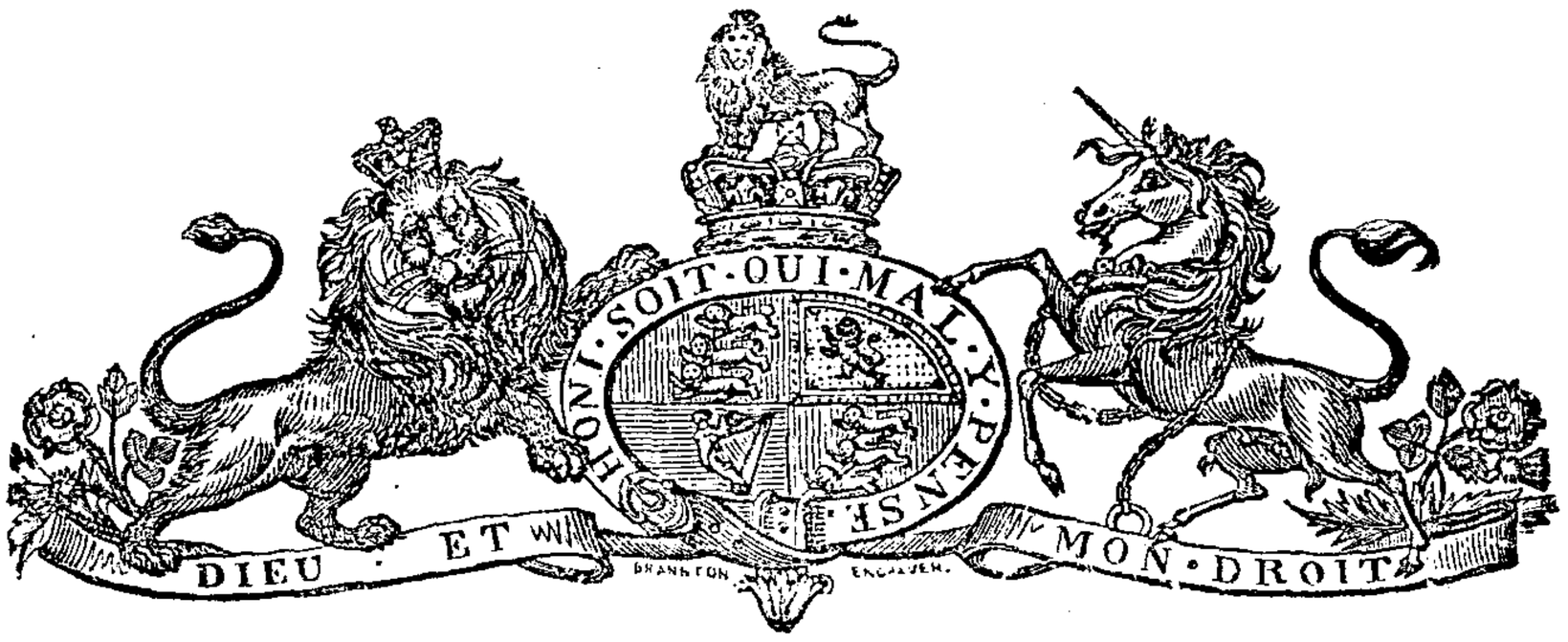


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be paid off, or the Interest thereof kept under, unless further Powers are granted, and the Term limited by the firstly-recited Act be further continued: And whereas it is expedient that the said recited Acts should be repealed, and that further and more effectual Powers should be granted in lieu thereof, but the same cannot be effected without the Authority of Parliament: May it therefore please Your Majesty that it may be enacted; and be it enacted by the Queen'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,

Recited Acts repealed, and this Act to take effect.

I. That upon the Thirty-first Day of *October* next after the passing of this Act the said recited Acts of the Fourth and Fifth Years of the Reign of His Majesty King *George* the Fourth shall be repealed, and that this Act shall thereafter be put into execution during the Term and for the Purposes herein-after mentioned.

Short Title.

II. That the Short Title of this Act shall be "The *Haw Bridge* Act, 1852," which Short Title shall be a sufficient Description of this Act in all Documents and for all Purposes.

Monies and Property to vest in the new Trustees.

III. That all Rents, Arrears of Tolls, and other Money due, and the said Bridge, and all Real and Personal Property, Books, Accounts, Papers, Writings, or other Things, and all Choses in Action, vested in or belonging to the Trustees under the said recited Acts, shall immediately on the Commencement of this Act be vested in and belong to the Trustees for executing this Act; and such last-mentioned Trustees may sue for and recover the same and act in respect thereof as effectually as if the same had been vested in and belonged to them under the said recited Acts, and they shall be liable to all the Mortgages, Debts, and Engagements to which the Trustees under the said recited Acts were liable at the Repeal thereof.

Appointment of Trustees.

IV. That all Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the Time being respectively acting for the County of *Gloucester*, together with *William George Addison* Clerk, *Henry Adams Sergison Attwood* Clerk, *Thomas Arkell*, *Joseph Barnard*, *Edward Barnes*, *Robert Biddulph*, *Edwin Clarke*, *John Crump*, *James Boodle*, *Thomas Davis*, *Thomas Fulljames*, *James Fisher*, *William Gyde*, *James Agg Gardner*, *John Foster Giles*, *William Henry Hyett*, *Joseph Frederick Hone* Clerk, *Thomas Hopkins* (*Haw*), *Thomas Healing*, *Thomas Hopkins*, (*Tirley*), *Robert Fitzhardinge Jenner Baynham Jones*, *James Lovett*, *John Lane*, *George Russell*, *John Packwood*, *Henry Eustatius Strickland*, *Hugh Edwin Strickland*, *Joseph Cooper Straford*, *Thomas Alfred Strickland*

Strickland Clerk, *James Sevier* Clerk, *William Slatter* Clerk, *Samuel Shedden*, and *Joseph Yorke*, and their Successors, being duly qualified to act as Trustees of Turnpike Roads in *England*, shall be Trustees for putting this Act into execution.

Power to appoint additional Trustees.

V. That it shall be lawful for the said Trustees from Time to Time, at any Meeting under this Act, to elect any Number of Persons, they having been proposed and seconded as such at a previous Meeting of the Trustees, and duly qualified to act as Trustees of Turnpike Roads in *England*, not exceeding Five in the whole, to be Trustees for the Purposes of this Act, in addition to the Trustees hereby nominated, and such Trustees so elected shall have the same Powers and Authorities for executing this Act as if they had been hereby appointed.

First Meeting of Trustees.

VI. That the said Trustees shall hold their First Meeting at the public Offices in *Cheltenham* or at some other convenient Place in *Cheltenham* aforesaid or in the Neighbourhood of the said Bridge on the Third Day of *November* One thousand eight hundred and fifty-two, and shall then, and from Time to Time thereafter, adjourn to and meet at such Time, and at the said public Offices in *Cheltenham* aforesaid, or some other convenient Place in *Cheltenham* aforesaid or in the Neighbourhood of the said Bridge, as they shall think proper.

Power to appoint Committees.

VII. That the said Trustees may appoint Committees out of their own Number to take the Care and Management of the said Bridge and the Approaches thereto, or to execute any of the Purposes of this Act, according to such Instructions and Regulations as shall be laid down by the said Trustees at any General or Special Meeting; and the said Committees may proceed and act according to such Appointment, but shall always be accountable according to the Instructions and Regulations so to be made or laid down.

Application of Act.

VIII. That this Act shall be put into execution for the Purpose of more effectually improving, maintaining, and keeping in repair the Bridge over the River *Severn* at or near the *Haw Passage*, in the County of *Gloucester*, and the Approaches thereto; and such Approaches shall consist of the present Turnpike Road for the Distance of One hundred Yards from the Eastern Pier of the said Bridge towards *Apperley Hill* in the Parish of *Deerhurst*, and for the Distance of One hundred Yards from the Western Pier of the said Bridge towards *Tirley Pitch* in the Parish of *Tirley*; and the Provisions of all or any Public General Acts or Act relating to Turnpike Roads in *England* for the Time being in force shall, subject to the Provisions of this Act, and so far as they may be applicable, be in force with respect

respect to the said Bridge and Approaches, in like Manner as they are or shall be in force with respect to any Turnpike Road.

Provision as to Maintenance of Bridge, and Payment of Toll.

IX. Whereas the said Bridge has been long since built, in conformity with the Provisions of the said recited Acts: Be it enacted, That the said Bridge shall be supported and maintained at its present Dimensions, and shall during the Term limited by this Act be and remain a public Bridge, and all Persons, Horses, Cattle, and Carriages shall have free Liberty (upon Payment of the respective Tolls herein-after granted) to pass over the same, without any Hindrance or Interruption of or by any Person or Persons whomsoever.

Trustees authorized to repair Bridge from Time to Time.

X. That it shall be lawful for the Trustees and they are hereby authorized and empowered, by Contract or otherwise, to cause the said Bridge and the Toll House and Causeways thereon to be from Time to Time supported, maintained, and kept in good Repair; and for the Purposes of such Repair the said Trustees are hereby authorized and empowered to cause any Shelves or other Obstructions in the River *Severn* to be removed, and all Beds of Gravel, Sand, Mud, or other Impediment to be taken away, and the Banks of the said River adjoining the said Bridge, and for the Repairs thereof, to be dug and cut in such Manner as they shall judge necessary and proper, and from Time to Time to do or cause to be done all other Things necessary and proper for supporting and maintaining the said Bridge, Toll House, and Causeways: Provided always, that, in order that the Current of the said River and the Navigation thereof may not be hindered or obstructed, the Number of Piles to be driven in the Bed of the said River for the Purpose of such Repair shall not be more than shall be absolutely necessary for the Support of the said Bridge and the Works thereto belonging: Provided also, that all Works in the said River and for repairing the said Bridge shall be carried on under the Sanction and subject to the Control of the Commissioners for executing the Office of Lord High Admiral, and shall be only carried on in such Manner as shall be previously approved of by the said Commissioners by Writing under the Hand of the Secretary of the Admiralty.

Materials may be procured and brought for Repair of Bridge.

XI. That it shall be lawful for the Trustees, from Time to Time and at all Times, at their Will and Pleasure, to bring, place, lay, work, and use any Timber, Stone, Brick, Lime, or other Materials for repairing or rebuilding the said Bridge, in, upon, through, and over any Common or Waste Grounds within One hundred Yards of the said Bridge, without making any Recompence for so doing, and also in, upon, through, and over any private Lands or Grounds within

within One hundred Yards of the said Bridge, doing as little Damage as may be, and making Satisfaction for such Damage to the Owners and Occupiers of such Lands or Grounds; and that in case of Dispute about the Quantum of Damage the same shall be settled in like Manner as any Dispute of the like Nature can be settled by virtue of any Public General Act for the Time being in force for regulating Turnpike Roads in *England*.

Certain Works not to be executed without Consent of the Admiralty.

XII. That it shall not be lawful for the Trustees to construct any Work in the River *Severn* without the previous Consent of the Lord High Admiral of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland* or the Commissioners for executing the Office of Lord High Admiral aforesaid for the Time being, to be signified in Writing under the Hand of the Secretary of the Admiralty, and then only according to such Plan and under such Restrictions and Regulations as the said Lord High Admiral or the said Commissioners for executing the Office of Lord High Admiral may approve, such Approval being signified as last aforesaid; and where any such Work shall have been constructed it shall not be lawful for the Trustees at any Time to alter or extend the same without obtaining previously to making any such Alteration or Extension the like Consent or Approval; and if any such Work shall be commenced or completed contrary to the Provisions of this Act, it shall be lawful for the said Lord High Admiral or the said Commissioners for executing the Office of Lord High Admiral to abate, alter, and remove the same, and to restore the Site thereof to its former Condition, at the Cost and Charge of the Trustees, and the Amount thereof shall be a Debt due to the Crown, and be recoverable accordingly, with Costs of Suit.

Admiralty may order a local Survey.

XIII. That if at any Time or Times the Lord High Admiral of the United Kingdom or the Commissioners for executing the Office of Lord High Admiral shall deem it expedient to order a local Survey and Examination of any Works executed or to be executed by the Trustees which affect the said River *Severn*, or of the intended Site thereof, the Trustees shall defray the Costs of such local Survey and Examination, and the Amount thereof shall be a Debt due to Her Majesty from the Trustees, and if not paid upon Demand may be recovered as a Debt due to the Crown, with the Costs of Suit, or may be recovered, with Costs, as a Penalty is or may be recoverable from the Trustees.

If Bridge should be abandoned, &c., Admiralty to re-

XIV. That if the said Bridge over the said River *Severn*, or any Work which may be constructed by the Trustees affecting such River or any Portion thereof, or the Access thereto, shall be abandoned or suffered

move or restore the same at Expense of Trustees.

suffered to fall into Disuse or Decay, it shall be lawful for the Lord High Admiral of the Commissioners for executing the Office of Lord High Admiral to abate and remove the same, or such Part or Parts thereof as he or they may at any Time or Times deem fit and proper, and to restore the Site thereof to its former Condition, at the Cost and Charge of the Trustees, and the Amount thereof shall be a Debt due from the Trustees to the Crown, and be recoverable accordingly, with Costs of Suit.

Penalty for drawing Ropesacross the Bridge.

XV. That no Person shall draw, place, or lay, or cause or procure to be drawn, placed or laid, whether by any Horse or other Animal, or otherwise, any Towing Rope or other Rope, or any Chain or other like Material, across the said Bridge or either of the Approaches thereto, or any Part thereof respectively, whether for the Purpose of towing or hauling any Boat, Barge, or other Vessel, or for any other Purpose whatsoever, so as in any Manner to obstruct or impede the free Passage over or along the said Bridge and the Approaches thereto; and every Person so offending shall for every such Offence forfeit and pay a Penalty not exceeding Five Pounds, to be recovered in like Manner as any Penalty under this Act may be recovered.

Bridge not to be a County Bridge.

XVI. That the said Bridge shall not during the Continuance of the Term herein-after limited be adjudged or taken to be a County Bridge, or to subject the County of *Gloucester* to the repairing, amending, or supporting the same, any Law or Statute to the contrary notwithstanding.

Restrictions respecting Causeways between Severn and Apperley Hill and Tirley Pitch.

XVII. That it shall not be lawful for the said Trustees, under any Pretence, to cause any Causeway, Road, or Embankment upon or near the said Approaches to be raised or formed above the present Level of the Bank on each Side of the said River contiguous to the Place where the said Bridge has been erected, unless over the Culverts and Arches, and upon the Approaches to such Culverts and Arches; and where any Causeway, Road, or Embankment shall be raised above the Level of the present Road, the same shall, so far as the same can in any respect affect the Passage of the Water, be raised to the Satisfaction of some competent Civil Engineer to be for that Purpose nominated and appointed as Engineer on behalf of the Owners and Occupiers of Land lying contiguous to the Rivers *Severn* and *Avon;* and that all such Arches, Culverts, Openings, Floodgates, Ditches, Drains, and Watercourses in or adjoining to the Causeways, Roads, or Embankments formed and erected or to be formed and erected under the Powers of this Act, and in, adjoining, or leading to the Banks of the River *Severn*, as by the said Engineer shall be required as expedient and proper for ensuring

ensuring the free Passage of the Waters by which the Lands on the Banks of the Rivers *Severn* and *Avon* are liable to be inundated, shall be made and formed by the said Trustees to the entire Approbation of the said Engineer; and all Costs, Charges, and Expenses incident to or attending the making and forming such Works, and the maintaining and keeping the same in repair, and also the Compensation to be paid to the said Engineer for his Trouble therein, shall be wholly defrayed and paid by the said Trustees, and shall be deemed Part of the Costs and Charges of carrying this Act into execution: Provided that nothing herein contained shall extend to authorize or empower the said Engineer to prevent the said Trustees from raising any of the said Causeways, Roads, or Embankments to the Level herein-before mentioned, in case they shall choose so to do; nor shall the said Engineer be empowered to cause any of the present Causeways or Embankments near or adjoining to the said River *Severn* above or below the Place where the said Bridge is erected to be removed.

Additional Arches, &c. to be made, in order to keep the Waters within the Embankments.

XVIII. Provided always, That if it shall at any Time hereafter appear that such Measures and Precautions are ineffectual or insufficient, and that by means or in consequence of the damming-up or obstructing of the Floods by such Causeways, Roads, and Embankments, or any of them, the Waters for the whole Distance of One hundred Yards above such Causeways, Roads, and Embankments shall be raised and kept up to a Level of Four Inches at the least higher than the Level of the Waters below such Causeways, Roads, and Embankments, or any of them, then and in every such Case, and when and so often as such Effect shall be proved to have been produced otherwise than by any sudden or unavoidable Cause, or by means of the Removal of any ancient Causeways or Embankments above the said Bridge, the said Trustees shall and they are hereby required, as soon as may be, out of the Monies to be raised by virtue of this Act, to cause such additional Arches, Culverts, Openings, Floodgates, Ditches, Drains, and Watercourses to be erected, made, cut, formed, and maintained in and about the said Causeways, Roads, and Embankments, and in and about the Banks of the River *Severn* adjoining or near to the said Bridge, as shall be fully sufficient to ensure the Passage of all such Waters and Floods with as little Obstruction as possible, and to preserve the Level of the Waters above the said Causeways, Roads, and Embankments at any One Point within the Distance of One hundred Yards thereof within Four Inches of the Level of the Waters at any One Point within One hundred Yards below the same.

Present Tolls continued for a Term.

XIX. That, notwithstanding the Repeal of the said recited Acts, the several Tolls thereby granted and made payable shall continue to be

be paid at the Toll Gate to be continued on or on the Side of the said Bridge and at the *Apperley Chain* until and inclusive of the Thirtieth Day of *November* One thousand eight hundred and fifty-two.

Power to take Tolls at the Bridge.

XX. That upon and after the First Day of *December* One thousand eight hundred and fifty-two it shall be lawful for the said Trustees, or their Renter or Collector, to demand and take, for or in respect of the said Bridge or at the *Apperley Chain*, before any Person on Foot, or any Horse, Cattle, Dog, Goat, or Carriage, shall be permitted to pass on or over the said Bridge or through the said Chain, such Tolls as they at any of their Meetings shall direct, not exceeding the respective Sums following; (that is to say,)

For every Coach, Chariot, Chaise, Hearse, or other such like Carriage with Four Wheels, One Shilling; and for every Horse or other Beast drawing the same, Sixpence:

For every Chaise, Chair, or other such like Carriage with Two Wheels, Sixpence; and for every Horse or other Beast drawing the same, Sixpence:

For every Waggon, Wain, or Dray, or other like Carriage with Four Wheels, One Shilling; and for every Horse or other Beast drawing the same, Sixpence:

For every Cart, Dray, or other such like Carriage with Two Wheels, Sixpence; and for every Horse or other Beast drawing the same, Sixpence:

For every Dog or Goat drawing any Truck, Cart, or other Vehicle, One Penny:

For every Horse, Mare, Gelding, Mule, or Ass, laden or unladen, and not drawing, Threepence:

For every Score of Oxen, Cows, or Neat Cattle, Two Shillings and Sixpence, and so in proportion for any greater or less Number:

For every Score of Calves, Hogs, Sheep, or Lambs, One Shilling and Eightpence, and so in proportion for any greater or less Number:

For every Person conveyed in any Vehicle of any Description, or riding on any Horse, Mule, Ass, or other Animal, over the Bridge, One Halfpenny:

And for every Foot Passenger passing over the Bridge, One Penny.

Carriages, &c. may pass and return over the Bridge on the same Day for One Toll.

XXI. Provided always, That every Coach, Chariot, Hearse, Chaise, Chair, Waggon, Wain, Cart, Truck, or other Vehicle whatsoever, and the Horses and other Beasts drawing such Carriages respectively, and also all and every Horse, Mule, and Ass, laden or unladen, and not drawing, and also all Oxen, Cows, and Neat Cattle, Calves, Hogs, Sheep, and

and Lambs, for which the Tolls hereby granted shall have been paid at the said Bridge, shall be allowed to pass over the said Bridge and through the said Chain and return once in the same Day, to be computed from Twelve of the Clock at Night to Twelve of the Clock of the succeeding Night, without being chargeable with the Payment of more than One Toll at the said Bridge or Chain, the respective Persons attending such Carriages, Horses, or other Beasts or Cattle, as aforesaid, producing a Ticket denoting such Payment, which Ticket the Collector of the said Tolls at the said Bridge or Chain is hereby required to give, on Receipt of the Toll; but all Foot Passengers and Persons conveyed or riding as aforesaid shall be subject and liable to the Payment of Toll for every Time they shall pass or return over the said Bridge, but shall not be chargeable with Toll at the said Chain.

Stage Coaches to pay each Time of passing.

XXII. That all Horses or other Beasts drawing any Stage Coach, or any Stage Waggon, Van, Caravan, Cart, Chaise, or other Stage or other Carriage, carrying Passengers or Goods for Payment, Hire, or Reward, for which Toll shall have been paid, and which shall return on the same Day over or through the said Bridge, shall be again chargeable with Toll for repassing over or through such Bridge in like Manner as if no Toll had been before paid thereat; and that the Toll hereby made payable shall be paid for or in respect of all Horses or other Beasts drawing any Postchaise or other Carriage travelling for Hire for every Time of passing and repassing over or through the said Bridge on the same Day with a Ticket denoting a fresh Hiring.

Fresh Toll to be payable on every Change of Carriage.

XXIII. That the Tolls hereby made payable shall be paid for all Horses, Beasts, Animals, or Cattle drawing any Carriage or other Vehicle as often as such Carriage or other Vehicle shall be changed, in the same Manner as if no previous Payment of Toll in respect of such Horses, Beasts, Animals, or Cattle had been made on the same Day.

No Ferry to be used within a certain Distance of the Bridge.

XXIV. That no Ferry shall be set up or used by any Person or Persons across the said River *Severn* within the ancient Limits of the Ferry now or formerly called the *Haw Passage*, and if any Person or Persons (except the said Trustees, or other Person or Persons acting under their Authority,) shall use any Boat, Barge, or other Vessel in ferrying or conveying any Carriages or Cattle, or Person or Persons, Goods, Wares, or Merchandizes, or other Things, for Hire across the said River within the Distance aforesaid, not being the Owner or Owners, Occupier or Occupiers of the Land on each Side of the said River where

such Boat, Barge, or other Vessel shall be used, every Person or Persons so offending shall for every such Offence forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Five Pounds.

Ferry to be provided in case the Bridge shall become impassable.

XXV. Provided always, That in case the said Bridge shall at any Time become impassable or unsafe for Travellers and Carriages, it shall be lawful for the said Trustees and they are hereby required, during all such Time as the said Bridge and Roads shall be impassable or unsafe as aforesaid, to provide a proper and convenient Ferry for the Passage of Carriages, Cattle, Horses, and Foot Passengers over the said River, as near to the said Bridge as conveniently may be; and it shall be lawful for the Collector of the Tolls to demand, collect, and receive, for the Passage of such Carriages, Cattle, Horses, and Foot Passengers over the said Ferry, before the same shall be permitted to pass, the like Tolls as shall for the Time being be payable for passing over the said Bridge.

Existing Leases of Tolls continued.

XXVI. That any Leases of the Tolls authorized to be taken on the said Bridge and Roads which shall be in force at the Time when this Act comes into operation shall be good and valid and continue in force as if the recited Act had not been repealed, but had continued in force until after the Time when such Lease shall expire: Provided always, that on and after the First Day of *December* One thousand eight hundred and fifty-two the Tolls which shall be taken shall, notwithstanding the said Lease, be the Tolls authorized to be taken by or under the Authority of this Act, and no other.

As to future borrowing.

XXVII. That it shall not be lawful for the Trustees to borrow any Money on Mortgage of the Tolls, except for the Purpose of raising the Means for repairing the said Bridge or Approaches, or the Arches or Culverts thereunder; and it shall not be lawful for the Trustees to borrow any Money on Mortgage of the Tolls, for the Purpose aforesaid, without the Consent of One of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State.

Mortgagees not to take possession for Payment, but for Arrear of Interest.

XXVIII. That whenever and so long as Interest upon all existing Mortgages made under the Powers of the said recited Acts or either of them shall be duly paid, at the Rate herein-after mentioned, within Three Calendar Months next after the same shall become due, no Holder of any Mortgage of the Tolls collected upon the said Bridge shall be entitled to enter into possession of the Toll Gate, Toll House, or Buildings upon the said Bridge or the *Apperley Chain*, or into the Receipt of the Tolls collected thereat, or of the Rent payable upon any Letting of such Tolls; and every Mortgagee entering into possession of such

such Toll Gate or Chain, Toll House, or Buildings, or into the Receipt of such Tolls or Rent, shall pay the Interest from Time to Time becoming due at the Rate herein-after mentioned upon all the said existing Mortgages, without any Priority or Preference, and may also reimburse himself any Costs to which he may be entitled; and every such Mortgagee so being in possession or receipt as aforesaid shall, within Twenty-one Days next after each of the half-yearly Days whereon the Interest on such existing Mortgages shall be payable, render to the Clerk to the said Trustees for the Time being a full and true Account of his Receipts and Expenditure while so in possession or receipt as aforesaid, with proper Vouchers for the same; and if it shall appear by any such Account that the Interest due at the Rate herein-after mentioned on such Mortgages up to the last of such half-yearly Days, and all such Costs as aforesaid, have been fully paid and satisfied, then such Mortgagee shall, when thereunto required by the said Trustees, pay over to their Treasurer the Balance (if any) remaining in his Hands, and deliver up Possession of the said Toll Gate and Chain, Toll Houses and Buildings, and the Receipt of the said Tolls and of any such Rent as aforesaid, to the said Trustees, or any Person appointed by them to receive the same, anything in this Act, or in any Statute or Law in force relating to Turnpike Roads in *England*, to the contrary notwithstanding.

Application of Monies.

XXIX. That all Monies which shall come to the Hands of the Trustees by virtue of the said recited Acts or this Act, or any General Act relating to Turnpike Roads, shall be applied as follows; that is to say,

First, in paying and discharging the Expenses of obtaining and passing this Act or incident thereto:

Secondly, in defraying the necessary Expenses of repairing and painting the said Bridge, and of keeping in repair the Approaches thereto, and all Culverts and Arches under such Approaches, and all Toll Gates, Chains, and Toll Houses of the Trustees, and in paying the Salaries of the Officers appointed by the Trustees, and all Law Expenses incurred by the Trustees, and all necessary Expenses of Management of the said Bridge and Approaches; all such Expenses and Salaries not to exceed in the aggregate the Sum of Thirty-five Pounds *per Annum* beyond the Amount of Costs and Expenses incurred for or by reason of Conveyances or Mortgages, or Actions or Indictments, and beyond the Cost of repairing any Injury or Accident to the said Bridge, or the Culverts or Arches of the said Approaches, where the Cost of such Repair will exceed the Sum of Five Pounds:

Thirdly,

Thirdly, in paying Interest now due, and Interest at the Rate of Three Pounds *per Centum per Annum* hereafter to accrue, on the Sum of Three thousand two hundred and seventy-five Pounds due on Mortgage of the Tolls, and after such Interest, and all Arrears thereof for the Time being, shall have been fully paid and satisfied, then in paying Interest on such other Mortgages as may hereafter be granted by the Trustees consistently with the Provisions of this Act:

Fourthly, in reducing, paying off, and discharging the said Principal Sum of Three thousand two hundred and seventy-five Pounds by Instalments of not less than One hundred and fifty Pounds each, and after Payment thereof in reducing, paying off, and discharging, in manner herein-after mentioned, such other Principal Sums (if any) as may hereafter be borrowed on Mortgage of the Tolls, consistently with the Provisions of this Act:

Fifthly, in paying off and redeeming, without Interest, the Subscriptions or Shares, amounting in the aggregate to Twenty thousand nine hundred and eighty-two Pounds Ten Shillings, advanced or created for constructing the said Bridge and Approaches and other the Roads authorized to be made under the Provisions of the said repealed Acts.

As to Mode of discharging Debt.

XXX. That when and so often as the Sum applicable to the Discharge of the Principal Monies for the Time being due on Mortgage of the Tolls (other than the said Sum of Three thousand two hundred and seventy-five Pounds), or applicable to the Payment of the said subscribed Sum of Twenty thousand nine hundred and eighty-two Pounds Ten Shillings, shall amount to the Sum of One hundred and fifty Pounds, the Trustees shall, at any general annual or other Meeting, apply such Sum in Payment of a proportionate Part of the said Principal Monies or subscribed Sum to the Persons entitled thereto, and shall, Twenty-eight Days at least before such general annual or other Meeting, cause Notice to be given of such Meeting and of the Purposes thereof, so far as the same relate to the Application of such Sum, in some Newspaper published in the County of *Gloucester*, or by Letter addressed to each such Person; and at such Meeting the Trustees shall apply such Sum or a Portion thereof (as the Case may require) in or towards the Discharge of such Principal Monies or such subscribed Sum to the Mortgagee or Shareholder who shall, by Proposal in Writing transmitted to the Clerk of the Trustees before or at such Meeting, have offered to accept the lowest Composition in respect of the Principal Money or Sum due to him, and after Payment of such Mortgagee or Shareholder as aforesaid shall apply the Surplus (if any) of such Sum, or a Portion thereof, as

as the Case may require, in or towards the further Discharge of such Principal Monies or subscribed Sum to the Mortgagee or Shareholder who, by Proposal as aforesaid, shall have offered to accept the next lowest Composition in respect of the Principal Monies or Sum due to him, and so in like Manner until the Sum applicable to such Payments shall be exhausted; and if and whenever Two or more Mortgagees or Shareholders by such Proposal as aforesaid shall have offered to accept an equal Rate of Composition, it shall be lawful for the Trustees to determine by Lot the Preference between or amongst such Mortgagees or Shareholders, or to pay such Composition rateably between or amongst such Mortgagees or Shareholders, as the Trustees think fit; and if there be no such Proposal as aforesaid, or if there be any Surplus of the Sum applicable to such Payments, after applying the same, so far as may be necessary, in or towards the Discharge of the Monies to which any such Proposals relate, the Trustees may apply the Sum applicable to such Payments, or the Surplus thereof, (as the Case may be,) rateably amongst the Mortgagees or Shareholders, or may pay the same to such of them as may be determined by Lot, as the Trustees think fit: Provided always, that nothing herein-before contained shall authorize the Shareholders or other Persons entitled to the said subscribed Sum of Twenty thousand nine hundred and eighty-two Pounds and Ten Shillings, or any Part thereof, to be paid the Money due to them in respect thereof until all Mortgages shall have been discharged.

Roads not exempted from Provisions of future General Acts.

XXXI. That nothing in this Act contained shall be deemed to exempt the said Bridge or Approaches from the Provisions of any General Act relating to the Consolidation or other improved Management or Arrangement of Turnpike Roads which may pass during the present or any future Session of Parliament, or from the Provisions of any such Act now in force, except so far as any such last-mentioned Provisions may be expressly varied by this Act.

Interpretation of Terms.

XXXII. That in this Act the following Words and Expressions shall have the several Meanings hereby assigned to them, unless there be something in the Subject or Context repugnant to such Construction; that is to say,

The Expression "the Trustees" or "the said Trustees" shall mean the Trustees for the Time being acting in execution of this Act:

The Word "Toll-gate" shall mean any Toll Gate, Turnpike Bar, or Chain set up and erected or to be set up and erected upon or across the said Bridge or Approaches:

The Word "Person" shall be understood to include "Corporation."

The Haw Bridge Act, 1852.

Term of Act.

XXXIII. That this Act shall commence on the Thirty-first Day of *October* next after the passing thereof, and shall continue in force for the Term of Thirty-one Years, and from thence to the End of the Session of Parliament which shall then next follow, unless the same shall in the meantime be made perpetual or continued for a further Term by another Act hereafter to be passed.

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