken, or used as aforesaid, or in respect of which such Compensation or Satisfaction shall be paid, stood settled or limited, or such of them as at the Time of making such Conveyance and Settlement shall be existing undetermined or capable of taking effect; and in the meantime, and until such Purchase can be made, the said Money may, by Order of the said Court upon Application thereto, be invested by the said Accountant General in his Name in the Purchase of Three Pounds *per Centum* Consolidated or Three Pounds *per Centum* Reduced Bank Annuities, or in Government or Real Securities; and in the meantime, and until such Annuities or Securities shall be ordered by the said Court to be sold for the Purposes aforesaid, or shall be called in or cancelled, the Dividends or Interest and annual Produce thereof shall from Time to Time, by Order of the said Court, be paid to the Party who would for the Time being have been entitled to the Rents and Profits of such Lands so to be purchased and settled.

Application of Purchase Money when less than 200*l.* and exceeding 20*l.*

LVIII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That if any Money agreed or awarded to be paid as last herein-before mentioned shall be less than the Sum of Two hundred Pounds, and shall exceed the Sum of Twenty Pounds, then the same shall, at the Option of the respective Parties for the Time being entitled to the Rents and Profits of the Lands so taken or used, or of such Interest therein, or of their respective Husbands, Guardians, or Committees, in case of Coverture, Infancy, Idiotcy, Lunacy, or other Incapacity, with the Approbation of the said Company, signified in Writing under their Seal, be paid into the Bank of *England* in the Name and with the Privity of the said Accountant General, and be placed to his Account as aforesaid, in order to be applied in manner herein-before directed; or otherwise the same may be paid, at the like Option and with the like Approbation, to Two Trustees, to be nominated by the respective Parties exercising such Option (such Nomination to be approved of by the said Company), and such Nomination and Approbation to be signified in Writing under the Hands or Common Seals of the nominating and approving Parties; and the Money so paid to such Trustees, and the Dividends and Produce so arising thereon and therefrom, shall be by such Trustees applied in like Manner as herein-before directed with respect to the Money so to be paid into the Bank of *England* in the Name of the Accountant General of the Court of Exchequer, but without being required to obtain any Order of the said Court touching the Application thereof, and the said Company shall not be bound or required to see to the Application thereof.

When not exceeding 20*l.*

LIX. Provided also, and be it further enacted, That where any Money so agreed or awarded to be paid as last herein-before mentioned shall not exceed the Sum of Twenty Pounds the same shall be paid to the respective Parties who would for the Time being have been entitled to the Rents and Profits of the Lands so taken or used for the Purposes of this Act, or in respect of which such Compensation or Satisfaction shall be paid, for their own Use and Benefit; or in case of Coverture, Infancy, Idiotcy, Lunacy, or other Incapacity, then such Money shall be paid to their respective Husbands, Guardians, Committees, or Trustees, to and for the Use and Benefit of the Parties respectively entitled thereto.

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

LX. 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 payable 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 taking or using such Lands, or which may be incurred in consequence thereof, and also the Costs, Charges, and Expences of the Reinvestment of the Purchase or Compensation Money in Land, or so much of such Costs, Charges, and Expences as the said Court shall deem reasonable, and likewise the Costs, Charges, and Expences occasioned only by the passing of this Act, and not by Litigation between 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 such Government or Real Securities, or of the Money to be produced by the Sale thereof out of Court, 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.

Power to enter Lands on Payment of Purchase Money.

LXI. And be it further enacted, That upon Payment or legal Tender of such Sums of Money as shall have been agreed upon between the Parties, or awarded by a Jury in manner aforesaid, for the Purchase of any Lands, Rent or other Charge, to the respective Proprietors of such Lands, Rent or Charge, or other Persons respectively interested therein and entitled to receive such Money, within Ten Days after the same shall have been so agreed upon or awarded; or if the Parties so respectively interested and entitled as aforesaid cannot be found, or shall be absent from *England*, or shall refuse to receive such Money as aforesaid, or shall refuse, neglect, or be unable to make a good Title to such Lands, Rent, or Charge (to the Satisfaction of the said Company); or if any Party entitled unto or to convey such Lands, Rent, or Charge shall not be known, or shall be absent from *England*, or shall refuse, neglect, or be unable to convey the same, then upon Payment of such Money into the Bank of *England*, as herein-before directed, to the Credit of the Parties interested in such

Lands; or in case such Money shall have been agreed or awarded to be paid for the Purchase of any such Lands, which any Corporation, Trustee, or Person under Disability is hereby capacitated to convey, or Compensation as aforesaid, then upon Payment of such Money into the Bank of *England*, as herein-before directed, to an Account *ex parte* "The *Cookham Bridge* Company," then and in every of such Cases, or upon Payment of any such Money as aforesaid to Two Trustees in the Cases herein-before authorized, it shall be lawful for the said Company immediately to enter upon such Lands, and thereupon such Lands, and the Fee Simple and Inheritance thereof, together with the yearly Profits thereof, and all the Estate, Right, Use, Trust, and Interest of all Parties therein, for which the Consideration shall have been so paid, tendered, or deposited as aforesaid, shall thenceforth be vested in and become the sole Property of the said Company, to and for the Purposes of this Act, as fully and effectually as if the same had been duly conveyed to them in manner aforesaid; and such Payment or Tender and Conveyance, or such Deposit in the Bank of *England* as aforesaid, shall operate to merge all outstanding or other Terms of Years, and to bar and destroy all Dower, and all Estates Tail and other Estates in Reversion and Remainder, and all Rights, Titles, Limitations, and Trusts whatsoever of and in the said Lands, which shall be paid or compensated for by the said Payment: Provided nevertheless, that before such Payment, Tender, or Deposit in the Bank of *England* as aforesaid it shall not be lawful for the said Company, or for any Person acting under their Authority, to bore under, dig, or cut into or enter upon such Lands for any of the Purposes of this Act, save for the Purpose of ascertaining the Quantity to be taken and setting out the same for the Purposes of this Act, without the previous Consent of the Owners and Occupiers thereof respectively.

Compensation to be made for temporary Damage.

LXII. And whereas, in executing the several Works by this Act authorized, it may be necessary for the said Company, their Agents and Workmen, to enter upon and take temporary Possession of some Parts of the Lands adjoining to the said Bridge and Approaches and other Works, for the Purpose of laying or depositing and working thereon Earth, Clay, and other Materials which shall have been taken out in making Excavations, or of manufacturing such Clay into Bricks, or for forming temporary Roads or Approaches to the said Works; but inasmuch as a Jury summoned as directed by this Act to assess a Compensation for the Damage and Injury done to such adjoining Lands by the Exercise of the Powers and Authorities by this Act granted cannot, either upon View or from Evidence, form a just Opinion of the permanent Injury which will be sustained by the Owners or Proprietors of such adjoining Lands by the Exercise of the Powers and Authorities aforesaid until the Works shall have been completed, it is expedient that the said Company, their Agents and Workmen, should be empowered to enter upon such adjoining Lands for the Purposes aforesaid, without having previously made such Payment, Tender, or Investment of Money as herein-before mentioned; be it therefore enacted, That notwithstanding any thing in this Act contained it shall be lawful for the said Company, their Agents and Workmen, and they are hereby empowered, to enter upon the Lands of

of any Person or Corporation whatsoever adjoining or lying near to the said Bridge and other Works by this Act authorized to be made and maintained, or any of them, or any Part thereof respectively, for the Purpose of depositing, working, or manufacturing upon such Lands, or upon any Part thereof respectively, any Soil, Gravel, Clay, Sand, Stone, or other Materials which shall have been excavated, dug, or got in constructing the said Bridge and Approaches or other Works, or which may be taken or dug out of or from any Lands adjoining to the Place where the said Works shall be then carried on, or for forming temporary Roads or Approaches to and from the said Works, and to manufacture the same, without having previously made such Payment, Tender, or Investment as herein-before mentioned, they the said Company, their Agents and Workmen, doing as little Damage as may be in the Exercise of the several Powers hereby granted to them, and making Compensation for such temporary Occupation or Damage of the said Lands to the Owners or Occupiers thereof, such Compensation, in case the Parties differ about the same, to be settled and recovered in manner herein-before provided in Cases of Disputes as to Damages to the Amount of Twenty Pounds: Provided always, that the said Company shall and they are hereby required to pay to the Owner and Occupier of the said Lands for the Time being full Compensation for the Occupation of the same, and for any temporary Injury such Owner and Occupier may sustain thereby, the Amount of such Compensation, whether the same shall exceed the Sum of Twenty Pounds or not, to be settled by Two Justices of the County wherein such Lands may lie: Provided also, that the said Company shall and they are hereby required, within Two Calendar Months next after the Expiration of the Period by this Act granted for executing the said Bridge and Approaches and other Works, to make such Compensation and Satisfaction for the permanent Damage or Injury (if any) which may have been done to the said Lands by the Exercise of any of the Powers and Authorities aforesaid, in the same Manner as in this Act is directed in other Cases of permanent Damage or Loss occasioned by the said Company: Provided also, that before it shall be lawful for the said Company to make such temporary Use as aforesaid of the Lands adjoining or lying near the said Bridge and Approaches the said Company shall and they are hereby required to give Ten Days Notice of such their Intention to the Owners or Occupiers of such Lands, and to separate and set apart, by sufficient Railings or Fencings, so much of the Lands as shall be required to be so used as aforesaid from the other Lands adjoining thereto, if so required by the Owner or Owners of such Lands: Provided always, that the Quantity of Land so to be taken shall not exceed Two Statute Acres.

**Power to purchase the Ferry.**

LXIII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Company and they are hereby required, before they shall make any Purchase of other Lands or other Hereditaments under the Authority of this Act, and before they shall commence the Works by this Act authorized, or any of them, to purchase, take, and hold the ancient Ferry called the *Cookham Ferry*, with the Rights, Members, and Appurtenances thereunto belonging, making full Satisfaction to all Persons and Corporations interested therein, and also paying

paying the reasonable Costs and Expences of making out and furnishing such Abstracts of Title to the said Ferry, and such attested Copies as the said Company may require, and also of deducing, evidencing, and verifying the said Title in such Manner and to such Extent as may be required by the said Company; and every Provision, Clause, Matter, and Thing herein contained concerning the Purchase and Sale, Conveyance and vesting of Lands and Hereditaments to be taken or used for the Purposes of this Act, and the Purchase Money thereof, and all other Clauses, Matters, and Things whatsoever concerning such Lands and Hereditaments, and the Owners or Owner thereof, and the Persons or Person interested therein, shall extend and be applicable to the said Ferry, with its Rights, Members, and Appurtenances, and the Owners or Owner thereof, and the Persons or Person interested therein.

Company to keep Ferry Boats till Bridge is built.

LXIV. And be it further enacted, That the said Company, from and after they shall be in Possession of the said Ferry under or by virtue of this Act, shall and may keep and use Boats for the carrying and conveying Persons, Horses or other Beasts, Cattle and Carriages, over the said Ferry, until the said Bridge so to be erected shall be built and completed; and it shall not be lawful for any other Person to carry or convey Persons, Horses or other Beasts, Cattle or Carriages, over the said Ferry, or within the Limits thereof, for Profit.

Company may take Ferry Tolls.

LXV. And be it further enacted, That the said Company, or any Person authorized by them for that Purpose, shall and may demand and take or cause to be demanded and taken for the Conveyance of Persons, Horses or other Beasts, Cattle and Carriages, over the said Ferry, and before any Person, Horse, Beast, Cattle, or Carriage shall be permitted to pass over the same, such Tolls as have heretofore been taken at the said Ferry.

Ferry Boats to be provided in case of Accidents to Bridge.

LXVI. 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, or it shall be considered desirable to alter or repair or rebuild the said Bridge or any Part thereof, it shall be lawful for the said Company and they are hereby required, during such Time or Times as shall be necessary for altering, repairing, or rebuilding the said Bridge or any Part thereof, to provide such Ferry over the said River as they shall think proper, and may receive such Tolls as are herein-after authorized to be taken for passing over the said intended Bridge; provided that such Ferry shall continue for such Time only as shall be necessary for altering, repairing, or rebuilding the said Bridge.

Power to erect Toll Gates and take Tolls.

LXVII. And be it further enacted, That the said Company shall and they are hereby empowered to erect at, near, upon, or across the said Bridge, and upon or across the said Approaches, or any or either of them, or any Part thereof respectively, or upon the Sides of such Approaches, or of either of them, or of any Part thereof respectively, when and where and as they shall judge necessary, any Turnpikes, Toll Gates, or Toll Bars, and Toll Houses, and other Houses, Outhouses, and Conveniences thereto, and from Time to Time to alter

or take down and rebuild or to discontinue and remove the same, or any of them, as they shall think proper; and it shall be lawful for the said Company, or any Person authorized by them for that Purpose, to demand and take, or cause to be demanded and taken, at some Toll Gate or Toll Bar to be erected as aforesaid, before any Person, Horse, Beast, or other Cattle, or any Carriage, shall be permitted to pass through the same, the Tolls herein-after mentioned; (that is to say,)

For every Horse, Mule, or other Beast drawing any Coach, Stage Coach, Chariot, Landau, Barouche, Sociable, Hearse, Litter, Break, Chaise, Curricle, Car, or other such Carriage with Four Wheels, any Sum not exceeding One Shilling:

For every Horse, Mule, or other Beast drawing any Chaise, Chair, Gig, or other such Carriage with Two Wheels, any Sum not exceeding One Shilling:

For every Horse, Mule, or other Beast (except an Ass) drawing any Waggon, Wain, Van, Caravan, or other such Carriage with Four Wheels, any Sum not exceeding Ten-pence:

For every Horse, Mule, or other Beast (except an Ass) drawing any Cart, Drag, or other such Carriage with Two Wheels, any Sum not exceeding Ten-pence:

For every Ass drawing any Waggon, Wain, Cart, Truck, or other such Carriage, any Sum not exceeding Five-pence:

For every Dog drawing any Cart, Truck, or other such Carriage, any Sum not exceeding Three-pence:

For every Horse, Mule, or other such Beast, laden or unladen, and not drawing any Carriage, any Sum not exceeding Sixpence:

For every Cow, Bull, Ox, or Neat Cattle (Calves excepted), and not drawing, any Sum not exceeding Four-pence:

For every Calf or Pig, any Sum not exceeding Two-pence:

For every Score of Sheep or Lambs, any Sum not exceeding Eight-pence, and so in proportion for any less Number than a Score:

For every Foot Passenger or Person passing over the said Bridge, or through the said Toll Gate or Toll Bar, (other than such Person as shall *bonâ fide* belong to any Carriage, Beast, or Cattle chargeable with any Toll or Tolls hereby made payable,) any Sum not exceeding One Penny:

For every Carriage of whatever Description moved or propelled by Steam or Machinery, or by any other Power than Animal Power, any Sum not exceeding Four Shillings.

Fractional Parts of a Halfpenny.

LXVIII. And be it further enacted, That in all Cases where there shall be a fractional Part of a Halfpenny in the Amount of any of the Tolls by this Act authorized to be taken the Sum of One Halfpenny may be demanded and taken in lieu of such fractional Part.

Tolls to be taken for every Time of passing.

LXIX. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall extend or be construed to extend to limit the Payment of Tolls at any Turnpike or Toll Gate or Toll House or Side Bar for the Time being erected at, upon, or across the said Bridge or Approaches, to once only in any one Day; but it is hereby declared that the Tolls or Duties herein-before directed to be demanded and taken shall be taken for the passing of Horses, Cattle, Beasts, Carriages, and Persons for each and every Time

Time and as often as they shall respectively pass through or over the same.

Tolls may be let.

LXX. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Company and they are hereby empowered, at any General or Special Meeting in the said County of *Berks*, to let or farm the Tolls to be collected by virtue of this Act, or any Part or Parts thereof, for any Period not exceeding Seven Years, to any Person or Persons, at and for the largest yearly Sum that can be reasonably gotten for the same.

Lessees, or Persons appointed by them, may collect the Tolls.

LXXI. And be it further enacted, That during such Time as the said Tolls, or any Part or Parts thereof, shall be leased, demised, or in Farm to any Person whomsoever, it shall be lawful for the Lessee or Farmer thereof, or such other Person as he or they shall by Writing or Writings under his Hand authorize or appoint, to demand and take the said Tolls so leased, demised, or farmed, with the like Powers for the Recovery thereof, to all Intents and Purposes, as the said Company or any Collector of the said Tolls appointed by them are or is hereby authorized and empowered to demand, take, and recover the same; and such Lessee or Farmer or other Person as aforesaid shall be subject to the like Pains, Penalties, and Forfeitures, and shall be liable to the like Actions and Prosecutions, as any Collector of the said Tolls appointed by the said Company is subject or liable to.

Weights allowed to be carried over the Bridge.

LXXII. And be it further enacted, That no Waggon, Cart, or other Carriage or Engine shall be allowed to come upon or pass over the said Bridge with a greater Weight than Six Tons over and above the Weight of such Waggon, Cart, or other Carriage or Engine, under the Penalty of Two Pounds, to be forfeited and paid by the Owner of such Waggon, Cart, or other Carriage or Engine to the said Company for every Time such Waggon, Cart, or other Carriage or Engine shall come upon or pass over the said Bridge with a greater Weight than Six Tons over and above the Weight of such Waggon, Cart, or other Carriage or Engine; which said Penalty of Two Pounds shall and may from Time to Time be levied and recovered in such and the same Manner as any Toll, Duty, or Penalty payable or recoverable under this Act shall or may be levied and recovered; and the Monies arising therefrom shall be applied to the Purposes of this Act in such and the same Manner as other Penalties or Forfeitures are by this Act directed to be applied.

Company to erect Weighing Machines.

LXXIII. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Company at any of their respective Meetings, if they think proper, to order and cause to be built and erected, at or near the said Bridge or Toll Bars, or at such Distance as they shall think expedient, One or more Crane or Cranes or Weighing Engines proper for the weighing of Waggons and other Carriages conveying Goods, Wares, or other Articles whatsoever.

Toll Keeper may weigh Carriages, &c.

LXXIV. And be it further enacted, That the Keeper of the said Weighing Engine or Toll Bars, or any other Person or Persons to be appointed by the said Company or by their Lessee or Lessees, shall

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or may require any Waggon, Cart, or other Carriage or Engine which shall come upon or pass over the said Bridge, and which he shall suspect and believe to carry a greater Weight than Six Tons, to be weighed at such Crane, Weighing Engine, or Weighing Machine as aforesaid; and if any Driver, Conductor, or Owner of such Waggon, Cart, or other Carriage or Engine shall refuse to allow the same to be weighed, or shall resist any Gate Keeper, Toll Keeper, or Toll Collector in weighing the same, every such Owner, Driver, or Conductor shall forfeit and pay to the said Company any Sum not exceeding Forty Shillings, to be levied and enforced in the same Manner as any Toll or other Penalty may by this Act be enforced or recovered.

Exemptions from Toll.

LXXV. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That no Toll shall be demanded or taken for any Horse, Beast, Cattle, or Carriage belonging to Her Majesty or attending any of the Royal Family, or returning after having so attended; or for any Horse, Beast, Cattle, or Carriage of any Description, or any Person, employed in conveying or guarding Mails or Letters and Expresses under the Authority of Her Majesty's Postmaster General, either when employed in conveying or guarding such Mails or Expresses, or in returning from conveying or guarding the same; or for any Soldiers upon their March or on Duty, or for any Horse, Beast, Cattle, or Carriage attending Soldiers upon their March or upon Duty, with Arms and Baggage, or returning after having been so employed; or for any Horse, Beast, or Cattle drawing any Waggon, Wain, Cart, or other Carriage which shall be employed in conveying any Ordnance, Commissariat, or other public Stores of or belonging to Her Majesty, or to or for the Use of Her Majesty's Forces; or for any Horse, Beast, or Cattle furnished by or for or belonging to any Corps of Yeomanry or Volunteer Cavalry, and ridden by them, or from any Yeomanry Cavalry Man or Volunteer Infantry Man in going to or returning from the Place appointed for and on the Days of Exercise, provided that such Persons be dressed in the Uniforms of their respective Corps, and have their Arms and Accoutrements according to the Regulations provided for such Corps respectively, at the Time of claiming such Exemption as aforesaid; or for any Horse, Beast, or Cattle, Person or Carriage, conveying Vagrants sent by legal Passes, or Prisoners sent by any legal Warrant, or returning having been so employed, or for any such Vagrants or Prisoners; 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 for every such Offence shall forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Forty Shillings.

Persons may be stopped for refusing to pay Toll.

LXXVI. And be it further enacted, That if any Person subject to the Payment of any of the said Tolls shall, after Demand thereof made by any Collector or other Person to be appointed to receive the same, neglect or refuse to pay the same or any Part thereof, it shall be lawful for the Person authorized or appointed to collect such Tolls, by himself, or taking such Assistance as he shall think necessary, to stop and prevent the Passage of any Person so refusing, or of any Horse, Beast, or Cattle or Carriage for or in respect of which any such Toll ought to be or to have been paid, and to seize and detain

the same until such Payment shall be made, and to seize and detain any Horse, Beast, Cattle, Carriage, or other Thing upon or in respect of which any such Toll shall be imposed, together with their respective Bridles, Saddles, Gears, Harness, and other Accoutrements, (except the Bridle or Reins of any Horse or other Beast separate from the Horse or Beast,) or any Carriage in respect of the Horses or Cattle drawing the Carriage on which such Toll is imposed, or any of the Goods or Chattels of the Person so neglecting or refusing to pay, other than as aforesaid; and if the Toll or any Part thereof so neglected or refused to be paid, and the reasonable Charges of such Seizure and Distress, shall not be paid within Four Days next after such Seizure and Distress made, the Person so seizing and distraining shall or may sell the Horse, Beast, or Cattle, Carriage, or Things seized or distrained, or a sufficient Part thereof, returning the Overplus of the Money to arise by such Sale (if any), and so much of such Carriage or Things as shall remain unsold, upon Demand, to the Owner thereof, after such Toll and the reasonable Charges occasioned by such Seizure, Distress, and Sale, shall be deducted.

Penalty on evading Tolls.

LXXVII. And be it further enacted, That if any Person shall ford over the said River *Thames*, either with or without any Horse, Beast, or Carriage, or shall use any Boat, Wherry, or Raft, other than a legal Ferry, to convey any Person over the said River for Hire or Reward, with Intent to evade the Payment of any Part of the Tolls by this Act authorized to be taken, within Half a Mile of the First Toll Gate or Bridge, or shall get up or down the Side of any Part of the said Bridge, or over any Gate to be erected at, near, or upon the same, or shall take off or cause to be taken off any Horse or other Beast from any Carriage, whereby the Payment of any of the said Tolls or any Part thereof is or shall be evaded, or shall do or cause to be done any other Act in order or with Intent to evade the Payment of the said Tolls or any of them, or shall assault, interrupt, or obstruct any Person employed in the Collection of the said Tolls, such Person, and also every Person who shall permit and suffer himself so to be conveyed or ferried over the said River as aforesaid, shall for every such Offence forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Five Pounds.

Tolls may be reduced.

LXXVIII. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Company and they are hereby required, at some Meeting to be holden for that Purpose, to fix and determine the Tolls to be demanded and taken by virtue of this Act, but so nevertheless as not to exceed the respective Sums herein-before authorized to be received; and it shall also be lawful for the said Company and they are hereby empowered, at any Meeting to to be holden thereafter, to lower, reduce, or alter all or any of the said Tolls, and again to raise the same to such Amount as they shall think proper, not exceeding the respective Sums by this Act authorized to be received.

Tolls to be charged equally.

LXXIX. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That the aforesaid Rates and Tolls to be taken by virtue of this Act shall at all Times be charged equally on all Persons, and no Reduction or Advance therein shall either directly or indirectly be made partially or in favour of or against any particular Person or Company.

For settling Disputes about Tolls.

LXXX. And be it further enacted, That if any Dispute shall arise concerning the Amount of the Tolls due to the said Company, or concerning the Charges occasioned by any Distress to be taken by virtue of this Act, it shall be lawful for the Collector or Person distraining to detain such Distress, or, as the Case may require, the Proceeds of the Sale thereof, until the Amount of the Tolls due, or, as the Case may require, such Tolls, and the Amount of the Charges of seizing, distraining, keeping, or selling such Distress, shall be ascertained by some Justice of the Peace for the County in which such Dispute shall arise, who, upon Application made to him for that Purpose, shall examine the said Matter upon Oath or Affirmation of the Parties or other Witnesses, and determine the Amount of the Tolls due, or, as the Case may be, such Amount, and also the Amount of the said Charges; and it shall be lawful for such Justice to assess and award such Costs to be paid by either of the said Parties to the other of them as he shall think reasonable; and in case of Nonpayment thereof, on Demand, such Costs shall be levied by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of the Party directed to pay the same, by Warrant under the Hand and Seal of such Justice.

A List of Tolls to be painted on Boards and affixed in some conspicuous Place

LXXXI. And be it further enacted, That the said Company shall cause to be painted on Boards, and to be affixed and continued, and renewed as often as the same shall be obliterated or defaced, to or upon every Toll House, Turnpike, or Toll Gate at which any of the Tolls by this Act authorized shall be collected or received, or near thereto, in some conspicuous Place, in large and legible Characters, an Account or List of the several Tolls which the said Company shall from Time to Time direct and appoint to be taken, and which shall be payable by virtue of this Act.

Tolls only payable whilst Boards remain.

LXXXII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That it shall not be lawful for the said Company to demand or take any Toll for or in respect of any Person, or of any Horse, Beast, or Cattle, or Carriage, except during the Time that the Board on which such Tolls shall be so painted as aforesaid shall remain affixed to such Toll House, Turnpike, or Toll Gate at which such Tolls shall be received, or near thereto.

Penalty on Persons defacing Boards.

LXXXIII. And be it further enacted, That if any Person shall wilfully pull down, deface, or destroy any Board whereon any Tolls shall have been painted according to the Directions of this Act, or shall concur or aid therein, he shall on Conviction forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Five Pounds for every Offence.

For punishing Toll Collectors misbehaving.

LXXXIV. And be it further enacted, That every Collector of the Tolls by this Act granted shall and he is hereby required to place his Christian and Surname, painted on a Board in legible Characters, in the Front or on some other conspicuous Part of the Toll House or Toll Gate whereat he shall be on Duty, immediately on his coming on Duty, each of the Letters of such Names to be at least Two Inches in Height, and of a Breadth in proportion, and painted either in White Letters on a Black Ground or in Black Letters on a White Ground, and shall continue the same so placed during the whole of the Time

he shall be on Duty; and if any Collector of the said Tolls shall not place such Board as aforesaid, and keep the same there during the Time he shall be on Duty as aforesaid, or shall demand or take a greater or less Rate or Toll from any Person than he shall be authorized to do by virtue of the Powers of this Act, and of the Orders of the said Company made in pursuance thereof, or shall demand or take a Toll from any Person who shall be exempt from the Payment thereof and claim such Exemption, or shall refuse to permit or shall not permit any Person to read, or shall in anywise hinder any Person from reading, the Inscriptions on the Boards to be affixed and placed as aforesaid, or shall refuse to tell his Christian or Surname to any Person who shall demand the same, and who shall have paid the legal Toll, or shall in answer to such Demand give a false Name, or upon the legal Toll being paid or tendered shall unnecessarily detain or wilfully obstruct or hinder any Horse, Beast, Cattle, Carriage, or any Person from passing upon or over the said Bridge or Approaches, or shall make use of any scurrilous or abusive Language to any Officer or Servant of the said Company, or to any Passenger upon the said Bridge or Approaches, then and in every such Case every such Collector shall forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Five Pounds for every such Offence.

Power of Re-entry in case of Nonperformance of Conditions of Leases of Tolls, &c.

LXXXV. And be it further enacted, That in case any of the Tolls granted by this Act shall be demised or let to farm to any Person in any Manner whatsoever, and the Lessee or Farmer thereof shall neglect or refuse to perform the Terms and Conditions on which the same shall be so demised or let, or any of them; or in case all or any Part of any Rent agreed to be paid by any such Lessee or Farmer shall be in arrear or unpaid for the Space of Twenty Days next after any of the Days on which the same ought to be paid pursuant to the Lease, Agreement, or Contract for demising or letting the same Tolls; or in case any temporary or other Collector of any of the said Tolls shall be discharged from his Office by virtue of this Act, or shall die, abscond, or absent himself, and any such Collector who shall be so discharged, or the Wife, Widow, or any of the Children or Family or any Representative of any such Collector who shall die, abscond, or absent himself, or be discharged, or any other Person, being in Possession thereof, shall refuse to deliver up or shall not deliver up Possession of any Toll House, Office, Weighing Machine, or other Building, with the Appurtenances thereto respectively belonging, to be erected or provided under the Powers of this Act, for or within the Space of Two Days after Demand thereof made in Writing given or left at such Toll House, Office, Weighing Machine, or Building, or at any of such Toll Houses, Offices, Weighing Machines, or Buildings which shall be or have been in the Possession or Occupation of such Collector, Lessee, or Person, such Demand in Writing to be signed by the Clerk or Treasurer for the Time being of the said Company; it shall be lawful for any Justice of the Peace of the County in which such Premises shall be situate, by Warrant under his Hand and Seal, to order any Constable or other Peace Officer, with such Assistance as shall be necessary, to enter upon and take possession of such Toll House or other House and Premises, with the Appurtenances thereto belonging, and to remove and put out such Collector, Lessee, or Farmer,

Farmer, or other Person or Persons who shall be found therein, together with his, her, or their Goods, from and out of Possession thereof, and from the Collection of such Tolls, and to put the said Company or their Agent, or their new Lessee, Farmer, or Collector, into Possession thereof, and thereupon it shall be lawful for the said Company to vacate and determine the Lease, Contract, or Agreement (if any) which was previously subsisting, and the same shall accordingly be utterly void to all Intents and Purposes (save as to the Covenants and Agreements for Payment of the Rent thereby reserved, or other unperformed Covenants or Agreements on the Lessee's Part to be paid, done, and performed), and the said Company may thereupon again let or demise the said Tolls and Premises to any other Person or Persons.

To prevent Nuisances on the Bridge, &c.

LXXXVI. And be it further enacted, That if any Person shall ride upon any Footpath by the Side of the said Bridge or of either of the said Approaches; or shall lead or drive any Horse, Beast, Cattle, Swine, or Carriage of any Description, or run or carry thereon, any Wheelbarrow, Truck, Sledge, or any single Wheel of any Waggon, Cart, or other Carriage apart therefrom; or roll any Cask or Tub upon any such Footpath; or shall cause any Injury or Damage to be done to the same, or the Walls, Posts, Rails, or Fences thereof; or shall haul or draw, or cause to be hauled or drawn, upon any Part of such Bridge or of either of the said Approaches, any Timber, Stone, or other Thing otherwise than upon wheeled Carriages, or shall suffer any Timber, Stone, or other Thing which shall be carried principally or in part upon Wheel Carriages to drag or trail upon such Bridge or either of the said Approaches, to the Prejudice thereof; or if any Person shall leave any Waggon, Wain, Cart, or other Carriage upon such Bridge or either of the said Approaches, or on the Side or Sides thereof, without some proper Person in the sole Custody or Care thereof, or longer than may be necessary to load or unload the same, (except in Cases of Accident,) or shall not place such Waggon, Wain, Cart, or Carriage during the Time of loading or unloading the same as near to one Side of the said Bridge or Approaches as conveniently may be, either with or without any Horse, Beast, or Cattle harnessed or yoked thereto; or shall wilfully obstruct the Passage of any Passenger, or any Carriage, Horse, Beast, or Cattle thereon; or shall lay any Timber, Hay, Stone, Straw, Dung, Manure, Soil, Ashes, Rubbish, or other Matter or Thing whatsoever upon any Part of such Bridge or of either of such Approaches, to the Annoyance, Interruption, or personal Danger of any Person travelling thereon; or shall suffer any Water, Filth, Dirt, or other offensive Matter or Thing whatsoever to run or flow into or upon such Bridge or either of such Approaches, from any Premises adjacent thereto; or if the Driver of any Waggon, Cart, or other such like Carriage shall on the said Bridge or either of the said Approaches ride on the Shafts, or in or upon any Part of such Waggon, Cart, or other Carriage, without proper Reins to the Horses or Cattle drawing the some; or if any Person riding any Horse, Beast, or Cattle, or driving any Sort of Carriage, shall ride or drive the same furiously so as to endanger the Person of any Passenger; or if the Driver of any Carriage meeting any other Carriage shall not keep his Carriage on the Left or Near Side of the

the Road, or shall in any Manner wilfully prevent any Person from passing him in any Carriage under his Care on the said Bridge or on either of the said Approaches; or by Negligence or Misbehaviour prevent, hinder, or interrupt the free Passage of any Carriage of any of Her Majesty's Subjects on the said Bridge or Approaches, or either 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 and setting down of any Passenger; or if any Person shall allow any Oxen, Sheep, Lambs, Calves, Swine, or other Cattle or Beast to remain longer upon the said Bridge or Approaches than whilst passing along the same; or shall by loitering or remaining on such Bridge or Approaches, or either of them (without some reasonable Cause); or if any Person or Persons shall make or assist in making any Fire or Fires commonly called Bonfires, or shall set fire to or wantonly let off or throw any Squib, Rocket, Serpent, or other Firework whatsoever upon the said Bridge or within Eighty Feet thereof; or commit any other Nuisance or Annoyance, or in any other Manner obstruct or impede the free Passage of such Bridge or Approaches, or either of them; every Person offending in any of the Cases aforesaid, or the Owner or Proprietor of any such Horse, Beast, Cattle, Carriage, Goods, Matter, or Thing, (as the Case may be,) in any Instance in which the Party actually offending cannot be found, shall for each and every such Offence forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Two Pounds, at the Discretion of Two or more Justices of the Peace for the County in which such Offence shall be committed, over and above the Damages occasioned thereby; and it shall be lawful for any Officer appointed by virtue of this Act and for any Constable to take away and remove any of the before-mentioned Obstructions and Nuisances, in case the Party occasioning the same shall not remove the same within a reasonable Time after having been required so to do by any Person whomsoever.

Bridge to be deemed a public Bridge.

LXXXVII. And be it further enacted, That after the said Bridge shall have been completed the same shall be a public Bridge, and kept in repair by the said *Cookham Bridge* Company; and all Persons, with or without Horses, Beasts, Cattle, or Carriages, shall have free Liberty, upon Payment of the Tolls by this Act granted, to pass over the same without any Interruption whatsoever; but such Bridge shall not now or at any future Time be deemed or taken to be a County Bridge, so as to subject the said Counties of *Berks* and *Bucks*, or either of them, under any Circumstances, to repair or rebuild the same, or to repair the Road to or over the same or any of the Approaches by this Act authorized to be made to such Bridge.

Company empowered to borrow Money on Credit of the Tolls.

LXXXVIII. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Company, after One Half of the Amount hereby authorized to be raised by Subscription shall have been paid up, from Time to Time, by an Order of any Meeting of the said Company, to borrow and take up at Interest any Sum or Sums of Money, not exceeding in the whole the Sum of One thousand six hundred and sixty-six Pounds Thirteen Shillings and Four-pence, on the Credit of the Tolls, Dues, and Duties by this Act granted or authorized; and the said Com-

pany, after an Order shall have been made for that Purpose at any General or Special Meeting of the said Company, are hereby empowered to mortgage, assign, and charge the Property of the said Company, and the Tolls, Dues, and Duties arising or to arise by virtue of this Act, or any Part thereof, (the Costs and Charges of assigning the same to be paid out of such Tolls, Dues, and Duties,) as a Security for any such Money to be borrowed as aforesaid, with Interest, to or for the Benefit of the Party who shall advance the same, or to his Trustee; and all such Mortgages or Assignments and Charges shall be by Deed or Instrument duly stamped, in which the Consideration for the same shall be duly specified and set forth, and may be in the Words or to the Effect following, or with such Variations therein as the Circumstances of the Loan may render necessary; (that is to say,)

Form of the Mortgage, &c.

'*Cookham Bridge* Company.

'Number

'BY virtue of an Act passed in the Year of the Reign 'of Her Majesty Queen *Victoria*, intituled [*here set forth the* '*Title of this Act*], we "The *Cookham Bridge* Company," constituted 'by and under the said Act, in consideration of the Sum of 'to us in hand paid by *A.B.* of do assign unto the 'said *A.B.*, his Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, all and 'singular the Tolls, Dues, and Duties arising by virtue of the said 'Act, and all the Estate, Right, Title, and Interest of the said Com-'pany in and to the same, to hold unto the said *A.B.*, his Executors, 'Administrators, and Assigns, until the said Sum of 'together with Interest for the same after the Rate of 'for every One hundred Pounds for a Year, shall be fully paid and 'satisfied. Dated this Day of in the Year of 'our Lord .'

No Preference to be given to Mortgages.

And the respective Parties to whom such Mortgages or Assignments shall be made shall be entitled, one with the other, to their respective Portions of the said Tolls and Duties, according to the respective Sums in such Mortgages or Assignments mentioned to be advanced, without any Preference by reason of Priority of the Date of any such Order of Meeting, or Priority in Date of such Mortgage or Assignment, or on any other Account whatsoever; and an Entry or Memorial of such respective Mortgages or Assignments, containing the Numbers and Dates thereof, and the Names of the Parties, with their proper Additions, to whom the same shall have been made, and of the Sums borrowed, together with the Rate of Interest to be paid thereon respectively, shall within Seven Days next after the Date thereof be entered in a Book to be kept by the Clerk of the said Company, which said Book may be perused at all reasonable Times by any of the Commissioners or Mortgagees of the said Tolls, or other Persons interested therein, without Fee or Reward; and all Parties to whom any such Mortgage or Assignment shall have been made as aforesaid, or who shall be entitled to the Money due thereon, may from Time to Time transfer their respective Rights and Interests therein to any other Person or Persons; and every Transfer thereof shall be by Deed or Instrument duly stamped, in which the Consideration for the same

shall be truly set forth, and may be in the Words or to the Effect following; (that is to say,)

Form of Transfer of Mortgage.

'I *A.B.* of in consideration of the Sum of paid by *C.D.* of do hereby transfer to the said *C.D.*, his Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, a certain Mortgage, Number made by the Commissioners of "The *Cookham Bridge* Company," to bearing Date the Day of for securing the Sum of and Interest, and all my Right, Estate, and Interest in and to the Money thereby secured, and in and to the Tolls and Property thereby assigned. Dated this Day of in the Year of our Lord .'

Transfers to be registered within a limited Time.

And every such Transfer shall within Fourteen Days after the Date thereof, if executed in *England*, or otherwise within Fourteen Days next after the Arrival thereof in *England* if executed elsewhere, be produced to the Clerk of the said Company, who shall cause an Entry or Memorial to be made thereof in the same Manner as of the original Mortgage or Assignment, for which the said Clerk shall be paid the Sum of Five Shillings; and after such Entry or Memorial made every Transfer shall entitle such Assignee, or his Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, to the full Benefit thereof and Payment thereon; and it shall not be in the Power of any Person who shall have made such Transfer to make void, release, or discharge the Mortgage so transferred, or any Money thereon due or thereby secured, or any Part thereof.

In case Mortgages are paid off, the Company may raise the Amount again.

LXXXIX. And be it further enacted, That in case the said Commissioners shall raise the Whole or any Part of the said Sum of One thousand six hundred and sixty-six Pounds Thirteen Shillings and Four-pence by Mortgage, Assignment, or Charge as aforesaid, and shall afterwards pay off all or any Part of the Principal Sum so secured upon Mortgage, Assignment, or Charge as aforesaid, then and in every such Case it shall be lawful for the said Company, immediately or at any Time thereafter, again to raise, in lieu of the Principal Money so paid off by them, such Sum of Money as they shall from Time to Time have paid off, or any Part thereof, and so from Time to Time as often as the same shall happen, but so nevertheless that the said Company shall not in any Event borrow upon Mortgage, Assignment, or Charge as aforesaid in such Manner or to such Extent as that more than the Sum of One thousand six hundred and sixty-six Pounds Thirteen Shillings and Four-pence in the whole shall be owing at any one Time on Mortgage or Assignment of or as a Charge upon the said Tolls: Provided always, that the Interest of the Money which shall be raised by Mortgage as aforesaid (if any) shall be paid by the Treasurer of the said Company to the Persons entitled thereto in preference to any Dividend or Distribution of Profits to the Proprietors of the said Bridge or any of them, and shall from Time to Time be fully paid and discharged or provided for before any such Dividend shall be made or declared: Provided always, that no Person to whom any such Mortgage or Security shall be made or transferred as aforesaid shall be deemed a Proprietor in the said Bridge, or be

Interest of Money borrowed to be paid in preference to Dividends.

capable

capable of acting or voting as such for or on account of his having paid, advanced, or lent any Money on the Credit of the said Bridge, or the Tolls thereof as aforesaid.

Directing the Application of Money and Tolls.

XC. And be it further enacted, That all the Money to be raised by the said Company by virtue of this Act, and all the Tolls or 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, for and towards the Payment, Discharge, and Satisfaction of all Costs, Charges, and Expences in applying for, obtaining, and passing this Act, and all other Expences preparatory and relating thereto, and the Residue and Remainder of such Money for and towards purchasing the Lands, and in building, erecting, and constructing the said Bridge, and forming the Approaches thereto; then in paying the Expences for the Time being of carrying this Act into execution, and keeping the said Bridge, with the Approaches thereto, in proper Repair; in the next place, in paying to the Mortgagees (if any) under this Act the Interest to which they shall respectively be entitled in manner herein-before provided; and the Surplus thereof shall (subject to the Payment of the Principal Monies due to the said Mortgagees, or such of them or such Part thereof respectively as shall be expedient from Time to Time to pay off,) be divided amongst the said Proprietors in proportion to the Amount of their respective Shares.

Damages and Charges in case of Disputes to be settled by a Justice or Justices.

XCI. And be it further enacted, That in all Cases wherein Damages or Charges are by this Act directed or authorized to be paid, and the Manner of ascertaining the Amount thereof is not specified or provided for, such Amount, in case of Nonpayment thereof, or of any Dispute respecting the same, shall be ascertained and determined by some One or more Justice or Justices of the Peace for the County or Place in which such Damages or Charges shall be incurred or be directed to be paid, or by some other Justice having Jurisdiction; and where by this Act any Damages or Charges are directed to be paid in addition to any Penalty for any Offence, the Amount of such Damages and Charges, in case of Nonpayment thereof, or of any Dispute respecting the same, shall be settled and determined by the Justice or Justices by or before whom any Offender shall be convicted of such Offence; and such Justice or Justices respectively are hereby authorized and required, on Nonpayment of the Damages in any of the Cases aforesaid, to levy such Damages and Charges by Distress and Sale of the Offender's Goods and Chattels, in manner by this Act directed for the levying of any Penalty or Forfeiture.

In case of Nonpayment of Compensation for Damages, &c., the same to be levied by Distress of the Goods of the Company.

XCII. And be it further enacted, That whenever any Money shall by any Justice of the Peace be ordered to be paid in pursuance of this Act, as or by way of Compensation or Satisfaction for any Materials or Costs, or for any Damage or Injury of any Nature or Kind soever, done or committed by the said Company, or by any Person acting by or under their Authority, and such Money shall not be paid by the said Company to the Party entitled to receive the same within Seven Days after Demand in Writing shall have been made upon the said Company, in pursuance of the Direction or Order made by such Justice,

Justice, and in which Demand the Order of such Justice 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 any Goods or Chattels vested in the said Company by virtue of this Act, or of the Goods and Chattels of their Treasurer, under a Warrant to be issued for that Purpose by such Justice, which Warrant any such Justice is hereby authorized and required to grant under his Hand and Seal, on Application made to him for that Purpose by the Party entitled to receive such Money; and in case any Overplus shall remain after Payment of such 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 such Overplus shall be returned, on Demand, to the said Company.

Recovery and Application of Penalties.

XCIII. And be it further enacted, That all Penalties and Forfeitures inflicted or imposed by this Act (the Manner of levying and recovering whereof is not herein otherwise particularly directed) may, in case of Nonpayment thereof, be recovered in a summary Way by the Order and Adjudication of some One or more Justice or Justices of the Peace for the County or Place in which the Offence shall be committed or the Penalty and Forfeiture inflicted or imposed, on Complaint to him or them for that Purpose made, and afterwards be levied, as well as the Costs (if any) of such Proceedings, on Nonpayment, by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of the respective Offenders or Persons liable to pay the same, by Warrant under the Hand and Seal or Hands and Seals of such Justice or Justices; and the Overplus (if any) of the Money so raised or recovered, after discharging such Penalty or Forfeiture, and the Costs and Expences aforesaid, shall be returned, on Demand, to the Party whose Goods and Chattels shall be distrained; all which Penalties and Forfeitures, not herein directed to be otherwise applied, shall be paid One Moiety to the Informer, and the Remainder to the said Company, unless such Penalties or Forfeitures shall be incurred by the said Company, in which Case the same shall be paid One Moiety to the Informer, and the Remainder to the Overseers of the Poor of the Parish or Place within which the Offence shall be committed, to be applied by such Overseers for the Benefit of the Poor of such Parish or Place; and in case such Penalties and Forfeitures shall not be forthwith paid it shall be lawful for such Justice or Justices and they are hereby required to order the Offender so convicted to be detained in safe Custody until Return can conveniently be made to such Warrant of Distress, or until such Offender shall give sufficient Security to the Satisfaction of such Justice or Justices of the Peace for his Appearance before such Justice or Justices, or before some other Justice or Justices of the Peace having Jurisdiction, at such Time as shall be appointed for the Return of such Warrant of Distress (such Time being not more Five Days from the taking of such Security), and which Security any of the said Justice or Justices are hereby empowered to take by way of Recognizance or otherwise; but if upon the Return of such Warrant it shall appear that no sufficient Distress could be had whereupon to levy the said Penalties or Forfeitures, and such Costs and Expences as aforesaid, and the same shall not be forthwith paid, or in case it

shall appear to the Satisfaction of such Justice or Justices, upon the Confession of the Offender or otherwise, that he hath not sufficient Goods and Chattels whereupon such Penalties, Forfeitures, Costs, and Expences could be levied if a Warrant of Distress should be issued, such Justice or Justices may, by Warrant under his or their Hands and Seals, commit such Offender to some Common Gaol or House of Correction for the County in which such Offence shall be committed, or over which the Jurisdiction of such Justice or Justices shall extend, there to remain for any Time not exceeding Three Calendar Months, or until such Penalty or Forfeiture shall be paid and satisfied, together with all Costs and Charges attending such Proceedings as aforesaid, to be ascertained by such Justice or Justices, or until such Offender shall otherwise be discharged by due Course of Law.

Justices may proceed by Summons for the Recovery of Penalties.

XCIV. And be it further enacted, That in all Cases in which by this Act any Penalty or Forfeiture is made recoverable by Information before any Justice of the Peace it shall be lawful for the Justice of the Peace before whom Complaint shall be made for any Offence committed against this Act to summon before him the Party complained against, and on such Summons to hear and determine the Matter of such Complaint, and on Proof of the Offence, whether the Party offending appear or not, to convict the Offender, and to adjudge him to pay the Penalty or Forfeiture incurred, and to proceed in the Recovery of the same, although no Information in Writing or in Print shall have been exhibited before such Justice; and all such Proceedings by Summons without Information in Writing or in Print shall be as valid and effectual to all Intents and Purposes as if an Information in Writing or in Print had been exhibited.

For securing Offenders whose Names and Residences are unknown.

XCV. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for any Officer or Agent of the said Company, and all such Persons as he shall call to his Assistance, to seize and detain any Person whose Name and Residence shall be unknown to such Officer or Agent, who shall commit any Offence against this Act, and to convey him before some Justice for the County within which such Offence shall be committed, without any other Warrant or Authority than this Act; and such Justice is hereby empowered and required to proceed immediately to the hearing and determining of the Complaint.

Form of Conviction.

XCVI. And be it further enacted, That all Justices of the Peace before whom any Person shall be convicted for or in respect of any Offence against this Act may cause the Conviction to be drawn up according to the following Form, or any other Form to the same Effect, as the Case may require; (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.*, one of Her Majesty's Justices of the
‘ Peace for the County of [*here describe the Offence, and the Time and*
‘ *Place when and where committed*], contrary to an Act passed in the
‘ Year of the Reign of Her Majesty Queen *Victoria*,
‘ intituled

‘ intituled [*insert the Title of this Act*]. Given under my Hand and
‘ Seal the Day and Year first above written. *C.D.*’

General Power to Justices to administer Oaths.

XCVII. And be it further enacted, That in all Cases in which any Justice of the Peace is authorized by this Act to examine any Person, to take cognizance of or to hear or determine any Matter of Complaint, it shall be lawful for such Justice and he is hereby required to administer an Oath to or receive the Affirmation of any Person before he shall be examined by or before such Justice.

Compelling Witnesses to attend.

XCVIII. And be it further enacted, That if any Person who shall be summoned as a Witness to attend and give Evidence before any Justice of the Peace touching any Matter or Fact contained or involved in or affecting any Information or Complaint for any Offence committed against this Act, or any Matter which is hereby referred to any Justice of the Peace, either on the Part of the Prosecutor or on the Part of the Party summoned or accused, shall refuse or neglect to appear at the Time and Place to be for that Purpose appointed, having been paid or tendered a reasonable Sum for his Costs and Expences, without a reasonable Excuse for his Refusal or Neglect, or apppearing shall refuse to be examined upon Oath, or in the Case of a Quaker on Affirmation, to give Evidence before such Justice, then and in either of the said Cases every such Person shall forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Forty Shillings for every such Offence.

Any Justice the Peace for Berks and Bucks may take cognizance of Offences extending to both Counties.

XCIX. Provided always, and be it enacted, That in all Cases where the Commission of any Offence against this Act shall be committed on the said Bridge, or shall not be confined to One County only, but shall extend to both of the said Counties of *Berks* and *Bucks*, any Justice of the Peace of either of the said Counties shall and may take cognizance of and hear and determine the same as he would or might have done in case such Offence had been committed in the County for which he is empowered to act as a Justice.

Persons aggrieved may appeal to Quarter Sessions.

C. And be it further enacted, That all Corporations and Persons who may think themselves aggrieved by any Order or Judgment made or given in pursuance of any Order of the said Company, and also the said Company and all other Corporations and Persons who may think themselves aggrieved by any Order, Judgment, or Determination of any Justice or Justices of the Peace relating to any Matter or Thing in this Act mentioned or contained, and for which no Power of Appeal is by this Act specifically given, may, within Three Calendar Months next after such Order, Judgment, or Determination shall have been made or given, appeal to the Justices of the Peace at any General or Quarter Sessions to be held for the County where the alleged Cause of Appeal shall arise, first giving Eight Days Notice in Writing of such Intention to appeal, and of the Grounds and Nature thereof, to the Party against whom such Complaint is intended to be made, or to the said Company, as the Case may be, and forthwith after such Notice, in the Case of an Individual appealing, entering into Recognizance before some Justice of the Peace, conditioned to try such Appeal, and abide the Order and Award of the said Court thereon; and

and the said Justices shall in a summary Way either hear and determine the said Complaint at such General or Quarter Sessions, or, if they think proper, may adjourn the Hearing thereof to the following General or Quarter Sessions of the Peace to be held for such County or Place; and the said Justices may, if they see Cause, mitigate any Penalty or Forfeiture, and may order any Money to be returned which shall have been levied in pursuance of such Order or Determination, and may also order any such further Satisfaction to be made to the Party injured as they shall judge reasonable, and may also order such Costs to be paid to the Party aggrieved by the Party aggrieving as they shall think reasonable.

Distress not unlawful for Want of Form.

CI. And be it further enacted, That where any Distress shall be made for any Money to be levied by virtue of this Act, the Distress itself shall not be deemed unlawful, nor shall any Party making the same be deemed a Trespasser, on account of any Defect or Want of Form in the Summons, Conviction, Warrant of Distress or other Proceedings relating thereto, nor shall such Party be deemed a Trespasser *ab initio* on account of any Irregularity which shall be afterwards committed by him; but all Persons aggrieved by such Defect or Irregularity may recover full Satisfaction for the special Damage by an Action upon the Case.

Proceedings not to be quashed for Want of Form.

CII. And be it further enacted, That no Proceeding to be had or taken in pursuance of this Act shall be quashed or vacated for Want of Form, or be removed by Certiorari or by any other Writ or Proceeding whatsoever into any of Her Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster* or elsewhere, any Law or Statute to the contrary notwithstanding.

Plaintiff not to recover after Tender of Amends.

CIII. And be it further enacted, That no Plaintiff shall recover in any Action for any Irregularity, Trespass, or other wrongful Proceeding made or committed in the Execution of this Act, or by virtue of any Power or Authority hereby given, if Tender of sufficient Amends shall have been made by or on behalf of the Party who shall have committed such Irregularity, Trespass, or other wrongful Proceeding before such Action brought; and in case no Tender shall have been made it shall be lawful for the Defendant in any such Action, by Leave of the Court where such Action shall depend, at any Time before Issue joined to pay into Court such Sum of Money as he shall think fit, whereupon such Proceedings, Order, and Adjudication shall be had and made in and by such Court as in other Actions where Defendants are allowed to pay Money into Court.

The whole of the Expence to be subscribed for before the compulsory Powers of the Act are put in force.

CIV. And whereas the probable Expence of building and erecting the said Bridge and the other Works hereby authorized will amount to the Sum of Five thousand Pounds, and the Sum of Four thousand and fifty Pounds 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 respectively subscribed for; be it therefore enacted, That the whole of the said Sum of Five thousand Pounds shall be subscribed for in like Manner before any of the Powers given by this Act in relation to

the compulsory taking of Land for the Purposes of the said Bridge and Approaches shall be put in force.

Proof of Subscription of Capital.

CV. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That a Certificate under the Hand and Seal of any Justice of the Peace for either of the Counties of *Berks* or *Bucks* that the whole of the said Sum of Five thousand Pounds hath been subscribed as aforesaid, and which Certificate such Justice is hereby authorized and required to grant upon Application made to him by the said Company, and Proof of the Capital subscribed, shall for all Purposes whatsoever be conclusive Evidence that the whole of the said Sum of Five thousand Pounds has been duly subscribed.

Enabling the Company to sell Lands not wanted.

CVI. And whereas by means of the Purchases which the said Company are empowered to make by virtue of this Act, or otherwise, they may happen to be seised or possessed of more Lands than will be necessary for effecting the Purposes of this Act, or of Lands not applicable to the Purposes hereof; be it therefore enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Company and they are hereby required, within Five Years after the passing of this Act, to sell, and by any Deed, and for such Consideration as they may deem reasonable, to convey to the Purchasers thereof any Part of such Lands, or any Estate or Interest purchased by the said Company in such Lands, or any Part thereof, in such Manner as they shall deem most advantageous; and such Conveyances from the said Company shall be valid and effectual to all Intents and Purposes: Provided always, that before selling the said superfluous Lands to any other Person the said Company shall first offer the same to the Person from whom the same may have been originally purchased, who shall have the Option, during Thirty Days after such Offer, of purchasing the same at such Price as may be agreed on between him and the said Company, or, in the event of Disagreement, as may be settled by a Jury, who may be summoned to assess the Value thereof in like Manner as any Lands to be purchased and taken by the said Company.

In case Works are abandoned, the Lands to vest in Owners of adjoining Lands.

CVII. And be it further enacted, That if the said Bridge shall at any Time hereafter be abandoned or given up by the said Company, or after the same shall have been completed shall for the Space of Three Years cease to be used and employed as a Bridge, then and in such Case the Lands so purchased or taken by the said Company for the Purposes of this Act, or otherwise the Parts thereof over which the said Bridge which shall be so abandoned or given up by the said Company shall pass, shall vest in the Owners for the Time being of the Land adjoining that which shall be so abandoned or given up in manner following; (that is to say,) One Moiety thereof in the Owners of the Land on the one Side, and the Remainder thereof in the Owners of the Land on the other Side thereof.

If Land not contracted for within Three Years, Power to take Property to cease.

CVIII. And be it further enacted, That unless the said Company shall within the Space of Two Years, to be computed from the Day of the passing of this Act, agree for and cause to be valued and paid for, as in this Act is mentioned, the Lands which they are by this Act empowered to take or use, or otherwise so much thereof as shall be by

by them deemed necessary and proper for the Purpose of constructing the said Works hereby authorized, then and from thenceforth the Powers which are hereby granted to them for the compulsory taking or using of such Lands shall cease and be utterly void.

If Bridge, &c. not completed in Four Years, Powers of the Act to cease, except as to such Part, if any, as shall be completed.

CIX. And be it further enacted, That in case the said Bridge and Approaches shall not have been made and completed (unless prevented by inevitable Accident) within the Space of Four Years, to be computed from the Day of the passing of this Act, then from and after the Expiration of the said Term of Four Years all the Powers, Authorities, and Privileges given by this Act shall cease and determine, save only and except as to so much (if any) of the said Works as shall be declared and certified to have been completed within the said Term by the Justices of the Peace of the said Counties of *Berks* or *Bucks*, or either of them, assembled at any General or Quarter Sessions of the Peace to be held in and for the said Counties of *Berks* or *Bucks* at any Time before the Expiration of the said Term of Four Years, or within Six Calendar Months next after the Expiration thereof, upon the Evidence of Two or more Witnesses upon Oath, or in the Case of Quakers Affirmation, to be produced before such Justices for that Purpose.

Public Act.

CX. 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.

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## SCHEDULE to which the foregoing Act refers.

| Names of Owners or reputed Owners, | Occupiers. | Description of Property. |
|---|---|---|
| William Pegg - - | Own Occupation - - | Meadow. |
| The Right Honourable Lord Boston. | - - - - - | Private Towing Path. |
| Stephen Darby - - | Own Occupation - - | Meadow and Shed. |
| Commissioners of Thames Navigation. | - - - - - | Towing Path. |
| George H. Leycester - | John Allen - - - | Barn Yard. |

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