

ANNO QUINQUAGESIMO

GEORGII III. REGIS.

Cap. 75.

An Act to amend an Act of the Fourteenth Year of His present Majesty, for the better Regulation of Buildings and Party Walls, and for the more effectually preventing Mischiefs by Fire within the Cities of *London* and *Westminster*, by permitting *Johns'* Patent Tessera to be used in the Covering of Houses and Buildings within the Places therein mentioned. [18th *May* 1810.]

WHEREAS by an Act passed in the Fourteenth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled, *An Act for the further and better Regulation of Buildings and Party Walls, and for the more effectually preventing Mischiefs by Fire within the Cities of* London *and* Westminster, *and the Liberties thereof, and other the Parishes, Precincts, and Places within the Weekly Bills of Mortality, the Parishes of Saint* Mary-le-bon, Paddington, *Saint* Pancras, *and Saint* Luke *at* Chelsea, *in the County of* Middlesex; *and for indemnifying, under certain Conditions, Builders and other Persons against the Penalties to which they are or may be liable for erecting Buildings within the Limits aforesaid, contrary to Law*, it was amongst other Things enacted, That every Flat, Gutter, and Roof of every Building of the First, Second, Third, Fourth, or Fifth Rate or Class of Building (described in the said recited Act) which should be built after the Twenty-fourth Day of *June* then last, and every Turret, Dormer, and Lanthorn Light, or other Erection which should be placed in the Flat or Roof of any such Building. 14 G. 3. c. 78.

and every external Part of any Flat, Gutter, Roof, Turret, Dormer, and Lanthorn in any Building of the ſaid Firſt, Second, Third, Fourth, or Fifth Rate or Claſs of Building then built or which ſhould at any Time after the Time aforeſaid be ripped or uncovered, ſhould be covered with Glaſs, Copper, Lead, Tin, Slate, Tile, or artificial Stone, except the Doors, Door Frames, Windows, and Window Frames of ſuch Dormers, Turrets, Lanthorn Lights, or other Erections: And whereas ſince the paſſing of the ſaid recited Act, His Majeſty's Letters Patent under the Great Seal of *Great Britain*, bearing Date at *Weſtminſter* the Twenty-ſecond Day of *December* in the Year of Our Lord One thouſand eight hundred and ſix, have been granted to *Ambroſe Bowden Johns*, for his new-invented Compoſition called *Johns' Patent Teſſera*, compoſed of Limeſtone or any other Stone powdered, or Road Stuff, where Stone is made uſe of for repairing of Roads, and other Articles of a ſtony, ſandy, or calcareous Nature, with a ſufficient Addition of Tar or other Bitumenous Subſtances, mixed together by the Application of conſiderable Heat and powerful Machinery, and afterwards preſſed together and rolled into Sheets by Means of Rollers acting with great Preſſure, to be uſed in the Covering of Buildings: And whereas ſuch Compoſition has been found uſeful and ſafe for ſuch Purpoſes, and not liable to catch Fire, ſo as to communicate the ſame to any adjoining Premiſes: And whereas it is expedient to allow to be uſed in the Covering of Buildings the ſaid Compoſition called *Johns' Patent Teſſera*, as well as the ſeveral Articles mentioned in the ſaid Act of the Fourteenth Year of the Reign of His preſent Majeſty: 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 every Flat, Gutter, and Roof of every Building of the ſaid Firſt, Second, Third, Fourth, or Fifth Rate or Claſs of Building, and of every other Rate or Claſs of Building, and every Turret, Dormer, and Lanthorn Light, or other Erection which ſhall be placed in the Flat or Roof of any ſuch Building, and every external Part of any Flat, Gutter, Roof, Turret, Dormer, and Lanthorn, in any Building of the ſaid Firſt, Second, Third, Fourth, or Fifth Rate, or any other Rate or Claſs of Building now built or which ſhall at any Time hereafter be built within the ſeveral Places named in the ſaid recited Act, and every Coping, Cornice, Facia, Window-dreſſing, Portico, Balcony, Baluſtrade, or other external Decoration or Projection whatſoever, to any ſuch Buildings reſpectively, and alſo every Frontiſpiece to any Building of the ſaid Firſt Rate or any other Rate or Claſs of Building now built or hereafter to be built, or to any Addition or Enlargement of any ſuch Building, and every covered Way as ſhall or may hereafter be made to any Building, may be covered with the ſaid Compoſition called *Johns' Patent Teſſera*, or any or either of the ſaid ſeveral Articles or Materials mentioned and preſcribed in and by the ſaid recited Act, and the ſaid Compoſition called *Johns' Patent Teſſera* ſhall and may be uſed in like Manner as if the ſaid Material or Compoſition had been ſpecifically named and included in the ſaid Act among the Articles enumerated therein to be uſed for covering any ſuch Buildings; on each Sheet of which Teſſera ſo uſed, ſhall be ſtamped on the upper Side thereof in legible Characters the Words, "Teſſera licenſed to be uſed by Act of Parliament."

Permitting Teſſera to be uſed in the Covering of Buildings within the Bills of Mortality.

II. And be it further enacted, That the Teſſera to be uſed purſuant to this Act ſhall not contain a greater Quantity of Tar or other Bitumenous Subſtance, than is ſet out and deſcribed in the Specification of the ſaid Compoſition called *Johns' Patent Teſſera.*

Teſſera to be uſed, not to contain more than a certain Proportion of Bitumenous Subſtance.

III. And be it further enacted, That if any Perſon or Perſons ſhall make uſe of in the covering of any Flat, Gutter, or Roof of any ſuch Building, or of any Turret, Dormer, Lanthorn Light, or other Erection in the Flat or Roof of any ſuch Building, or any external Part of any Flat, Gutter, Roof, Turret, Dormer, or Lanthorn Light, or of any Coping, Cornice, Facia, Window-dreſſing, Portico, Balcony, Baluſtrade, or other external Decoration or Projection, or any Frontiſpiece to any ſuch Building, or any Addition or Enlargement thereto, or any covered Way belonging thereto, any Compoſition, Manufacture, or Mixture, as and for the Teſſera permitted to be uſed by this Act, then and in every ſuch Caſe every ſuch Perſon ſhall forfeit and pay for every ſuch Offence the Sum of One hundred Pounds, to be recovered with Treble Coſts of Suit by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint, or Information, in any of His Majeſty's Courts of Record at *Weſtminſter*, wherein no Eſſoin, Protection, or Wager of Law, or more than one Imparlance ſhall be allowed; One Moiety whereof ſhall be to the Uſe of the Poor of the Pariſh wherein the Offence was committed, and the other Moiety thereof to ſuch Perſon or Perſons as ſhall inform or ſue for the ſame; and every ſuch Perſon ſhall alſo be ſubject and liable to all and every the Penalties, Forfeitures, Reſtrictions, and Regulations impoſed by the ſaid recited Act of the Fourteenth Year of the Reign of His preſent Majeſty, on Perſons offending againſt the ſaid recited Act: Provided always, that no Action or Proſecution ſhall be brought or commenced againſt any Perſon or Perſons for any Penalty or Forfeiture inflicted or incurred by this Act, unleſs the ſame ſhall be commenced within Six Calendar Months next after ſuch Forfeiture ſhall have been incurred.

Puniſhing Perſons uſing Compoſition as Teſſera, for the Teſſera permitted to be uſed by the Act.

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

Public Act.

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