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GEORGII III. REGIS.

Cap. xxxii.

An Act for the further Improvement of the Town and Harbours of *Greenock*; for eſtabliſhing and ſupporting a Harbour Police; and for the better regulating the Poor of the Three Pariſhes of *Greenock*. [16th *June* 1817.]

WHEREAS an Act was made in the Thirteenth Year of the Reign of His preſent Majeſty, intituled *An Act for deepening, cleanſing, and making more commodious the Harbours of the Town of* Greenock; *for ſupplying the Inhabitants with freſh and wholeſome Water; and for paving, cleanſing, lighting, and watching the Streets and other public Places within the ſaid Town:* And whereas another Act was made in the Twenty-ninth Year of the Reign of His preſent Majeſty, intituled *An Act for altering and enlarging the Powers of an Act made in the Thirteenth Year of the Reign of His preſent Majeſty, intituled 'An Act for deepening, cleanſing, and making more commodious the Harbours of the Town of* Greenock; *for ſupplying the Inhabitants with freſh and wholeſome Water; and for paving, cleanſing, lighting, and watching the Streets and other public Places within the ſaid Town:'* And whereas another Act was made in the Forty-firſt Year of the Reign of His preſent Majeſty, intituled *An Act to amend Two Acts made in the Thirteenth and Twenty-ninth Years of the Reign of His preſent Majeſty, for making more commodious the Harbours of the Town of* Greenock, *and for other Purpoſes mentioned in the ſaid Acts; for watching the ſaid Town, and better ſupplying the ſame with Water; for regulating the Fares of Coachmen, Chairmen, Porters, and Carters*

13 G. 3. c. 28.

29 G. 3. c. 43.

41 G. 3. c. 51.

ters plying in the said Town, and of Pilots, Watermen, and Jobbers employed in the said Harbours, and on the River Clyde; *and for feuing out the Glebe of the said Town:* And whereas another Act was made in the Forty-third Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled *An Act for the further Improvement of the Harbours of the Town of* Greenock, *and for other Purposes therein mentioned:* And whereas another Act was made in the Fiftieth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled *An Act for altering and enlarging the Powers of several Acts of His present Majesty, for the Improvement of the Town of* Greenock *and the Harbours thereof; for regulating the Police; and for other Purposes mentioned in the said Acts:* And whereas it will be of Advantage to the said Town of *Greenock* and the Public if the Terms and Powers of the said recited Acts were continued, enlarged, altered, and amended, and the Rates and Duties thereby authorized to be levied increased, and if Power was given to establish and support a Harbour Police, and also if the Management and Support of the Poor of the Three Parishes of *Greenock* was otherwise regulated than it now is, and if the Sessions of the said Three Parishes were united in so far as regards the Maintenance of the Poor, and if effectual Authority was given for suppressing Begging, and for raising Funds by Assessment for accomplishing these Objects: But as these several Purposes cannot be accomplished without the Authority of Parliament, May it therefore please Your Majesty that it may be enacted; and be it enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That from and after the passing of this Act it shall and may be lawful to and for the Bailies and Town Council of *Greenock*, the Trustees in the said first-recited Act named and appointed for the Improvement of the Harbours of *Greenock*, and such other Person or Persons as they shall appoint, to demand, collect, and take, over and above all other Rates and Duties which before the passing of the said several recited Acts or in virtue of the said recited Acts were and are levied from the Ships, Vessels, Barques, Lighters, and Boats entering Inwards or clearing Outwards at the Custom House of the said Port of *Greenock*, or discharging or loading, or discharging in whole or in part, at the said Port or Harbours of *Greenock*, of and from all and every the Master and Owners of all Ships, Vessels, Barques, Lighters, and Boats entering Inwards at the said Port of *Greenock* from Foreign Parts, or clearing Outwards from the said Port for Foreign Parts, the additional Rates and Duties specified in the Schedule (A.) to which this Act refers; which additional Rates and Duties shall be applied in carrying into Effect the Purposes of the said recited Acts and of this Act, in so far as relates to building, enlarging, and improving the Harbours and Bay of *Greenock*, and the Docks connected with the said Harbours.

43 G. 3. c. 87.

50 G. 3. c. 167.

Additional Harbour Rates.

Rates on Goods.

II. And be it enacted, That the Duty on Goods and Merchandize imported, exported, or carried Coastways to or from the Quays, Breasts, Piers, Jetties, or Wharfs of the said Harbour, granted by the said recited Act of the Forty-first Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, and appointed not to exceed the Sum of One Farthing for each Barrel Bulk of such Goods, Wares, and Merchandize, shall be levied from the Owners, Agents, or other Persons having the Charge of such Goods and Merchandize, if imported, exported, or carried Coastways as aforesaid,

but if imported, exported, or carried to or from Foreign Parts, the ſaid Duty is hereby augmented to One Halfpenny *per* Barrel Bulk.

Saving of King's Ships.

III. Provided always, and be it enacted, That nothing in this Act contained ſhall extend or be conſtrued to extend to Ships, Veſſels, or Boats belonging to His Majeſty, His Heirs and Succeſſors, or that ſhall or may be employed in His Majeſty's Service, or in the Service of the Ordnance, Navy Board, Poſt Office, Exciſe or Cuſtoms, or to any Yachts or Pleaſure Boats or other Veſſels belonging to His Royal Highneſs the Prince Regent, or any other Member of the Royal Family.

Power to build an additional Quay.

IV. And be it enacted, That it ſhall and may be lawful to the ſaid Truſtees, or ſuch Perſon or Perſons as they may appoint, and at ſuch Time as they may find expedient, to build all ſuch additional Piers or Quays as are authorized by the ſaid recited Acts; and to improve and render more ſafe the Entrance to the ſaid Harbours of *Greenock*, by raiſing, embanking, or otherwiſe ſecuring the Sand Bank lying oppoſite thereto: Provided always, that nothing herein contained ſhall authorize or be conſtrued to authorize any Operation upon or in regard to the ſaid Sand Bank, which can or may obſtruct the Navigation of the River *Clyde*.

Power to borrow an additional Sum of 20,000l.

V. And whereas the Sum of One hundred thouſand Pounds, authorized by the ſaid recited Acts to be borrowed for the Purpoſes therein mentioned, relative to the ſaid Harbours, will be inſufficient for the Purpoſes of the ſaid recited Acts and of this Act; be it therefore enacted, That it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the ſaid Truſtees to borrow and take up at Intereſt, in Manner by the ſaid recited Acts or any of them directed in regard to the Powers of borrowing Money relative to the ſaid Harbours, from Time to Time, upon the Credit of the Rates and Duties relative to the ſaid Harbours and Sheds, and payable for the Uſe of the Dry Dock or Docks and Warehouſes authorized by the ſaid recited Acts to be built, any Sum or Sums of Money, in addition to the ſaid Sum of One hundred thouſand Pounds, not exceeding the Sum of Twenty thouſand Pounds, and to apply the Monies ſo to be borrowed in carrying into Effect the Purpoſes of the ſaid recited Acts and of this Act, in ſo far as relates to the ſaid Harbours, and for building Docks and Warehouſes in connection therewith.

Shed Dues to be levied.

VI. And be it enacted, That inſtead of the Rate of Three-pence *per* Ton, authorized by the ſaid recited Act of the Forty-third Year of the Reign of His preſent Majeſty to be levied in Name of Shed Dues, there ſhall, from and after the paſſing of this Act, be levied from the Owners, Agents, or others having the Charge of all Goods, Wares, and Merchandize imported or exported or carried Coaſtways to or from the ſaid Port or Harbours of *Greenock*, both at Import and Export, the ſeveral Rates ſpecified in the Schedule (B.) to which this Act refers, on all Goods, Wares, and Merchandize imported, exported, or carried Coaſtways to or from the Port or Harbours of *Greenock*; which Rates ſhall be applied in the like Manner and to the ſame Purpoſes in and to which the Shed Dues, authorized to be levied by the ſaid recited Act of the Forty-third Year of the Reign of His preſent Majeſty, are directed to be applied.

VII. And

For enclosing the Quays.

VII. And be it enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to the said Trustees for the Improvement of the Harbours of *Greenock* to close in by locked Gates, and to place Keepers thereon for opening and shutting the said Gates, such of the Piers, Quays, and Breasts of the said Harbours as the said Trustees may think fit, and to exclude therefrom all and every Person or Persons who may not have Business to do in regard to the Ships or Vessels, Goods, Wares, and Merchandize, in the said Harbours: Provided always, that in order to all and every Person having Business on board of the Ships or Vessels, or with the Goods, Wares, and Merchandize, within the said Harbours, getting Access thereto at all reasonable Hours, the Trustees shall make and publish and cause to be observed such Rules and Regulations as may appear necessary for the free Ingress and Egress of all and every such Person or Persons.

Rates.

VIII. And be it enacted, That for the defraying the Expence of enclosing the said Quays, Piers, and Breasts, and establishing and supporting a Harbour Police, which the said Trustees are hereby authorized and empowered to establish, it shall be lawful to and for the said Trustees, or such Person or Persons as they may appoint, to levy from the Owners or Masters of Ships and Vessels of every Description resorting to the Harbours of *Greenock*, both at clearing outwards and inwards at the Port of *Greenock*, and from the Owners, Agents, or other Person or Persons having the Charge of the Goods, Wares, and Merchandize, imported, exported, or carried Coastways, or by the Canal or River, the several Rates and Duties specified in the Schedule C. to which this Act refers.

Separate Accounts to be kept.

IX. And be it enacted, That the said Trustees shall be obliged to keep a separate and distinct Account of the Rates by this Act granted, for the Purpose of enclosing the said Quays, Piers, and Breasts, and establishing and supporting a Harbour Police, and the Application of such Rates, which Accounts shall be submitted to, examined, and docqueted by the Commissioners on the said Harbours, in the same Manner as the Accounts of the Funds of the said Harbours are by the said recited Acts appointed to be submitted, examined, and docqueted.

Powers and Authorities of former Acts for Recovery of Rates applicable to this Act.

X. And be it enacted, That the whole Powers and Authorities in the said recited Acts or any of them contained, for securing and recovering the Rates and Duties by the said recited Acts or any of them granted, shall be effectual for securing and recovering the several Rates and Duties by this Act granted, in the same Manner as if the whole of the said Powers and Authorities had been re-enacted in this Act.

Meeting of Commissioners.

XI. And be it enacted, That all Meetings of Commissioners, authorized by the said recited Acts to be called, may be so called and convened upon Six Days Notice in the *Greenock Advertiser*, or in any other Newspaper which may be published in the Town of *Greenock* at the time.

Watchmen, &c. to seize and detain Idlers and all Ropes, &c. found in their Custody.

XII. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for the Watchmen appointed for the said Harbours, or any Officer of Police, to seize, and secure and detain, till they can be regularly convened before a Magistrate, all and every Vagrant, Idler, or disorderly Person, who may haunt about the Quays, Piers, and Breasts, of the said Harbours, without lawful Business; and that they may also seize, secure, and detain, till such

Seizure

Seizure can be regularly reported to a Magiſtrate, all Ropes, Copper, Lead, Iron, and other Articles of Marine Stores, uſed in the Repair of Ships, and all Goods, Wares, and Merchandize, which may be found in the Cuſtody of ſuch vagrant, idle, or diſorderly Perſons; and that on Report thereof to a Magiſtrate, and Parties being heard, and it appearing any of the ſaid Articles have not been fairly come by, it ſhall be lawful for the ſaid Magiſtrates to confiſcate the ſaid Articles, if not claimed and proved by the right Owners within Eight Days, for the Uſe of the Bridewell of *Greenock*, and puniſh the Perſons in whoſe Cuſtody they may have been found, by Confinement and Hard Labour in Bridewell, for the Space of One Month.

Powers to erect a Police Office.

XIII. And be it further enacted, That it ſhall and may be lawful to the ſaid Truſtees to erect, within the ſaid Town or within the Ground of the ſaid Harbours, or in the Vicinity of the ſame, One or more Police Offices, for the Reception, Securing, and temporary Detention of all ſuch Vagrants, idle or diſorderly Perſons, and the Articles which may be found in their Cuſtody.

No Fire to be lighted in the Harbours.

XIV. And be it enacted, That if any Fire ſhall be found lighted or burning on board of any Ship or Veſſel lying at or within any of the Quays, Piers, or Breaſts of the ſaid Harbours, the Maſters, or other Perſon or Perſons having the Care or Command of any ſuch Ship or Veſſel, ſhall, for every Offence, forfeit a Sum not exceeding Forty Shillings.

No Guns to be fired near the Harbour.

XV. And be it enacted, That it ſhall not be lawful for the Maſter, or any other Perſon or Perſons having the Charge of any Ship or Veſſel in the Roadſtead of *Greenock*, or in the River *Clyde*, nearer to the ſaid Harbours than the Garvel Point on the Eaſt, and the Whiteforeland Point on the Weſt, to diſcharge any Fire Arms on board of any ſuch Veſſel, ſave and except a Signal Gun in caſe of Diſtreſs, under the Penalty of Five Pounds for every ſuch Offence: Provided always, that nothing herein contained ſhall prevent or be conſtrued to prevent the diſcharging of Fire Arms on board of any Ship, Boat, or Veſſel, belonging to or in the Employment of His Majeſty, His Heirs and Succeſſors, or to prevent the diſcharging of Fire Arms by any Perſon or Perſons in the lawful Defence of his or their Property.

Regulation as to Gunpowder.

XVI. And be it enacted, That no Gunpowder ſhall be kept on board of any Veſſel within the ſaid Harbours under a Penalty not exceeding Ten Pounds Sterling, for each Offence, beſides forfeiting all ſuch Gunpowder; and it ſhall be lawful for the Superintendant of Police or any Perſon authorized by the Magiſtrates of the ſaid Town of *Greenock*, to ſeize, remove, and ſell the ſame, and to apply the Proceeds of the Sale to the Uſe of *Greenock* Bridewell; and all Ships or Veſſels coming into *Clyde* with Gunpowder on board, intending to put into the ſaid Harbours, ſhall be obliged before entering the ſame, and at ſome Place not nearer to the Town than the Tail of the Sand Bank oppoſite thereto, to unſhip all ſuch Gunpowder, ſo that the ſame may be forthwith lodged in one of the Powder Magazines in the Neighbourhood of *Greenock*; and no Ship or Veſſel ſailing from the ſaid Harbours ſhall take on board any Gunpowder nearer to the ſaid Harbours than the Tail of the Bank aforeſaid; and no Gunpowder in greater Quantity than Ten Pounds Weight ſhall be carried into or through

through the Town of *Greenock*, unleſs the ſame ſhall be carried in an Ammunition Waggon of the ſame Deſcription as is uſed by Government in the Tranſportation of Gunpowder from Place to Place, under a Penalty not exceeding Ten Pounds for each Offence, to be paid by the Owners or Agents of the Owners of ſuch Carriage, beſides Forfeiture of the Powder ſo carried; the Penalty and Price of the Gunpowder ſo to be ſeized to be applied for the Uſe of the Bridewell of *Greenock* as aforeſaid.

Veſſels may be removed from one Birth to another.

XVII. And be it alſo enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That the ſaid Truſtees or Shore-maſter for the Time being, or ſuch other Perſon or Perſons as they ſhall authorize and appoint, ſhall and may and he or they is and are hereby authorized and empowered, when and ſo often as he or they ſhall judge neceſſary, to remove or cauſe to be removed any Ship, Veſſel, Bark, Lighter, or Boat, lying in any of the Entrances or Paſſages of the ſaid Harbours of *Greenock*, or at any Pier, Quay, or Breaſt already built or hereafter to be built by virtue of the ſaid recited Acts or of this Act, or in any other Part of the ſaid Harbours, from the Birth or lying Place at which they ſhall reſpectively happen to be ſtationed or moored at the Time to any other Birth or lying Place as he or they ſhall think proper; and in caſe the Maſter, Mate, or any other Perſon having and taking the Command and Charge of the ſaid Ship, Veſſel, Bark, Lighter or Boat, ſhall, after Notice given him verbally or in Writing by the ſaid Shore-maſter or ſuch other Perſon or Perſons as he ſhall appoint, neglect or refuſe to remove or cauſe to be removed ſuch Ship, Veſſel, Bark, Lighter or Boat from her ſaid Birth to ſuch other Birth or Mooring Places as are or ſhall be appointed unto them by the ſaid Shore-maſter or any other Perſon authorized by him, within Two Hours after ſuch Notice, or within Two Hours after the State of the Tide after ſuch Notice, will permit ſuch Removal, if ſuch Ship, Veſſel, Bark, Lighter, or Boat ſhall be under One hundred Tons Burden; within Four Hours as aforeſaid if ſuch Ship or other Veſſel ſhall be above One hundred and under Two hundred Tons; and within Six Hours if ſuch Ship or other Veſſel ſhall be above Two hundred Tons; that then upon ſuch Neglect or Refuſal, the ſaid Truſtees or Shore-maſter for the Time being or any other Perſon or Perſons he or they ſhall order or appoint, ſhall have Power and are hereby directed and empowered, immediately after ſuch Notice, and Neglect or Refuſal, ſo to remove or cauſe to be removed ſuch Ship, Veſſel, Bark, Lighter, or Boat lying as aforeſaid; and the Maſters, Commanders, Owners, and Conſignees of ſuch Ship, Veſſel, Bark, Lighter or Boat ſo to be removed as aforeſaid, ſhall reſpectively pay to the ſaid Truſtees all ſuch Coſts and Charges as ſhall be reaſonably expended in removing ſuch Ship, Veſſel, Bark, Lighter or Boat, to be recovered, levied, and applied in the ſame Manner as the Forfeitures and Penalties impoſed by this Act are herein ordered to be recovered, levied, and applied; and every Maſter, Commander, Mate, or other Perſon, taking upon himſelf the Command of any Ship, Veſſel, Bark, Lighter, or Boat, or the Owner, Factor, Conſignee or Agent, or other Perſon or Perſons whatſoever, who ſhall obſtruct or hinder the Removal of any ſuch Ship, Veſſel, Bark, Lighter, or Boat as aforeſaid, ſhall for every ſuch Offence forfeit the Sum of Five Pounds Sterling.

Power to ſhut certain Lanes.

XVIII. And whereas the Entrance made into the ſaid Harbours from the Street called *Cathcart Street*, has rendered altogether unneceſſary a Part of the

the Lane of Twenty Feet wide, by the ſaid recited Act of the Forty-third Year of the Reign of His preſent Majeſty appointed to begin Eaſt at the Entrance of the ſaid Harbours from *Virginia Street*, and end Weſt at the Entrance into the ſaid Harbours, between *M'Gilp's* and *Thomas Ewing's* Tenements; and ſo much of the ſaid Lane as is to the Weſtward of the Eaſt Side of the Feu belonging to *A. M'Goun*, and Forty-five Feet and a Half in Length of the Lane of Twenty Feet wide, commencing at and running Eaſtward from *Virginia Street*, is alſo unneceſſary; be it therefore enacted, That it ſhall and may be in the Power of the ſaid Truſtees to ſell or diſpoſe of ſuch Part of the ſaid Lanes, making the firſt Offer thereof to the Perſon or Perſons from whom the Property of ſuch Lanes was originally acquired, or failing them, to the Perſon or Perſons having the Property immediately adjoining or contiguous to ſuch Lanes or Parts thereof; and if any Diſpute ſhall ariſe about the Value of any Part thereof ſo to be ſold, the ſame ſhall be determined by a Jury to be ſummoned in Manner mentioned in the ſaid recited Act of the Thirteenth Year of the Reign of His preſent Majeſty, and the Money to ariſe from ſuch Sale ſhall be applied towards the building, enlarging, or improving the ſaid Harbours and Bay of *Greenock*, or Docks thereof.

Ground to be ſold with the Conſent of Commiſſioners, and Regulations reſpecting the Sale.

XIX. And be it further enacted, That when it ſhall appear to the ſaid Truſtees that any of the Shore Ground in Front of the Breaſts of the Harbours of *Greenock* is ſo narrow, or otherwiſe of ſuch Dimenſions as to render it unſuitable for the Erection of Warehouſes, it may and ſhall be lawful to the ſaid Truſtees to ſell and diſpoſe of the ſame for any other Purpoſe they may ſee proper, the firſt Offer of Sale being made to the original Seller thereof, or to the Proprietor of Grounds adjacent thereto; and any Diſpute regarding the Price ſhall be ſettled in manner before mentioned, in regard to the Lane hereby authorized to be ſhut up and diſpoſed of, the Conſent in Writing of Thirteen or more of the Commiſſioners in the ſaid recited Acts named and deſcribed being firſt had and obtained for the Purpoſe of ſuch Sale; and if it ſhall appear expedient to the ſaid Truſtees ſo to do, it ſhall be lawful for them, by and with the Conſent, in Writing, of any Thirteen or more of the Commiſſioners of the ſaid Harbours, to ſell and convey, for the Purpoſe of building and erecting Docks and Warehouſes, ſuch Part or Parts of the Ground of the ſaid Harbours, or Shore Ground, acquired and embanked by the ſaid Truſtees, as to them the ſaid Truſtees may ſeem expedient: Provided always, that in the Conveyance or Conveyances to be granted to the Purchaſer or Purchaſers of the Ground ſo ſold, ſuch Purchaſer or Purchaſers, and any other Perſon or Perſons to whom the Benefit of the Purchaſe may be communicated, ſhall be taken bound to uſe and occupy the Ground conveyed for the Purpoſe for which the ſame may have been ſold, and no other, under the pain of the Ground reverting to the ſaid Truſtees, with any Building or Erection which may have been made thereon, and that ſo ſoon as the ſaid Ground ſhall be uſed for any other Purpoſe than that for which the Sale and Conveyance was made: Provided always, that before any ſuch Sale is made, the ſame ſhall be publicly advertiſed for at leaſt One Month in the *Greenock Advertiſer*, or any other Newſpaper which may be publiſhed in the Town of *Greenock* at the Time, or in ſuch other Manner as the ſaid Commiſſioners may direct, and the Money to ariſe from ſuch Sale ſhall be applied towards the building, enlarging, and improving the ſaid Harbours, Bay, and Docks as aforeſaid.

XX. And

Pilots, Riggers, &c. not to ply without licenſed.

XX. And be it enacted; That it ſhall not be lawful for any Pilot to act as ſuch, in the Tranſportation of Ships or Veſſels betwixt the *Cumbraylight* and *Broomielaw* of *Glaſgow*, without being firſt licenſed for that Purpoſe by the Lord Provoſt and Dean of Guild of *Glaſgow*, and Bailies of *Greenock* and *Port-Glaſgow*, (Three or more of them being a Quorum), purſuant to the ſaid recited Act of the Forty-firſt Year of His preſent Majeſty; and any Perſon or Perſons acting as a Pilot within the ſaid Limits, without being ſo licenſed, ſhall, for every Tranſgreſſion, forfeit a Penalty, not exceeding Five Pounds; and it ſhall not be lawful for any Riggers, Watermen, or Jobbers, other than the Ship's Crew, to ply in or about any Ships or Veſſels reſorting to the Harbours of *Greenock* and *Port Glaſgow* reſpectively, or in any Boat plying from theſe Harbours, without being licenſed, purſuant to the ſaid recited Act, under the Penalty of Twenty Shillings; and it ſhall be lawful to the ſaid Lord Provoſt and Dean of Guild of *Glaſgow*, and Baillies of *Greenock* and *Port Glaſgow*, or their Quorum, and they are hereby authorized to deprive any ſuch Pilot, licenſed as aforeſaid, of his Licence, upon the Conviction of ſuch Pilot of any Miſbehaviour or Miſconduct; and the Meeting appointed by the ſaid recited Act to be held annually, for licenſing ſuch Pilots, Riggers, Watermen, and Jobbers, may be adjourned, from Time to Time, as to the Meeting or Quorum foreſaid ſhall appear proper; and the Licences ſo to be granted ſhall be granted without any Charge being made therefor.

No Carter, Carman, Porter, or Barrowman, to ply without Licence.

Penalty.

Each Carman or Carter to go at his Horſe's Head.

Penalty for Neglect.

XXI. And be it enacted, That it ſhall not be lawful to any Carter or Carman, Porter, or Barrowman, to ply for Hire within the ſaid Town of *Greenock*, without being firſt licenſed purſuant to the ſaid Act of the Forty-firſt Year of the Reign of His preſent Majeſty, and each Carman or Carter having his Name painted in legible Characters on the one Side of the Cart or Car, and the Number on the other Side thereof, in ſuch Form and Manner as ſhall be preſcribed in the Licence, under the Penalty of Five Pounds Sterling; and every Carter or Carman, having the Charge of a Horſe and Cart or Car, ſhall be obliged conſtantly to go at the Horſe's Head, and ſhall not be at liberty to ride on his Cart or Car in conſequence of having double Reins, or on any other Pretence whatever, or be entitled to proceed through the Streets at a quicker Pace than a Walk, under the Penalty of Ten Shillings for each Tranſgreſſion; and the Licences ſo to be granted ſhall be granted without any Charge being made therefor.

Additional Rates, &c.

XXII. And whereas the Tax of One Shilling in the Pound on the Real Rents of the Houſes and other Subjects in the ſaid Town, impoſed by the ſaid recited Acts of the Forty-firſt and Fiftieth Years of the Reign of His preſent Majeſty, for the Purpoſe of paving, lighting, and cleanſing the ſaid Town, and ſupplying the ſame with Water, has been found inſufficient for carrying the Purpoſes of the ſaid recited Acts into Execution, it is neceſſary the ſaid Tax ſhould be increaſed, be it therefore enacted, That from and after the firſt Day of *Auguſt* One thouſand eight hundred and eighteen, the ſaid Tax by the ſaid recited Acts granted of One Shilling in the Pound ſhall ceaſe, except in ſo far as regards the Recovery of any Arrears which may be then due thereon; and that in lieu thereof if ſhall and may be lawful to and for the Bailies and Town Council of *Greenock*, and other Truſtees in the ſaid recited Acts deſcribed, and ſuch other Perſon or Perſons as may be appointed by them, yearly to levy from the

the Occupiers of all and every Tenement, Heritage, Property or Poſſeſſion of whatever Denomination the ſame may be, already feued or which may hereafter be feued, within the Limits of the Town of *Greenock*, an Aſſeſſment or Tax of One Shilling and Sixpence in the Pound of the actual Rent of every Property or Poſſeſſion held or rented within the ſaid Limits, feued or to be feued, from the Superior of the Town of *Greenock* only; the Manſion Houſe, Garden, and Policy of the Eſtate, the Churches and School Houſes, the Hoſpital and Bridewell excepted; the ſaid Policy being bounded as follows; *videlicet*, on the Weſt by the Line of *Anne Street*; on the North by the South Boundary of Lord *Catchcart's* Feu till it joins *Boyle Street*; thereafter by *Manſion-houſe Street* till it joins the *Deling Burn*, and thereafter by the *Wood Park Wall* till it joins *Crawford's Dyke Burn*; on the Eaſt by the ſaid *Crawford's Dyke Burn*, and on the South by the *Whinhill*.

Proviſo when there is not a public Well within a certain Diſtance.

XXIII. And be it enacted, That when it ſhall ſo happen that there is not a public Well open for uſe within Two hundred Yards of the Property or Poſſeſſion ſubject to the ſaid Aſſeſſment, the Occupier of ſuch Property or Poſſeſſion ſhall be entitled to an Abatement from the ſaid Aſſeſſment of Four-pence in the Pound, as long as there ſhall not be a public Well open for uſe within Two hundred Yards of the Property or Poſſeſſion aſſeſſed, as ſaid is, but no longer.

Proviſo as to Lamps.

XXIV. Provided alſo, That where any Property or Poſſeſſion, ſubject to the ſaid Aſſeſſment, ſhall be ſituated in a Street, or intended Street, in which Lamps are not placed within One hundred Yards of each other, the Occupier of ſuch Property or Poſſeſſion ſhall be entitled to an Abatement from the ſaid Aſſeſſment of Four-pence in the Pound, aye and until Lamps ſhall be placed within One hundred Yards of each other, but no longer.

Power of former Acts to continue.

XXV. And be it enacted, That in order to the ſaid Aſſeſſment of One Shilling and Sixpence in the Pound being impoſed and levied, the whole Powers in the ſaid recited Acts, or any of them contained, in regard to aſcertaining the yearly Rents or Value of Premiſes, or for levying and recovering the Aſſeſſment by the ſaid recited Acts authorized, ſhall ſubſiſt and be effectual for the Purpoſes of this Act.

Price of Water to Shipping.

For preventing Evaſion and Delay of Payment of the Rate from Shipping.

XXVI. And be it further enacted, That the Price to be paid for Water by the Ships and Veſſels employed in the Foreign and Coaſting Trade, taking Water from the Pipes of the ſaid Town, ſhall in Time coming be levied and paid according to the Rates ſet forth in the Schedule (D.) hereunto annexed; and that there ſhall be produced to the Collector or other Officer of His Majeſty's Cuſtoms at *Greenock*, by the Maſters or Owners of every Ship, Veſſel, Barque, Lighter, or Boat, deſirous of being cleared out at the ſaid Port of *Greenock*, a Receipt or other ſufficient Voucher of the Payment of the ſaid Rates; and that until ſuch Production be made, and the Collector or the Officers aforeſaid ſhall be ſatisfied of the ſame, the ſaid Collector or other Officers ſhall not grant or receive any Clearance outward for any ſuch Ship, Veſſel, Barque, Lighter, or Boat under the Penalty of Five Pounds Sterling.

For preventing Water being taken by Perſons not paying for it.

XXVII. And be it enacted, That it ſhall not be lawful to or for any Perſon or Perſons whomſoever, reſiding beyond the Limits of the Town of *Greenock*, either by themſelves or any other Perſon or Perſons for their Uſe and Behoof, to make uſe of the Water of any Pipe or Well erected or to be erected within the Limits of the Town of *Greenock*, without having previouſly bargained and agreed with the ſaid Bailies and Town Council of *Greenock* and remanent Truſtees for the taking of the ſame; and every Perſon or Perſons offending herein ſhall be ſubject to a Penalty of not leſs than One Pound or more than Five Pounds for each Tranſgreſſion.

Power to borrow a further Sum.

XXVIII. And whereas the Sum of Twenty thouſand Pounds allowed by the ſaid recited Acts to be borrowed and employed for bringing Water into, and for lighting, paving, cleanſing, and watching the Streets of the ſaid Town of *Greenock*, has been found inſufficient for theſe Purpoſes; be it therefore enacted, That the ſaid Truſtees ſhall and may and they are hereby authorized and empowered, from Time to Time, to borrow and take up at Intereſt any Sum or Sums of Money in Addition to ſaid Sum, not exceeding the Sum of Ten thouſand Pounds, and to grant, aſſign, and ſet over the ſeveral Rates and Duties given and granted by this Act for bringing Water into, and lighting, paving, cleanſing, and watching the Streets of the ſaid Town, to any Perſon or Perſons whomſoever, who ſhall advance and lend Money thereon for ſecuring the Payment of the ſame, with Intereſt reſpectively, and the Money ſo borrowed and advanced ſhall be applied and uſed for the Purpoſe of the ſaid recited Acts and this Act, and no other Purpoſe.

For conveying Water from Roofs, &c.

XXIX. And be it enacted, That the Water ſhall be conveyed from the Roofs of all the Houſes and other Tenements in the Streets and Lanes of the ſaid Town, in the Manner preſcribed by the ſaid recited Act of the Forty-firſt Year of the Reign of His preſent Majeſty, and at the Expence of the Proprietors of the Houſes, and within the Space of One Month after the Proprietor or Proprietors ſhall have been required ſo to do, either by the Procurator Fiſcal, the Superintendant of Police, or any neighbouring Feuar; and on ſuch Proprietor failing to get the requiſite Work done within the ſaid Space of One Month after being required, it ſhall be lawful to the ſaid Bailies to authorize the Procurator Fiſcal, the Superintendant of Police, or the Feuar making the Complaint, to get the Work done at the Expence of the Feuar failing to execute the ſame; and the Tradeſman or Tradeſmen executing the Work ſhall be entitled to ſue for and recover the Expence of the ſame from the Feuar on whoſe Property the Work is done; and when any of the Roans or Pipes for conveying the Water from the Roofs of Houſes or other Tenements in any of the ſaid Streets or Lanes ſhall have gone into Diſrepair, the Proprietor ſhall be forthwith obliged to get the ſame ſufficiently repaired and keep the ſame conſtantly in repair, and on Failure of his doing ſo, and Complaint thereof being made by any of the Perſons before-mentioned to any of the ſaid Bailies, it ſhall be lawful to and for the ſaid Bailies to order the ſaid requiſite Repair to be performed, and the Tradeſman or Tradeſmen making the ſame ſhall be entitled to ſue for and recover the Expence from the Proprietor.

Prohibition to break the Cauſeway

XXX. And be it enacted, That it ſhall not be lawful to or for any Perſon or Perſons to break or open any Part of the Cauſeway of any of the Streets or Lanes

Lanes of the ſaid Town, for the Purpoſe of taking or repairing Branch Pipes from the Water Pipes in ſuch Streets or Lanes, without the ſpecial Conſent of the ſaid Bailies, and making Arrangements to their Satisfaction for the Repair of the Water Pipe and Street; and any Perſon or Perſons doing in the contrary ſhall be liable in a Penalty of Five Pounds. without ſpecial Leave.

XXXI. And be it further enacted, That it ſhall and may be lawful for the ſaid Truſtees, when and where it ſhall appear expedient, to cauſe ſuch of the Foot Pavements which yet remain to be made in the ſaid Streets or Lanes, or which may be requiſite in conſequence of the Opening of new Streets or Lanes to be made with dreſſed Whinſtones, and to remove ſuch of the Foot Pavements as are already made with flat hewn Sand Stones, and to replace the ſame with ſuch dreſſed Whinſtones: Provided always, that nothing in this Act contained ſhall prevent the ſaid Truſtees from uſing flat hewn Sand Stones for the Pavement of any Streets made or to be made within the ſaid Town where they ſhall deem it expedient ſo to do. Power to alter Foot Pavements.

XXXII. And be it enacted, That the Truſtees on the ſaid Fund ſhall have Power, and they are hereby authorized, to uſe Coal Gas for lighting the Town of *Greenock*, in whole or in part, if they ſhall find ſuch mode of lighting the ſaid Town adviſable; and to make and procure all ſuch Apparatus, Pipes, Furnaces, and other Things as may be neceſſary thereto, any thing in the before-recited Acts to the contrary notwithſtanding: Provided always, that if any of the Inhabitants of the ſaid Town ſhall ſuffer Injury from the Uſe of Gas in lighting the ſame, nothing herein contained ſhall prevent or be conſtrued to prevent ſuch Inhabitant or Inhabitants of the ſaid Town from proceeding at Law againſt the ſaid Truſtees or againſt any of their Officers, Servants, or Workmen in reſpect of any of the Works, or the Method which ſhall be employed by the ſaid Truſtees for furniſhing ſuch Light as aforeſaid, as a public or private Nuiſance, whether ſuch Injury ſhall proceed from the Nature of ſuch Method of lighting, or the Careleſſneſs or Want of Skill of the Perſons employed therein. Uſe of Coal Gas in lighting the Town.

XXXIII. And be it enacted, That for the better Management of the ſaid Truſt for Paving, Lighting, Cleanſing, and Watching the ſaid Town of *Greenock*, and ſupplying the ſame with Water, it ſhall and may be lawful to the Truſtees to divide themſelves into Committees, with ſuch Powers to each Committee as the Meeting of Truſtees appointing the ſame may conſider neceſſary; and that Five ſhall be a Quorum of the ſaid Truſtees. Power to Truſtees to divide themſelves into Committees.

XXXIV. And the more effectually to prevent Pickery and Theft, be it enacted, That it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the ſaid Bailies and Town Council of *Greenock* to licenſe ſuch and ſo many Perſons within the ſaid Town and Pariſhes of *Greenock*, and under ſuch Regulations as they ſhall ſee proper, for the dealing in the way of Purchaſe, Barter, and Sale of Second-hand Plate, Books, Clothes, Furniture, Pleniſhing, Ropes, Copper, Lead, Iron, and other Articles of Marine Stores, uſed in the Repair of Ships, and all Goods whatſoever; ſuch Perſons ſo to be licenſed not paying more than One Pound each for ſuch Licence; and it ſhall not be lawful to any Perſon or Perſons within the ſaid Town and Pariſhes to deal in the way of Purchaſe, Barter, or Sale of any of the ſaid Articles, without being ſo licenſed, under the Penalty of Ten Pounds for each Tranſgreſſion; and Power to licenſe Dealers in Second-hand Articles.

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the Money so to be raised for such Licences and the Penalties to be recovered for such Transgressions shall be applied in Aid of the Fund for paving and lighting the said Town.

All Cattle to be slaughtered in the public Slaughter-house.

All Butcher Meat to be exposed in the Flesh Market.

XXXV. And be it enacted, That all Cattle to be slaughtered for Sale within the said Town of *Greenock*, from and after the passing of this Act shall be brought to the Public Slaughter-house, and there slaughtered, under the Penalty of Twenty Shillings for each Bestial that is slaughtered otherwise; and all Cattle so slaughtered for Sale shall be exposed from Eight to Nine o'Clock in the Morning in the public Flesh Market, previous to any Part of the same being removed to Shops for Sale; so that the Public, and the Inspector or Inspectors to be appointed as hereafter mentioned, may have a fair Opportunity of seeing and inspecting the same, under the Penalty of Twenty Shillings for each Offence.

Inspector of the Butcher Market.

Powers of the Inspector.

XXXVI. And be it enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to the said Bailies and Council from Time to Time to appoint One or more Inspectors of the Butcher Markets, with Power to such Inspector or Inspectors to inspect all Butcher Meat offered for Sale within the said Town, and to seize, in order to its being confiscated, all such as may be found unwholesome or improper for Use; and the Person exposing the same shall be liable in a Penalty of Ten Shillings for each Offence.

For keeping the Streets, &c. clean.

Proviso as to removing the Contents of Dunghills, and Regulations respecting Dung, &c.

XXXVII. And be it enacted, That (except in the Case hereafter mentioned) no Dung, Ashes, or Filth, or any Incumbrance or other Nuisance, shall upon any Account or Pretence be laid down upon any of the Streets, Lanes, Pavements, Closes, or Entries, whether Thoroughfares or not, or Public Ways within the Limits of the said Town, under the Penalty of Five Shillings for each Transgression; and it shall and may be lawful for the Town Scavenger to carry away any such Dung, Ashes, Filth, or Nuisance as so much of the common Dung of the Town: Provided always, that as, in order to the Removal of the Contents of the Dunghills in certain of the Tenements within the said Town of *Greenock*, it may be necessary, after wheeling out such Dunghills to the Street, to lay down the same in order to their being put into Carts and carted away, the thus laying down the Contents of any Dunghill shall afford no Pretext for the same remaining for any Time exceeding One Hour upon the Street, but the same shall within such Time be removed and carted away; and failing thereof, it shall be lawful to and for the Town Scavengers as aforesaid to carry the same away as so much of the Common Dung of the Town; and the Proprietor of the Dung so carried away shall not only forfeit all Claim thereto, or the Value thereof, but be liable in a Penalty of Five Shillings; and every Person or Persons employed in carrying the said Dung, Filth, Ashes, or Nuisance, shall, immediately after finishing the Work, be obliged to scrape and clean the Pavement and Street over which such Dung, Filth, Ashes, or Nuisance, may have been carried to the Carts for taking away the same, under the Penalty of Five Shillings for each Offence.

Regulations as to Dung Carts.

XXXVIII. And be it enacted, That all Filth, Dung, Ashes, or other Nuisance, which it may be requisite to carry through any of the Streets, Lanes, or Public Ways of the said Town, shall be so carried in Carts so close and sufficient as to prevent any Part of the Contents falling out, and

so loaded as to prevent any of the Contents falling over, and that under the Penalty of Five Shillings; to be recovered from the Carter, the Owner of the Cart, or the Proprietor of the Dung, or any of them, with Claim of Relief to the Person paying against the others he may consider liable in such Relief.

Power to make Bye-Laws.

XXXIX. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for the said Trustees at any General Meeting and at any Time or Times hereafter, to make, ordain, and establish such Orders, Rules, and Bye-Laws, as they may deem necessary for the better carrying into Effect the Purposes of the said recited Acts and of this Act, in so far as regards the Objects aftermentioned, and under a Penalty for each Offence against such Rules, Orders, or Bye-Laws, not exceeding Five Pounds; *videlicet*, for the Furtherance of the Powers regarding the Police of the said Harbours, for preventing Thefts, Pilferage, and Embezzlement within the same; for regulating or preventing the lighting of Fires on board of any Ships or Vessels within the said Harbours; and for regulating the Births and Mooring of Steam Boats in which Fires are necessarily kept, within the said Harbours; for the Furtherance of the Powers granted by the said recited Acts or by this Act, in regard to the Police of the said Town; for the Regulation of Pilots, Riggers, Watermen, or Jobbers, and of Carters or Carmen, Porters and Barrowmen, and Dealers in Second-hand Articles, licensed or to be licensed in virtue of the said recited Acts or of this Act; and for the Regulation of Fire Engines, and the Conduct to be observed in Cases of accidental Fire; and the said Trustees shall cause the said Rules, Orders, and Bye-Laws, (which shall not be contrary to or inconsistent with the Laws of *Scotland*, or with the Provisions of this Act) to be printed and distributed, and hung up in the most conspicuous Place of the Town House of *Greenock*, and also in some public Place or Places on or near to the said Harbours.

Penalties how to be recovered.

XL. And be it enacted, That all and every the Penalties by the said recited Acts and this Act enacted may be recovered on the Suit or Complaint of the Procurator Fiscal of *Greenock*, or any other Person to be appointed as Public Prosecutor, the Superintendent of Police, or any Person or Persons whomsoever, who may sue for the same before the Bailies of the Town of *Greenock*, or any Justice of the Peace for the County of *Renfrew*, who are hereby authorized and empowered to mitigate the said Penalties, if they shall see Cause.

Offenders to be imprisoned.

XLI. And be it enacted, That on Failure of the Payment of the said Penalties, or any of them, it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Bailies or Justices of the Peace, and they are hereby required, to grant Warrant for imprisoning the Offenders for Payment, and for detaining them in Prison for the Space of One Month, if Payment shall not be sooner made.

Application of Penalties.

XLII. And be it enacted, That it shall be lawful to and for the said Bailies of *Greenock*, or the Justices granting Warrant for the Recovery of the same, to direct the said Penalties, when recovered, to be applied towards the Support of the *Greenock Bridewell*.

Union of the Three Parishes in so far as regards the Poor.

XLIII. And for the better preventing Inequalities and other Inconveniences in the Execution of the Laws for maintaining the Poor, and relieving the

the Lieges of the Burden of Beggars and Vagrants within the Three Parishes of *Greenock* commonly called the Old or West, the New or Middle, and the East; be it further enacted, That the said Three Parishes be reunited, and considered as One Parish, but only in so far as regards the Execution of the said Laws.

Meeting of Heritors of Parishes, &c.

XLIV. And be it enacted, That the Heritors, Ministers, and Elders of each of the said Three united Parishes shall meet on the First *Tuesday* of *August* and First *Tuesday* of *February* yearly, or on any Day to which they may adjourn as after-mentioned, for ordering and disposing of the Poor within the Bounds of the said united Parish for the ensuing Year; and at the said Meeting or adjourned Meeting shall have the same Powers within the Bounds of the said united Parish that the Heritors, Ministers, and Elders of other Parishes have within their respective Bounds, in relation to the Execution of the said Laws concerning of the Poor.

Maintenance of Poor how to be provided.

XLV. And be it enacted, That the Ministers in their respective Churches shall on the *Sunday* preceding the First *Tuesday* of *February* yearly give Intimation of the General Meeting to be held that Day, and the Heritors, Ministers, Elders, or such of them as shall attend, shall have Power, if they find it necessary, to appoint Committees, and also to adjourn to any Day after the First Meeting; and the said General Meeting or Adjourned General Meeting shall make up Lists of all the Poor within the said united Parish, and consider what their needful Maintenance will require weekly or monthly, and ascertain the Sum which it may be necessary to raise by Assessments on the Parish in aid of the Collections at the Doors of the Churches and other consuetudinary Funds, which are to be applied in the first Place to that Purpose; and the Sum which it may be found necessary to raise in aid thereof by Assessment shall be paid the One Half by the Heritors, and the other Half by the Tenants and Possessors, in the Manner prescribed by Law; and the said General Meeting or Adjourned General Meeting shall choose Assessors, and settle the other Business relative to the Poor for the ensuing Year; and after the Assessors have fixed the Amount of the Sum to be paid by each Person within the united Parish, Notice shall be sent by Letter through the Post Office of the Amount thereof; and if any Persons shall think themselves aggrieved, such Persons may appeal to the Committee after mentioned within Ten Days after such Notice, who shall have Power to judge of the same, and to do therein as they shall see proper; and the said General Meeting or Adjourned General Meeting shall also appoint a Standing Committee for superintending during the ensuing Year, all Matters relative to the Execution of the said Laws for the Relief of the Poor, and the punishing and checking of Beggars, Vagrants, and idle Persons, and receiving and judging of the Appeals as aforesaid.

General Meeting may be called on signed Requisition.

XLVI. And be it further enacted, That a General Meeting of the Heritors, Ministers, and Elders of the said Three Parishes may be called at any Time on the signed Requisition of the Standing Committee or of the Kirk Session of any of the Three Parishes, or of the Magistrates of *Greenock*, or of any Two of the Landward Heritors thereof, Notice thereof being given in any One *Greenock* Newspaper, Ten Days preceding, as well as Intimation made from the Pulpits of the Churches of the Three Parishes on the Two *Sundays* previous to such Meeting.

Officers may be appointed.

XLVII. And be it enacted, That the General Meeting shall have Power to appoint a Collector, Clerk, and such other Officers as may appear necessary, and to fix their respective Salaries to be paid out of the said Assessments, the Collector finding Security for his Intromissions as shall be approved of by the Meeting; and the Collector shall proceed to levy the Collection of the Sum so fixed, at his Office, and that by publicly advertising the Time of Collection Twice in the *Greenock* Newspapers, and by posting Hand Bills through the Town, and all those in Arrear one Month after such Advertisement shall receive Notice in Writing through the Post Office; and if their Assessment is not paid within a Fortnight thereafter, the Collector shall make out a List on Oath of those in Arrear, and shall present the same to the Sheriff Depute or Substitute, or the Two Bailies of *Greenock*, the Baron Bailie thereof, or any of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the County of *Renfrew*, who shall grant summary Warrant for levying the same by pointing the Goods and Gear of the Defaulters within their Dwelling Places, and if not paid within Three Days thereafter, together with the Costs and Charges thereof, to sell by Auction at the Market Cross of *Greenock* so much and such Part of the said Goods and Gear, as shall be sufficient to pay the said Assessment, with the Costs and Charges attending such Pointing and Sale, returning the Overplus (if any be) to the Owner or Owners; the said Costs and Charges to be allowed and determined by the Judge granting the Warrant.

Powers of the Kirk Sessions preserved.

XLVIII. And whereas great Benefit has been found to result from the Employment of Kirk Sessions in the Execution of the *Scottish* Poor Law, be it enacted, That nothing in this Act shall be construed to alter, abridge, or take away the Powers, Rights, and Privileges of the Kirk Sessions of the Three Parishes with respect to the Supply of the casual Poor within their respective Bounds, nor otherwise in respect of the Poor Laws, excepting so far as the Three Parishes are as above united; and when the General Meeting has fixed the List of Paupers to be maintained for the ensuing Year (which List shall contain separate Lists for each of the Parishes of the Paupers respectively residing therein), and the Sum necessary to be raised by Assessment for their Support, and the Distribution or Allocation thereof, the said Paupers shall receive their weekly or monthly Supply from the respective Kirk Sessions, who shall in the first Place apply for that Purpose their respective Collections or other Parochial Funds; and on their Application the Treasurer shall from Time to Time advance them such further Sums as may be necessary out of the Sum allocated to such Kirk Session by the General Meeting.

General Meeting may appoint Officers for taking up Beggars.

XLIX. And be it enacted, That the said General Meeting shall appoint Officers for the ensuing Year for taking up Beggars, Vagrants, and idle Persons infesting the Streets, and shall have Power to commit them to Bridewell till they be carried before a Magistrate, to be dealt with according to Law.

Commencement of Act.

L. And be it enacted, That this Act shall commence and take Effect with regard to the Regulations concerning the Poor, and the said Three Parishes be held as united to the Effect aforesaid, from the First of *January* One thousand eight hundred and seventeen, from which Period the Maintenance of the Poor is to be a joint Burden on the Three Parishes; and that on the Third *Tuesday* after passing this Act, a General Meeting shall be

be held, Intimation being given thereof from the Pulpits of the Churches of the ſaid Three United Pariſhes for the Purpoſe of examining the Liſts of Poor that may have been prepared, and Aſſeſſments that may have been made in the ſeveral Pariſhes for their Maintenance, with Power to alter, diminiſh, or increaſe the ſame as may appear neceſſary, and ſo to regulate Matters that from the ſaid Firſt of *January* One thouſand eight hundred and ſeventeen, the Maintenance of the Poor ſhall fall jointly on the ſaid Three Pariſhes.

Recovery of Penalty and Expences.

LI. And be it enacted, That the ſaid Penalty and Expences may be ſued for by the Overſeers for the Poor, or their Collector, before the ſame Judges, and recovered in the ſame Manner as the other Penalties by this Act impoſed are appointed to be ſued for and recovered.

Former Acts continued.

LII. And be it enacted, That the ſaid recited Acts, in ſo far as not altered by this Act, ſhall ſubſiſt and continue for the Purpoſes of the ſaid recited Acts and this Act.

Expence of this Act.

LIII. And be it enacted, That the Expences of applying for, obtaining, and paſſing this preſent Act, ſhall be defrayed out of any of the Monies levied or to be levied in virtue of the ſaid Acts or of this Act.

Appeal to Quarter Seſſions.

LIV. And be it enacted, That if any Perſon or Perſons ſhall think himſelf, herſelf, or themſelves aggrieved by any Thing done in purſuance of the ſaid recited Acts or of this Act, or by any Rule, Order, or Bye-Law to be made in purſuance thereof, it ſhall and may be lawful to and for ſuch Perſon or Perſons to appeal therefrom, to the Juſtices of the Peace of the ſaid County of *Renfrew*, in Quarter Seſſions aſſembled: Provided, that ſuch Appeal be lodged with the Clerk of the Peace for the ſaid County within Ten Days after the Matter thereof ſhall have ariſen, of which legal Notice ſhall be given to the Defender or Defenders and the Judgement of the ſaid Juſtices of the Peace in Quarter Seſſions aſſembled, upon ſuch Appeals, ſhall be final and concluſive, without being ſubject to Advocation, Suſpenſion, or Reduction, or to any Stay or Challenge by other Proceſs of the Law whatſoever.

Sheriffs, &c. to aſſiſt in putting this Act into Execution.

LV. And be it enacted, That all Sheriffs and Juſtices of the Peace, Magiſtrates, with their Officers, Meſſengers at Arms, and all other Officers of the Law whatſoever, and every of them, are hereby required to be aiding and aſſiſting in putting this Act into due and effectual Execution.

Public Act.

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

SCHEDULES

SCHEDULES to which the Act refers.

SCHEDULE (A.)

Additional Rates on Shipping ſailing from or arriving at the Harbours of Greenock, and to or from Foreign Parts.

For all Veſſels trading betwixt Foreign Parts and the Port of Greenock, and belonging to the Subjects of Great Britain or Ireland, or the Britiſh Plantations, at each Time each Veſſel ſhall be entered inwards or cleared outwards, Two-pence *per* Ton.

And if belonging to the Subjects of any Foreign Prince, State, City, or Town, at each Time each Veſſel ſhall be entered inwards or cleared outwards, Four-pence *per* Ton.

SCHEDULE (B.)

Rates to be paid in Name of Shed Dues on all Goods, Wares, and Merchandize imported, exported, or brought or carried Coaſtways to or from the Port of Greenock, both at reporting inwards and clearing outwards.

Hogſheads of Sugar, Copperas, Earthenware, Oats, &c. Butts, Pipes, and all Packages of the Size of One Ton, of Forty Feet and upwards, Two-pence Halfpenny ſterling.

Tierces of Sugar, Coffee, Rice, and Puncheons of Rum, Oil, &c. and Bales of Carpeting, and all Packages of the Size of a Puncheon, Two-pence ſterling.

Bales of Cotton, ſquare or round, of the Size from the Weſt Indies or States of America, Crates of Earthenware, Six-piece Bales of Bagging or Oſnaburghs, bottled Liquor, Caſks of a Size from Nine Dozen to a Puncheon, Bales of Wool, Woollen or any Package of ſimilar Size, One Penny Halfpenny ſterling.

Hogſheads, Rum, Porter, Flaxſeed, Pot Aſhes, Barrels, Bales, Brazil Cotton, Four-piece Bales of Bagging or Oſnaburghs, Cheſts Fruit, Boxes, Trunks dry Goods, Caſks, Bags, or other Packages of a greater Size than One Barrel Bulk, One Penny ſterling.

Barrels Sugar, Coffee, Flour, Tar, Turpentine, &c. Boxes and Trunks dry Goods, Bags of Coffee, Pimento, Bread, &c. Boxes Fruit, and all other Packages of the Size of a Barrel, One Halfpenny ſterling.

Half Barrels, Seroons, Soap and Candle Boxes, Nail and Paint Kegs, Oil Jars, looſe Pieces of cotton Bagging or Oſnaburghs, and all ſuch Packages, One Farthing ſterling.

Iron and Iron-ware, Lead, Die Woods, Lignum-vitæ, Mahogany, &c. *per* Ton, Three-pence ſterling.

Hides, dry and ſalted, *per* Hundred, Sixpence ſterling.

Salted Proviſions and Herrings *per* Barrel, at Import One Farthing ſterling, at Export One Halfpenny ſterling.

Staves, Pipe, *per* Hundred, *viz. per* 120, Four-pence ſterling.
—— Hogſhead, *per* Do. Two-pence ſterling.
—— Barrel, *per* Do. One Penny ſterling.
Lathwood *per* Fathom Two-pence ſterling.
Handſpokes *per* Dozen One Halfpenny ſterling.
All other Articles not enumerated above to pay at the Rate of One Halfpenny ſterling *per* Barrel Bulk.
All Goods Coaſtways and by the River to pay One Half of the above Rates.
Grain and Oatmeal at Import free.
Salt for the Fiſheries at Import free.
Salt and Tree, and every Requiſite at Outfit of Herring Buſhes, free.
All Proviſions, &c. for Ship's Uſe, included in Victualling Bills, free.

SCHEDULE (C.)

Rates for defraying the Expence of, and encloſing the Piers, Quays, and Breaſts of Greenock, and ſupporting a Harbour Police.

All Ships and Veſſels employed on Foreign Voyages, both at clearing outwards and entering inwards, to pay One Halfpenny ſterling *per* Ton.
All Ships and Veſſels plying in the Coaſting Trade, both at clearing outwards and reporting inwards, to pay One Farthing ſterling *per* Ton.
All Packets and all Veſſels employed in the River Trade, including Lighters and Steam Boats, to pay Three Halfpence ſterling *per* Ton *per Annum ;* but ſhould they ply for leſs than the whole Year, no Abatement is to be made.
All Goods, Wares, and Merchandize imported from or exported to Foreign Parts, to pay at Import and at Export, for each Barrel Bulk, at the Rate of One Farthing ſterling.
All Goods, Wares, and Merchandize carried Coaſtways, or by the Canal or River, to or from the Port of *Greenock*, to pay at the Rate of One-eighth of a Penny ſterling on each Barrel Bulk.

SCHEDULE (D.)

Rates to be paid for Water to Shipping.

For each Perſon compoſing the Crew of Shipping employed in trading to Foreign Parts, reckoning One Man or Boy for every Fifteen Tons Regiſter of ſuch Ship or Veſſel, One Shilling ſterling.
For every extra Seaman or Paſſenger, One Shilling ſterling.
Veſſels employed in the Coaſting Trade, One Half of theſe Rates.

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