ANNO QUINQUAGESIMO QUINTO

GEORGII III. REGIS.

Cap. xlii.

An Act to amend and enlarge the Powers and Provisions of an Act of His present Majesty, for erecting a Court House and Prison for the Borough of *Leeds*, in the County of *York*, and other Purposes; to provide for the Expence of the Prosecution of Felons in certain Cases; and to establish a Police and Nightly Watch in the Town, Borough, and Neighbourhood of *Leeds* aforesaid.

[12th *May* 1815.]

WHEREAS an Act was passed in the Twenty-eighth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Second, intituled *An Act for enlightening the Streets and Lanes, and regulating the Pavements in the Town of* Leeds, *in the County of* York: And whereas another Act was passed in the Thirtieth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled *An Act for better supplying the Town and Neighbourhood of* Leeds, *in the County of* York, *with Water, and for more effectually lighting and cleansing the Streets and other Places within the said Town and Neighbourhood, and removing and preventing Nuisances, Annoyances, Encroachments, and Obstructions therein:* And whereas another Act was passed in the Forty-ninth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled *An Act to amend and enlarge the Powers of an Act passed in the Thirtieth Year of His present Majesty, for better supplying the Town and Neighbourhood*

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hood of Leeds, *in the County of* York, *with Water; and for more effectually lighting and cleanſing the Streets and other Places within the ſaid Town and Neighbourhood, and removing and preventing Nuiſances and Annoyances therein; and for erecting a Court Houſe and Priſon for the Borough of* Leeds; *and for widening and improving the Streets and Paſſages in the ſaid Town:* And whereas, in purſuance of the ſaid laſt herein-before recited Act, a Court Houſe, Conveniences, and Priſon have been erected, and in Part provided and furniſhed in the ſaid Town of *Leeds;* and for the Purpoſe of paying the Charges and Expences thereby incurred, the Whole of the Rate or Aſſeſſment of Fifteen-pence in the Pound, by the ſaid laſt-mentioned Act authorized to be raiſed, has been charged, levied, and collected; but the Monies ariſing thereby have proved inſufficient for the Purpoſes intended, and ſeveral Sums of Money are ſtill due and owing on account thereof, and cannot be paid off, nor can the ſaid Court Houſe, Conveniences, and Priſon be wholly completed, maintained in Repair, and lighted, cleanſed, and well regulated, nor can the ſeveral Purpoſes of the ſaid laſt-mentioned Act be carried into Execution, unleſs more Money is authorized to be raiſed, and the Powers and Proviſions of the ſame Act are amended, extended, and enlarged: And whereas from the ſmall and indequate Allowance made out of the County Rates to Proſecutors of Felons, bound by Recognizance for the Apprehenſion and Proſecution of ſuch Felons, and from Proſecutors of Perſons charged with Miſdemeanors and various other Offences not being by Law entitled to ſuch Allowance, and the Inability of ſuch Proſecutors to pay the neceſſary and unavoidable Expence of Proſecutions in ſuch Caſes, many dangerous Offenders eſcape Puniſhment; and it would therefore be of great Advantage to the Inhabitants of the ſaid Borough, and to the Public, if the Juſtices of the Peace for the ſaid Borough were empowered to make further Proviſion for the Expences of Proſecutions in certain Caſes: And whereas it would tend materially to inſure greater Security, and the more effectual Protection of the Perſons and Property of the Inhabitants of the Town and Borough of *Leeds*, and the Public in general, if the Magiſtrates of the ſaid Borough were empowered to appoint, ſupport, maintain, and protect a Chief Conſtable, with Deputies or Aſſiſtants, and Special Conſtables, from Time to Time, and upon any particular Emergency, and to make ſuch Rules, Orders and Regulations, as they may find neceſſary for the Preſervation of the Peace and good Order of the ſaid Town and Borough; and alſo to appoint, regulate, and order a ſufficient Number of nightly Watchmen in and for the ſaid Town and Neighbourhood of *Leeds;* and to provide ſuitable and proper Places for their Accommodation, and all Materials and neceſſary Apparatus for the due Execution of their Office; but which ſeveral Purpoſes 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 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 the Juſtices of the Peace acting for the ſaid Borough ſhall, and they are hereby authorized, empowered and required, at the Firſt General Quarter Seſſions of the Peace to be holden in and for the ſaid Borough after the paſſing of this Act, or at any Adjournment of ſuch Seſſions, or at any ſubſequent General Quarter Seſſions of the Peace to be holden in and for the ſaid Borough, or at any Adjournment thereof, to order and direct a Rate or Aſſeſſment to be made, laid, charged, and levied upon all the Occupiers of Meſſuages, Buildings,

Rate for completing the Court Houſe and Priſon, and for diſcharging Monies owing on account of the building, &c. thereof.

Buildings, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments within the ſaid Borough, and which are uſually rated to the Poor, equally, according to the real annual Value thereof, for the Purpoſe of paying, diſcharging, and defraying all the Expences, Coſts, and Charges already incurred, or which ſhall or may be at any Time hereafter incurred in, about, for or by reaſon of the erecting, building, purchaſing, providing, furniſhing, incloſing, and fencing off of the ſaid Court Houſe, Accommodations, and Priſon, and of paying off all Bonds, Notes, or other Securities, or Expences or Demands, now unpaid or outſtanding, on account thereof: Provided always, that ſuch Rate or Aſſeſſment ſhall not exceed in the whole One Shilling in the Pound Sterling on ſuch annual Value; and that no larger Proportion than one Moiety thereof ſhall be raiſed in any One Year: Provided alſo, that no Perſon or Perſons occupying Tenements under the yearly Value of Four Pounds ſhall be charged with or liable to pay any ſuch Rate or Aſſeſſment.

Application of Money to ariſe by the Rate for completing the Court Houſe, &c.

II. And be it further enacted, That all and every the Collector and Collectors to be appointed as herein-after mentioned, of the ſaid Rate or Aſſeſſment herein-before authorized and directed to be made or charged, and levied as aforeſaid, ſhall and he and they is and are hereby authorized and required to pay all ſuch Monies as he or they ſhall reſpectively collect or receive, for or on account of ſuch Rate or Rates, Aſſeſſment or Aſſeſſments, into the Hands of the Treaſurer or Treaſurers, to be appointed in Manner herein-after mentioned, of the Rate or Aſſeſſment herein-after directed to be called and diſtinguiſhed by the Name of *The Court Houſe Rate*, which ſaid Treaſurer or Treaſurers is and are hereby authorized and required, out of the Monies which ſhall be ſo received by or paid to him or them as aforeſaid, in the firſt Place, to pay the Proportion herein-after mentioned, of the Coſts, Charges, and Expences of obtaining and paſſing this Act; and after Payment thereof to pay all ſuch Sum and Sums of Money as the Juſtices of the Peace acting in and for the ſaid Borough, or any Two or more of them, ſhall, by an Order or Orders in Writing under their Hands, (which Order or Orders the ſaid Juſtices are hereby authorized and empowered to make), from Time to Time direct or order him or them to pay, for or towards the paying, diſcharging, and defraying of all Sums of Money due or remaining unpaid for or in reſpect or by reaſon of any Expences, Coſts, and Charges already incurred, or which ſhall or may at any Time hereafter be incurred in, about, for or by reaſon of the erecting, building, purchaſing, providing, furniſhing, incloſing, and fencing off the ſaid Court Houſe, Accommodations, and Priſon; and alſo for and towards the repaying of all Sums of Money which may have been or ſhall be advanced, lent, or ſecured for the Payment of any ſuch Expences, Coſts or Charges, until the Whole of ſuch Coſts, Charges, and Expences ſhall be fully paid and ſatisfied.

After Payment of the Coſts of building and completing the Court Houſe and Priſon, &c. the Remainder of the Rate to go in aid of a

III. And be it further enacted, That when and ſo ſoon as the ſaid Court Houſe, Accommodations, and Priſon ſhall be entirely completed and finiſhed, and properly incloſed and fenced off, and all Coſts, Charges and Expences, and Money advanced and paid in reſpect thereof ſhall have been fully paid and ſatisfied, the ſaid Juſtices, or any Two of them, ſhall and may, and they are hereby required, by the Ways and Means and in Manner herein-after mentioned, to ſettle and adjuſt the Accounts of ſuch Treaſurer or Treaſurers, ſo as the Balance (if any) then remaining in his or their Hands may appear; which Balance (if any) the ſaid Juſtices, or any

Rate for Repairs, to be called The Court Houſe Rate.

any Two of them, ſhall and they are hereby authorized and required to direct to be transferred and placed to the Debit of the ſaid Treaſurer or Treaſurers in the Accounts herein-after directed to be kept by him or them, of his or their Receipts and Payments on account of the ſubſequent Rates herein-after directed to be made, and called *The Court Houſe Rates;* and ſhall be accounted for, paid, applied, and diſpoſed of by ſuch Treaſurer or Treaſurers, in ſuch Manner, for ſuch Purpoſes, and under and ſubject to ſuch Reſtrictions, Proviſions, Regulations and Enactments, as are herein-after mentioned or contained with reſpect to the ſaid laſt-mentioned Rates.

Juſtices may eſtabliſh Regulations for Government of the Court Houſe, Priſon, and Priſoners.

IV. And be it further enacted, That the ſaid Juſtices of the Peace ſhall and may, and they are hereby authorized and empowered, at any General Quarter Seſſions of the Peace to be holden in and for the ſaid Borough, or at any Adjournment thereof, to make ſuch Order or Orders for any Alterations in and for the Repairs and Preſervation of the ſaid Court Houſe, Accommodations, and Priſon, and alſo ſuch general and ſpecial Rules and Regulations for the airing, lighting, cleanſing, governing, and Management of the ſaid Court Houſe, Accommodations, and Priſon, or any Part or Parts thereof, or the receiving, ſeparating, claſſing, dieting, ſupporting, governing, and Management of any Priſoner or Priſoners confined therein, as to ſuch Juſtices or the major Part of them ſhall appear expedient; and from Time to Time, when and ſo often as they or the major Part of them ſhall think fit, to revoke, enlarge, reſtrain, and alter ſuch Orders, Rules, and Regulations, or any of them, in ſuch Manner, and to make ſuch other Orders, Rules and Regulations, as ſhall appear to them, or the major Part of them, to be neceſſary, proper, or convenient for the Purpoſes aforeſaid: Provided always, that ſuch Orders, Rules and Regulations, ſhall not be repugnant to the Laws of that Part of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland* called *Great Britain*, or to any Thing in this Act contained; and all ſuch Orders, Rules and Regulations, ſhall be entered in a Book to be kept in the Office of the Town Clerk of the ſaid Borough for that Purpoſe, to be open at ſeaſonable Times to Inſpection of all Perſons intereſted; and ſhall alſo be printed, put up, and remain in conſpicuous Parts of the ſaid Court Houſe, Accommodations, and Priſon, ſo that all Perſons may at all ſeaſonable Hours have Acceſs to the ſame, and be allowed to read the ſame, and take Copies thereof, without any Let or Hindrance, or Fee or Payment for the ſame.

For appointing a Gaoler and other Officers for the Priſon.

V. And be it further enacted, That the ſaid Juſtices ſhall and may, and they are hereby authorized and empowered, at any General Quarter Seſſions of the Peace to be holden in and for the ſaid Borough, or at any Adjournment thereof, to appoint a Gaoler, Keeper or Governor, and ſuch other Officer or Officers as they ſhall think proper, for the due Regulation and Management of the ſaid Priſon, and to fix, order, and determine what Salary, Allowance, or Compenſation ſhall be paid or made to ſuch Gaoler, Keeper, Governor, or other Officer or Officers, in reſpect of their ſeveral Offices or Employments in or about the ſaid Priſon; and from Time to Time, at any ſuch Seſſions or Adjournment as aforeſaid, to increaſe, diminiſh, alter, or diſcontinue any ſuch Salary, Allowance or Compenſation, or to order any other Salary, Allowance or Compenſation, according to their Diſcretion, to be paid or made to any ſuch

ſuch Gaoler, Keeper, Governor, or other Officer or Officers; and alſo from Time to Time, at any ſuch Seſſions or Adjournment as aforeſaid, to remove any ſuch Gaoler, Keeper, Governor, or other Officer or Officers, from their reſpective Offices or Employments, and to appoint another or others in their ſtead; and all and every ſuch Gaoler, Keeper, Governor, Officer and Officers, ſhall and is and are hereby required to obſerve and keep all and every the Rules, Orders and Regulations, to be made as aforeſaid for the Regulation and Management of the ſaid Court Houſe, Accommodations and Priſon, or the Treatment of any Priſoner or Priſoners confined therein, in Manner herein-before expreſſed in every Reſpect, according to the true Intent and Meaning thereof, and of this Act; and it ſhall alſo be lawful for the ſaid Juſtices of the Peace for the ſaid Borough, or any Five or more of them, at any Special Seſſions of the Peace for the ſaid Borough, if Occaſion ſhall require, to remove or diſplace any ſuch Gaoler, Keeper, Governor, or other Officer or Officers, and to appoint another or others in his or their ſtead, to continue until the next General Quarter Seſſions of the Peace for the ſaid Borough.

Juſtices to allow Expences of Proſecutions in certain Caſes.

VI. And be it further enacted, That from and after the paſſing of this Act it ſhall be lawful for any Three or more of the ſaid Juſtices of the Peace acting in and for the ſaid Borough, upon the Application of any Perſon or Perſons who ſhall have proſecuted any Offender or Offenders duly convicted of any Felony, Aſſault, Nuiſance, Miſdemeanor, or other Crime or Offence whatſoever, committed within the ſaid Borough, or tried and acquitted thereof, in caſe it ſhall appear to ſuch Juſtices that ſuch Proſecutor or Proſecutors was or were bound by Recognizance to proſecute ſuch Offender or Offenders, or that there was a reaſonable Ground of Proſecution, and that ſuch Proſecutor or Proſecutors hath or have *bonâ fide* proſecuted the Law with effect againſt ſuch Offender or Offenders, by Writing under their Hands, to order and direct the Treaſurer or Treaſurers for the Time being of the Rate herein-after directed to be made, and to be called or diſtinguiſhed by the Name of *The Court Houſe Rate*, to pay out of the Monies to be received by him or them by virtue of this Act, to the Perſon or Perſons making ſuch Application, and having ſo proſecuted ſuch Offender or Offenders as aforeſaid, ſuch Sum of Money (in addition to the Allowance from the County Rates in Caſes of Felony) as ſuch Juſtices ſhall think a reaſonable Compenſation and Allowance for his, her, and their Expences and Loſs of Time, and for the Expences and Loſs of Time of any neceſſary Witneſs or Witneſſes, or other Perſon or Perſons duly and properly employed in and about the Apprehenſion, Examination, or Proſecution of any ſuch Offender or Offenders as aforeſaid, or ſuch other Sum of Money as ſuch Juſtices ſhall think proper to allow to ſuch Proſecutor or Proſecutors, towards or in part Satisfaction of ſuch Expences and Loſs of Time as aforeſaid; for which Order the Sum of One Shilling and no more ſhall be paid; and the ſaid Treaſurer or Treaſurers is and are hereby authorized and required, upon Sight of ſuch Order, forthwith to pay to ſuch Proſecutor or Proſecutors, or any other Perſon or Perſons by him, her, or them duly authorized to receive the ſame, ſuch Sum of Money as aforeſaid, and ſhall be allowed the ſame in his or their Accounts.

Rewards may be offered and paid for

VII. And be it further enacted, That for the more effectual Diſcovery and Puniſhment of Offenders, any Three or more of the ſaid Juſtices of the

the Apprehenſion of Offenders.

the Peace ſhall and may, and they are hereby authorized and empowered from Time to Time, if they ſhall ſee Cauſe, by Advertiſement in any public Newſpaper or Newſpapers, or by ſuch other Ways or Means as they ſhall think fit, to offer ſuch Sum and Sums of Money as they ſhall think proper, as a Reward and Encouragement to any Perſon or Perſons for the diſcovering, apprehending, proſecuting, or convicting any Offender or Offenders whomſoever, of any Offence by him, her, or them committed within the ſaid Borough, and by Writing under the Hands of ſuch Juſtices, to order and direct the Treaſurer or Treaſurers of the ſaid Rate to be called *The Court Houſe Rate*, to pay out of the Monies in his or their Hands, by virtue of this Act, as well all or any ſuch Sum or Sums of Money ſo to be offered as aforeſaid, as alſo all and every the Coſts and Expences attending the Advertiſing, Publication, or other Notice of ſuch Offer to ſuch Perſon or Perſons, and in ſuch Manner as ſuch Juſtices ſhall think fit; and alſo that any Three or more of the ſaid Juſtices of the Peace ſhall and may, by Writing under their Hands as aforeſaid, order any Sum or Sums of Money to be paid out of the ſaid Rate to be called *The Court Houſe Rate* to any Perſon or Perſons whomſoever, as a Compenſation or Reward for the Diſcovery, Apprehenſion, Proſecution, or Conviction of any Offender or Offenders whomſoever, though no previous Offer of Reward ſhall have been made.

For appointing a Chief Conſtable and Aſſiſtants.

VIII. And be it further enacted, That it ſhall be lawful for the ſaid Juſtices of the Peace, or any Three or more of them, aſſembled at any Special Seſſions of the Peace for the ſaid Borough, of which Ten Days Notice in Writing ſhall be given to each of the ſaid Juſtices, ſtating the Purpoſe of ſuch Special Seſſions, and they are hereby authorized and empowered from Time to Time, when and ſo often as they ſhall think it expedient, or Occaſion ſhall require, by Writing under their Hands and Seals, to appoint a ſuitable and proper Perſon to be Chief Conſtable, and ſuch other Perſon or Perſons as they ſhall judge neceſſary or proper, to be the Deputy or Deputies, Aſſiſtant or Aſſiſtants, Conſtable or Conſtables, within and for the ſaid Town and Borough of *Leeds*, with ſuch reaſonable Salary or Salaries as they in their Diſcretion ſhall think proper, and as ſhall be agreed upon between them and ſuch Chief Conſtable, Deputy or Deputies, Aſſiſtant or Aſſiſtants reſpectively, and from Time to Time to diſmiſs or remove any ſuch Chief Conſtable, Deputy or Deputies, Aſſiſtant or Aſſiſtants, and appoint another or others in like Manner in their ſtead; which Chief Conſtable, Deputy or Deputies, Aſſiſtant or Aſſiſtants reſpectively, when ſo appointed, ſhall have and is and are hereby inveſted with, and ſhall uſe, exerciſe, and enforce all ſuch and the like Powers and Authorities as any Conſtable duly appointed within the ſaid Borough may by Law uſe, exerciſe, or enforce.

Rate for the Repairs of the Court Houſe, &c. to be called The Court Houſe Rate.

IX. And be it further enacted, That it ſhall be lawful for the Juſtices of the Peace acting for the ſaid Borough, and they are hereby authorized and empowered, from Time to Time, when and ſo often as they ſhall think it neceſſary, after the Balance (if any) of the Rate or Aſſeſſment herein-before directed to be laid and levied, ſhall have been exhauſted and paid at any General Quarter Seſſions of the Peace to be holden in and for the ſaid Borough, or at any Adjournment thereof, to order and direct a juſt and equal Rate or Aſſeſſment to be made or charged and levied upon all the Occupiers of Meſſuages, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments

ditaments within the ſaid Borough, and which are uſually rated to the Poor; and each and every ſuch Rate or Aſſeſſment to be as laſt aforeſaid made or charged and levied ſhall, for the more eaſy and convenient Diſtinction thereof, be called and diſtinguiſhed by the Name of *The Court Houſe Rate;* which ſaid Name of the Court Houſe Rate ſhall be and is hereby declared to be, and ſhall be deemed, adjudged, and taken to be a proper and ſufficient Deſcription of each and every ſuch Rate or Aſſeſſment as laſt aforeſaid, in all Courts and Proceedings, on all Occaſions, and for all Intents and Purpoſes whatſoever: Provided always, that the whole Sum to be raiſed by virtue of any or every ſuch Rate or Aſſeſſment to be called *The Court Houſe Rate* as aforeſaid, ſhall not exceed the Sum of Three-pence in the Pound Sterling on the annual Value in any One Year; and provided alſo, that no Perſon or Perſons, occupying Tenements under the yearly Value of Four Pounds, ſhall be charged with or liable to pay any ſuch Rate or Aſſeſſment; and ſuch laſt mentioned Rates and Aſſeſſments ſhall be applied by the ſaid Juſtices for the Purpoſe of paying and diſcharging all the Coſts, Charges, and Expences attending or ariſing from, or to be in anywiſe occaſioned or incurred by the making or carrying into Execution of all and every or any of the Orders or Rules and Regulations to be made as aforeſaid, for the Alteration, Repair, Preſervation, Airing, Lighting, Cleanſing, Regulation, or Management of the ſaid Court Houſe, Accommodations, and Priſon; or the receiving, ſeparating, claſſing, dieting, ſupporting, governing, or Management of any Priſoner or Priſoners confined therein; or by the Appointment or Removal of any ſuch Gaoler, Keeper, Governor, Officer or Officers as aforeſaid; or the Payment of any Salary, or making an Allowance or Compenſation to any ſuch Gaoler, Keeper, Governor, Officer or Officers as aforeſaid; or by the Order or Payment of any Sum of Money, Compenſation or Allowance, by virtue and in purſuance of the Proviſions and Directions herein-before in that Behalf contained, for or to any Proſecutor or Proſecutors of any ſuch Offender or Offenders as aforeſaid; and in the Payment of any ſuch Rewards, Allowances, and Expences as aforeſaid, and in the Payment of all ſuch Salaries, Wages, or other Compenſation, as the ſaid Juſtices ſhall agree to give or make to ſuch Chief Conſtable, Deputy or Deputies, Aſſiſtant or Aſſiſtants as aforeſaid, or in the commencing, proſecuting, or defending any ſuch Action or Suit as hereinafter mentioned; and all and every other the Coſts, Charges, and Expences which may ariſe from, or be in anywiſe occaſioned by the Execution of all or any of the Powers, Proviſions, Clauſes, Matters, and Purpoſes of this Act, the Payment and defraying whereof is not by this Act otherwiſe particularly directed and provided for.

For appointing Watchmen, &c.

X. And be it further enacted, That the ſaid Juſtices of the Peace, or any Three of them, ſhall and may, and they are hereby authorized and required from Time to Time, at any Special Seſſions of the Peace, to be held as laſt aforeſaid by Writing under their Hands and Seals, to appoint ſuch Number of able-bodied Men as they ſhall judge neceſſary, to be employed as Watchmen or Patroles within the ſaid Town of *Leeds*, and within One Mile of the Bars thereof; and alſo to direct, order and appoint, by Writing under their Hands, how and where ſuch ſeveral Watchmen or Patroles ſhall be ſtationed, in what Manner they ſhall be armed, when and how often they ſhall go their Rounds, how long they ſhall continue on Duty, and what Wages ſhall be allowed to them reſpectively for their Service; and the ſaid Juſtices ſhall and may alſo purchaſe or provide

provide all and all Manner of proper Watch-houſes, Watch-boxes, Places, Materials, Apparatus, Arms, Matters and Things, in ſuch Manner as they ſhall think fit and convenient, for the Reception, Support, Protection, and Accommodation of ſuch Watchmen and Patroles, or for better enabling or aſſiſting them or any of them, duly and effectually to execute their reſpective Offices, or for the ſafe Cuſtody of ſuch Perſons as may be apprehended by any of ſuch Watchman or Watchmen, or Patrole or Patroles, whilſt on Duty; and alſo by Writing under the Hands of any Two of ſuch Juſtices at ſuch Seſſions, from Time to Time to diſmiſs and remove any ſuch Watchmen or Patroles from their reſpective Offices, and to appoint another or others in the ſtead of any ſuch Watchman or Patrole ſo diſmiſſed or removed, or who ſhall happen to die.

For appointing Special Conſtables.

XI. And be it further enacted, That the ſaid Juſtices of the Peace, or any Three or more of them, ſhall and may, and they are hereby authorized and required, at any Special Seſſions of the Peace to be by them holden from Time to Time, and at all Times when they ſhall think it neceſſary, for the effectual or better Preſervation of the Peace and good Order of the ſaid Town of *Leeds*, and the Diſtrict within One Mile from the Bars thereof, by Writing under their Hands and Seals, to nominate and appoint any Perſon or Perſons whom they ſhall think proper, dwelling within the ſaid laſt-mentioned Limits, to be a Special Conſtable or Special Conſtables within the ſaid laſt-mentioned Limits, for ſuch Length of Time, and under ſuch Reſtrictions, as ſuch Juſtices ſhall think fit and convenient; and ſuch Juſtices ſhall have and are hereby declared to have ſuch and the ſame Powers and Authorities for providing for the Payment, Reception, Support, Protection, and Accommodation of ſuch Special Conſtable and Special Conſtables, in all Reſpects, and to all Intents and Purpoſes with reſpect to ſuch Special Conſtable and Special Conſtables, as are hereby given to or veſted in them with reſpect to any ſuch Watchman or Patrole as aforeſaid.

Watchmen, &c. empowered to arreſt diſorderly Perſons.

XII. And be it further enacted, That it ſhall and may be lawful to and for ſuch Watchmen, Patroles, and Special Conſtables, or any of them, and they are hereby authorized and required in their reſpective Stations, and whilſt they are on Duty within the ſaid Town of *Leeds*, and within One Mile of the Bars thereof, to arreſt, apprehend, and detain in the Common Gaol of the ſaid Borough, or ſuch other Place of Security as ſhall be provided or appointed for that Purpoſe in purſuance of this Act, all Felons, Malefactors, Rogues, Vagabonds, idle and diſorderly Perſons, Vagrants, and other Perſons found breaking or diſturbing the Public Peace, and ſhall take them, as ſoon as conveniently may be, before ſome One or more of His Majeſty's Juſtices of the Peace for the ſaid Borough, to be examined and dealt with according to Law, in ſuch and the ſame Manner as any Conſtable legally appointed is by Law authorized to do.

Penalty on Watchmen, &c. for Neglect of Duty.

XIII. And be it further enacted, That if any ſuch Watchman, Patrole, or Special Conſtable as aforeſaid, ſhall not duly obſerve, perform, and keep all and every the Proviſions and Clauſes in this Act contained, and alſo all and every the Rules, Orders, and Regulations which ſhall be made for the Direction and Government of ſuch Watchmen, Patroles or Special Conſtables, or the Preſervation of the Peace and good Order of the ſaid Town and Borough in purſuance of this Act, and which on the Part of

such Watchman, Patrole or Special Constable, ought, according to the true Intent and Meaning hereof, to be observed, performed and kept, or shall in any Manner neglect his Duty or misbehave himself, every such Watchman, Patrole, and Special Constable so offending, shall, for every such Neglect or Offence, forfeit any Sum not exceeding Twenty Shillings, which shall be paid to the Treasurer or Treasurers of the Rate herein-after directed to be made, and called by the Name of *The Watch Rate*, and accounted for, applied, and disposed of, in Manner and for the Purposes herein-after directed and provided with respect to the same Rate; and also shall forfeit the whole of his Wages then due, or so much and such Part thereof as to any Justice of the Peace for the said Borough before whom any such Watchman, Patrole or Special Constable, shall be convicted of any such Neglect or Offence shall seem meet.

Penalty on Publicans harbouring Watchmen, &c.

XIV. And be it further enacted, That if any Innkeeper, Alehouse-keeper or Victualler, Publican or other Person selling or dealing in Spirituous or other Excisable Liquors by Retail, shall knowingly or wilfully entertain, harbour, or suffer to remain in his or her House, Habitation or Shop, any Watchman or Patrole appointed, or who may be appointed under this Act, during any of the Hours or Times appointed for such Watchman or Patrole to be on Duty, by virtue and in pursuance of this Act, or of any Rules, Orders, or Regulations made under or in pursuance of any of the Powers or Authorities of this Act, every such Innkeeper, Alehouse-keeper, Victualler, Publican or other Person, shall for every such Offence forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Forty Shillings, One Moiety to be paid to the Informer, and the other Moiety to be paid to the Treasurer or Treasurers of the said Rate to be called *The Watch Rate*, and accounted for, applied, and disposed of, in Manner and for the Purposes herein directed and provided with respect to the same Rate.

Justices may commence or defend Suits, &c. and defray the Expences thereof out of Rates.

XV. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the Justices of the Peace for the said Borough, or any Three or more of them, at any Special Sessions, by Writing under their Hands, to make such Order or Orders as to them shall seem meet, for the commencing, prosecuting, defending, or compounding of any Action or Suit at Law or in Equity, by or against any such Chief Constable, Deputy or Deputies, Assistant or Assistants, Watchman, Patrole, Special Constable or other Officer, for or by reason or on account of, or in anywise arising from or occasioned by any Matter or Thing *bonâ fide* done in the Execution of his or their Office, or of this Act, or under or by virtue or in pursuance of any Rule, Order, or Regulation made under this Act in relation thereto; and also by the same or any other Writing under their Hands, or the Hands of any Three other Justices of the Peace for the said Borough, to order and direct the said Treasurer or Treasurers to pay such Sum or Sums of Money as such Justices shall think fit, and as shall be reasonable, out of such of the said Rates respectively as are applicable to the Appointment, Support, and Protection of such Chief Constable, Deputy or Deputies, Assistant or Assistants, Watchman, Patrole, Special Constable, or other Officer as aforesaid, by or against whom any such Action or Suit shall be brought or depending, for the defraying and discharging of all and every or any of the Damages, Costs, Charges, and Expences attending or occasioned by, or which may attend or be occasioned by the Commencement, Prosecution, Defence, or compounding of any such Action or Suit as aforesaid, to such Person or Per-

ſons, and in ſuch Manner as to ſuch Juſtices ſhall ſeem meet; and ſuch Treaſurer and Treaſurers ſhall and is and are hereby authorized and required, upon ſight of any ſuch Order as laſt aforeſaid, forthwith to pay out of the Monies in his or their Hands by virtue of ſuch of the ſaid Rates or Aſſeſſments as ſhall be mentioned in ſuch Order, ſuch Sum or Sums of Money as aforeſaid, to the Perſon or Perſons, and in Manner mentioned in any ſuch Order, or to any other Perſon or Perſons authorized to receive the ſame, and ſhall be allowed the ſame in his or their Accounts.

Rate to be made, and called The Watch Rate.

XVI. And be it further enacted, That it ſhall be lawful for the ſaid Juſtices of the Peace, and they are hereby authorized and empowered, from Time to Time, when and ſo often as they ſhall think it neceſſary, at any General Quarter Seſſions of the Peace to be holden in and for the ſaid Borough, or at any Adjournment thereof, to order and direct a juſt and equal Rate or Aſſeſſment to be made, laid, charged and levied, upon all the Occupiers of Meſſuages, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments within the ſaid Town, or within One Mile of the Bars thereof, and which are uſually rated to the Poor; and each and every ſuch Rate and Aſſeſſment to be ſo as laſt aforeſaid made or charged and levied ſhall, for the more eaſy and convenient Diſtinction thereof, be called and diſtinguiſhed by the Name of *The Watch Rate;* which ſaid Name of the Watch Rate ſhall, and is hereby declared to be, and ſhall be deemed, adjudged, and taken to be a proper and ſufficient Deſcription of each and every ſuch Rate or Aſſeſſment as laſt aforeſaid, in all Courts and Proceedings, on all Occaſions, and for all Intents and Purpoſes whatſoever; and ſuch laſt-mentioned Rate and Aſſeſſment ſhall be applied by the ſaid Juſtices of the Peace for the Purpoſe of paying and diſcharging all the Coſts, Charges, and Expences attending or ariſing from, or to be in anywiſe occaſioned or incurred by the Appointment of any ſuch Watchmen, Patroles, and Special Conſtables as aforeſaid, or the making or carrying into Execution of all and every or any of the Rules, Orders and Regulations, or otherwiſe in the Execution of all and every or any of the Powers and Proviſions of this Act, with reſpect to ſuch Watchmen, Patroles, or Special Conſtables as aforeſaid, or with or for or in reſpect to the commencing, proſecuting, defending, or compounding of any ſuch Action or Suit as laſt aforeſaid; and all and every other the Coſts, Charges, and Expences which may ariſe from, or be in anywiſe occaſioned by carrying into Execution of all or any of the Powers, Proviſions, Clauſes, Matters, and Purpoſes of this Act, the Payment and defraying whereof is not by this Act otherwiſe particularly directed and provided for: Provided always, that the whole Sum to be raiſed by virtue of any or every ſuch Rate or Aſſeſſment, to be called *The Watch Rate* as aforeſaid, ſhall not exceed in the whole the Sum of Sixpence in the Pound Sterling on ſuch annual Value in any One Year; and that no Perſon or Perſons, occupying Tenements under the yearly Value of Four Pounds, ſhall be charged with or liable to pay any ſuch Rate or Aſſeſſment: Provided alſo, that nothing in this Act contained ſhall extend or be conſtrued to extend to charge or make liable any Occupier or Occupiers of any Meſſuages, Buildings, Lands, Tenements or Hereditaments, not within the Limits of the Town of *Leeds*, or not within One Mile of the Bars thereof, with or to the Payment of any ſuch Rate or Aſſeſſment, to be called *The Watch Rate*, as aforeſaid.

XVII. And

Rates by whom, and how to be aſſeſſed and collected.

XVII. And be it further enacted, That it ſhall be lawful for the ſaid Juſtices aſſembled at any Special Seſſions of the Peace at any Time, and from Time to Time by Writing under their Hands and Seals, or under the Hands and Seals of any Three of them, to nominate and appoint ſuch Number of Perſons as the ſaid Juſtices ſhall think fit, being Inhabitants or Reſidents of the Borough of *Leeds* aforeſaid, liable to ſerve Pariſh Offices, (not exceeding Two for each Diviſion of the ſaid Town, and Two for each of the other Townſhips within the ſaid Borough,) to be Aſſeſſors of the Rate herein-before directed to be made for completing the ſaid Court Houſe, Accommodations, and Priſon, and diſcharging the Expences thereof, and the Money due on account thereof, and of the ſaid Rate or Aſſeſſment herein-before directed to be made, and called *The Court Houſe Rate;* and alſo ſuch Number of Perſons as they the ſaid Juſtices ſhall think fit, being Inhabitants or Reſidents of the ſaid Town of *Leeds*, or within One Mile of the Bars thereof, liable to ſerve Pariſh Offices, (not exceeding Two for each of the ſaid Diviſions, and Two for each of ſuch of the ſaid Townſhips as are within the ſaid laſt-mentioned Limits), to be Aſſeſſors of the ſaid Rate, to be called *The Watch Rate;* and ſuch Perſons ſo reſpectively nominated and appointed Aſſeſſors, ſhall be and are hereby empowered and required to make and ſettle ſuch Rates or Aſſeſſments reſpectively, not exceeding the reſpective Amounts limited by this Act, and under the ſeveral Reſtrictions reſpectively herein-before mentioned, upon all Occupiers of Meſſuages, Buildings, Lands, Tenements or Hereditaments, within the ſaid Borough of *Leeds*, and within the ſaid Town of *Leeds*, and within One Mile of the Bars thereof reſpectively as aforeſaid; ſuch Aſſeſſors being reſpectively previouſly ſworn or affirmed truly, faithfully, and impartially to make ſuch reſpective Rates or Aſſeſſments, and which Oath or Affirmation any Juſtice of the Peace of the ſaid Borough is hereby authorized to adminiſter; and it ſhall alſo be lawful for the ſaid Juſtices ſo aſſembled as laſt aforeſaid, by Writing under their Hands and Seals, or under the Hands and Seals of any Three or more of them, to nominate and appoint ſuch Number of Perſons as the ſaid Juſtices ſhall think fit, being Inhabitants or Reſidents of the Borough of *Leeds*, aforeſaid, liable to ſerve Pariſh Offices, not exceeding Two for each Diviſion of the ſaid Town, and Two for each of the other Townſhips within the ſaid Borough, to be Collectors of the ſaid Rate for completing the ſaid Court Houſe, Accommodations, and Priſon, and diſcharging the Expences thereof, and the Money due on account thereof, and of the ſaid Rates and Aſſeſſments herein-before directed to be made, called *The Court Houſe Rates*, and alſo ſuch Number of Perſons as they the ſaid Juſtices ſhall think fit, being Inhabitants or Reſidents of the ſaid Town of *Leeds*, or within One Mile of the Bars thereof, and liable to ſerve Pariſh Offices, not exceeding Two for each of the ſaid Diviſions, and Two for each of ſuch of the ſaid Townſhips as are within the ſaid laſt-mentioned Limits, to be a Collector or Collectors of the ſaid Rates, or any of them reſpectively: Provided always, that no Rate or Aſſeſſment to be made by virtue of this Act ſhall be valid or of any Force or Effect, until the ſame ſhall be allowed, confirmed, and ſigned by Two or more of His Majeſty's Juſtices of the Peace for the ſaid Borough; and after the ſaid Rates or Aſſeſſments ſhall be ſo made, allowed, and confirmed as aforeſaid, the ſame ſhall and may be demanded, collected, and received by the Collector or Collectors thereof, to be appointed under the Proviſions of or by virtue of this Act; and if any Perſon or Perſons who ſhall be appointed Aſſeſſor or Aſſeſſors, Collector or Collectors of the ſaid Rates as aforeſaid, ſhall refuſe or neglect to take upon him or them the Office of

Aſſeſſor or Collector for the Space of Ten Days after Notice in Writing of ſuch Appointment, (without aſſigning ſome reaſonable Cauſe, to be allowed by any Two of the Juſtices of the Peace for the ſaid Borough, for ſuch Refuſal), or ſhall refuſe to be ſworn or (being a Quaker) to ſolemnly affirm, truly, faithfully, and impartially to execute any ſuch Office, every ſuch Perſon ſo refuſing or neglecting ſhall, for every ſuch Refuſal or Neglect, forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding the Sum of Twenty Pounds: Provided nevertheleſs, that no one Perſon ſhall be obliged to ſerve the Office of Aſſeſſor or Collector for a longer Term than One Year, or be liable to be again appointed to ſuch Office within the Space of Seven Years after ſerving the ſame, or having paid ſuch Penalty for ſuch Refuſal or Neglect as aforeſaid; and that no Perſon above the Age of Fifty-ſix Years ſhall be appointed by the ſaid Juſtices to ſuch Office of Aſſeſſor or Collector as aforeſaid.

Collector to account, and deliver up Books, &c. pay the Balance, or be committed.

XVIII. And be it further enacted, That all and every Perſons or Perſon who ſhall be appointed a Collector or Collectors by virtue of this Act, for the Purpoſes aforeſaid, ſhall from Time to Time, if thereunto required by the ſaid Juſtices, or any Two of them, deliver, in Writing under his or their Hand or Hands to the ſaid Juſtices, or to ſuch Perſon or Perſons as they ſhall appoint, a true and perfect Account in Writing, and if thereunto required ſhall verify the Items and Articles thereof upon Oath (which Oath any One of the ſaid Juſtices is hereby authorized to adminiſter); which Account ſhall ſet forth and ſpecify the ſeveral Sum and Sums of Money by him or them collected or received, and which ſhall not have been received, and ſuch other Matters and Things as relate to the Execution of his or their Office of Collector or Collectors; and ſhall deliver in all Aſſeſſments, Books, Papers, and Writings relating thereto, and ſhall pay to the ſaid Juſtices, or to ſuch Perſon or Perſons as they ſhall appoint, all the Monies (if any) remaining in his or their Hands; and if any ſuch Collector or Collectors ſhall refuſe or neglect to make and deliver ſuch Accounts, Aſſeſſments, Books, Papers, and Vouchers as before required, or to pay the ſeveral Sum and Sums of Money by him collected or received by virtue of this Act as herein-before directed, it ſhall and may be lawful for the ſaid Juſtices of the Peace, or any Two of them, by Warrant under their Hands and Seals, to levy ſuch Sum or Sums of Money by Diſtreſs and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of ſuch Collector, rendering the Overplus (if any) after the Money ſo unpaid, and the Charges of ſuch Diſtreſs and Sale are deducted, to the Owner or Owners; and for want of ſufficient Diſtreſs, the ſaid Juſtices may, by like Warrant under their Hands and Seals, commit ſuch Collector or Collectors to the Common Gaol for the ſaid Borough, or the Houſe of Correction at *Wakefield*, there to remain without Bail or Mainprize, for the Space of any Term or Time not exceeding Six Calendar Months, or until he or they ſhall have paid the Money remaining in his or their Hands, or ſhall have compounded for the ſame, and paid ſuch Compoſition, (which Compoſition the ſaid Juſtices, or any Two of them, are hereby authorized and empowered to make and accept); and in all Caſes where Compoſition ſhall have been made with any Collector or Collectors as aforeſaid, or upon the Death of any Collector or Collectors, or in caſe of the Inſolvency, or other Cauſe of Removal of any Collector or Collectors, before the Expiration of the Time for which he ſhall have been appointed to execute ſuch Office, the ſaid Juſtices, or any Two or more of them, ſhall and

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may and they are hereby empowered and required, within the Space of Twenty-one Days, or as ſoon as conveniently may be, next after ſuch Incapacity or Removal, to appoint ſuch other Perſon as they ſhall think proper to be Collector or Collectors in his or their ſtead, and the Perſon or Perſons ſo appointed Collector or Collectors as aforeſaid, inſtead of ſuch as ſhall have compounded, died, become inſolvent, or that ſhall be removed as aforeſaid, ſhall be and he and they are hereby veſted with the like Power and Authority for collecting and levying the ſeveral Rates and Aſſeſſments hereby impoſed as the Perſon or Perſons he or they ſhall ſucceed was or were veſted with, and ſhall be ſubject and liable to the ſame Pains and Penalties as ſuch Collector or Collectors was or were ſubject and liable to.

Executors of Collectors, &c. to deliver up Books and pay Balance.

XIX. And be it further enacted, That upon the Death of any Collector or Treaſurer, to be appointed by virtue of this Act, the Executor or Adminiſtrator of ſuch Collector or Treaſurer ſhall, within Ten Days after ſuch Deceaſe, deliver to ſuch Perſon, as the ſaid Juſtices ſhall appoint to be Collector or Treaſurer in his ſtead, the ſeveral Aſſeſſments, Books, Documents, and Papers appertaining to the Office of ſuch Collector or Treaſurer reſpectively, and which were in the Cuſtody, Poſſeſſion, or Power of ſuch Collector or Treaſurer at the Time of his Deceaſe, together with an Account of the Monies collected and received by him or them; and the Balance, if any due from ſuch Collector or Treaſurer, ſhall be paid by the Executors or Adminiſtrators of ſuch Collector or Treaſurer reſpectively to the ſaid Juſtices, or to ſuch Perſon as they ſhall appoint, in the ſame Manner as any other Debt due from ſuch Collector or Treaſurer upon Simple Contract; and ſuch Balance or Balances reſpectively ſhall be ſued for and recovered in the ſame Manner as any Rate impoſed by virtue of this Act is herein-after directed to be recovered from Perſons quitting Property rated without paying the Rates, and not leaving ſufficient Diſtreſs whereon to levy the ſame.

Rates how recovered.

XX. And be it further enacted, That in caſe any Perſon or Perſons, who ſhall be rated or aſſeſſed by virtue of this Act, ſhall refuſe or neglect to pay any ſuch Rate or Aſſeſſment for the Space of Ten Days next after Demand thereof made by any ſuch Collector or Collectors as aforeſaid, it ſhall and may be lawful to and for any Two or more Juſtices of the Peace for the ſaid Borough, upon any Information or Complaint exhibited in Writing upon Oath before them by any ſuch Collector or Collectors, of any ſuch Refuſal or Neglect, and Demand as aforeſaid, to iſſue a Summons under their Hands to ſuch Perſon or Perſons to appear before them, or any other of the ſaid Juſtices of the Peace for the ſaid Borough, at ſuch Time and Place as ſhall be appointed in ſuch Summons; and upon the Appearance or Contempt of ſuch Perſon or Perſons, it ſhall and may be lawful to and for ſuch Juſtices (ſuch Summons in caſe of Contempt of the Party or Parties in not appearing being firſt proved upon Oath, and which Oath ſuch Juſtices are hereby empowered to adminiſter, to have been either perſonally ſerved on the Party or Parties, or left at his, her, or their laſt or uſual Place of Abode) to hear and determine the Matter of ſuch Complaint in a ſummary Way, and to give Judgment for the Amount of ſuch Rate, or ſo much thereof as ſhall be proved to the Satisfaction of ſuch Juſtices to be then remaining unpaid, and by Warrant under their Hands and Seals, (and which Warrant ſuch Juſtices are hereby authorized and required to grant to the Collector or Collectors applying for the ſame),

to levy the same Rate or Assessment, or so much thereof as shall remain unpaid, by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of the Person or Persons so refusing or neglecting to pay the same, rendering the Overplus (if any be) to such Person or Persons so refusing or neglecting, after the necessary Charges of making such Distress and Sale shall be first deducted: Provided always, that if any Person or Persons liable to pay any such Rates or Assessments shall remove from or quit the House, Tenement or Premises, in respect of which such Assessment or Rate is made before the Assessment due from such Person or Persons shall be paid, it shall and may be lawful to and for any such Collector or Collectors to levy the same by Distress upon the Property of such Person or Persons, at any other House or Premises at which such Person shall reside, if a sufficient Distress can be found; and in case no sufficient Distress can be found, it shall be lawful for the Treasurer for the Time being to sue for and recover the same, with full Costs of Suit, by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint or Information, in any Court of Record at *Westminster*, if such Person shall be in *England;* or in the Court of Great Session, if such Person shall be in *Wales;* or in any Court of Record in any County Palatine where such Person or Persons shall be; or in any of His Majesty's Courts in *Scotland*, if such Person or Persons shall be in *Scotland;* and such Suit shall be commenced and carried on, and Execution levied, in the Name of such Treasurer, for the Use and to be applied when received to the Rate for which such Action or Suit shall be brought.

Regulations as to the Payment of Rates, when Persons quit, &c. Premises.

XXI. And be it further enacted, That in all Cases where any Person or Persons shall remove from or quit any House, Building, Land, Ground, or other Hereditaments, the Tenant or Occupier whereof shall be rated or assessed, or be liable to be rated or assessed by virtue of this Act, every such Person or Persons so removing from or quitting the same shall be liable to pay such Rate or Assessment in proportion to the Time that such Person or Persons occupied the same respectively, in like Manner as if such Person or Persons had not removed from or quitted the same; and in all Cases where any Person or Persons shall come into or occupy any House, Building, Land, Ground, or other Hereditaments, rated or assessed, or liable to be rated or assessed as aforesaid, out of or from which any other Person or Persons shall have removed, or which at the Time of making any such Rate or Assessment was empty or unoccupied, the Person or Persons coming in or occupying the same shall be liable to pay such Rate or Assessment, although his, her, or their Name or Names may not be inserted in such Rate or Assessment, in proportion to the Time that such Person or Persons shall occupy the same respectively, and in like Manner as if such Person or Persons had been originally rated or assessed by Name in such Rate or Rates, Assessment or Assessments; which said Proportion, in case of Dispute, shall be settled and ascertained by the said Justices, or any Two of them.

Power for Justices to amend Rates, if improper, &c.

XXII. And be it further enacted, That if the Assessor or Assessors nominated and appointed under or by virtue of this Act shall at any Time or Times neglect or omit to rate or assess any Person or Persons liable to pay or to be charged with any Rate or Assessment to be made by virtue of this Act, or shall in any such Rate or Assessment over-rate or under-rate any Person or Persons liable to pay any such Rate or Assessment, then and in every such Case it shall be lawful for the said Justices, or any Two of them,

them, to rate or aſſeſs in the ſaid Rate or Aſſeſſment ſuch Perſon or Perſons ſo omitted to be rated or aſſeſſed, and to leſſen or raiſe the Rate or Rates, Aſſeſſment or Aſſeſſments of ſuch Perſon or Perſons ſo over-rated or under-rated, or otherwiſe to alter or amend ſuch Rate or Aſſeſſment as aforeſaid, ſo as to make the ſame conformable to the true Intent and Meaning of this Act; and it ſhall be lawful for the ſaid Juſtices, or any Two of them, and they are hereby empowered to ſtrike out the Name or Names of any Perſon or Perſons not liable to the Payment of the Rates hereby directed to be made; and that all ſuch Additions to or Alterations or Amendments in ſuch Rates or Aſſeſſments ſhall be as valid and effectual, as if the ſame had been Part of the Rates or Aſſeſſments originally made.

Treaſurer may be appointed.

XXIII. And be it further enacted, That it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the Juſtices of the Peace acting in and for the ſaid Borough, at any General Quarter Seſſions of the Peace to be holden in and for the ſaid Borough, or at any Adjournment thereof, to appoint any ſuch Perſon or Perſons as they ſhall think proper to be Treaſurer or Treaſurers of the ſeveral and reſpective Rates and Aſſeſſments made by Authority of this Act; and to fix, order, and determine what Salary, Allowance, or Compenſation ſhall be paid or made to any ſuch Treaſurer or Treaſurers out of ſuch Rates reſpectively in reſpect of his or their Office or Offices; and from Time to Time, at any ſuch Seſſions or Adjournment as aforeſaid, to increaſe, diminiſh, alter, or reſcind any ſuch Salary, Allowance, or Compenſation as aforeſaid, or to order any other Salary, Allowance, or Compenſation, according to their Diſcretion, to be paid or made to any ſuch Treaſurer or Treaſurers; and alſo from Time to Time, at any ſuch Seſſions or Adjournment as aforeſaid, to remove any ſuch Treaſurer or Treaſurers from his or their Office or Offices, and to appoint another or others in his or their ſtead (taking ſufficient Security as herein-after mentioned); and ſuch Treaſurer or Treaſurers ſhall and may and is and are hereby authorized and empowered to retain to himſelf and themſelves, to and for his and their own Uſe, out of the reſpective Monies which ſhall be received by him or them by virtue of this Act, all and every ſuch yearly or other Sum and Sums of Money as ſhall be ſo fixed, ordered or determined, as his or their Salary, Compenſation, and Allowance as aforeſaid, and ſhall be allowed the ſame in his or their Accounts.

Collectors to pay the Monies collected into the Hands of the Treaſurer.

XXIV. And be it further enacted, That all and every the Collector and Collectors of the ſeveral and reſpective Rates or Aſſeſſments hereby directed to be laid, levied, and collected, who ſhall be appointed in purſuance of this Act, ſhall and is and are hereby authorized and required forthwith to pay all ſuch Monies, as he or they ſhall reſpectively collect and receive by virtue of any ſuch Rate or Aſſeſſment, into the Hands of the Treaſurer or Treaſurers to be appointed as aforeſaid for the Time being, whenever ſuch Collector or Collectors ſhall be required ſo to do by ſuch Treaſurer or Treaſurers, and ſuch Collector or Collectors ſhall alſo from Time to Time, (although not thereunto required by ſuch Treaſurer or Treaſurers), when and ſo often as ſuch Monies ſhall amount to the Sum of Twenty Pounds, pay the ſame into the Hands of the Treaſurer or Treaſurers ſo to be appointed as aforeſaid for the Time being, whoſe Receipt or Receipts for the ſame ſhall be a good and ſufficient Diſcharge to every ſuch Collector or Collectors; and ſuch Treaſurer or Treaſurers ſhall and

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is and are hereby authorized and required, out of the Monies paid into his or their Hands by virtue of this Act, to pay all such Sums of Money out of such Rates respectively, and to such Person and Persons, and in such Manner as any Two or more of the Justices of the Peace acting in and for the said Borough (except in Cases where it is by this Act otherwise ordered) shall, by any Order or Orders in Writing under their Hands, order and direct (and which Order or Orders such Justices are hereby authorized and empowered to make) for the Purpose of carrying into Execution all and every the Powers and Provisions in this Act contained, and such Treasurer or Treasurers shall be allowed the same in his or their Accounts; but no Monies whatsoever shall at any Time be paid by any such Treasurer or Treasurers without such Order in Writing as aforesaid, on any Account or Pretence whatsoever, or if so paid shall not be allowed in the Accounts of any such Treasurer or Treasurers.

Treasurers to give Security.

XXV. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That the said Justices, or any Two of them, shall and they are hereby authorized, empowered, and required to take sufficient Security from every Person or Persons, to be appointed Treasurer or Treasurers by virtue of this Act, for the due and faithful Execution of his and their Office and Offices.

Treasurers to keep regular Accounts, Books, &c. and to deliver an Account annually to the Justices.

XXVI. And be it further enacted, That all and every such Treasurer and Treasurers shall and is and are hereby required to keep regular and clear Entries and Accounts in separate Books, to be for that Purpose by him or them provided and kept, of all and every the Receipts and Payments by or to him or them had, made or done, by virtue or in pursuance of this Act, distinguishing in such Accounts from which of the said Rates or Assessments such Receipts have been had, and out of which such Payments have been made; to which Books and all other Books, Papers, Documents and Writings, concerning the Receipt or Application of any of the Monies to be raised by all or any of the said Rates or Assessments, every Person liable to the Payment of the same Rates shall and may have free Access at all convenient Times, with full Liberty to inspect the same without Fee or Reward; and every such Treasurer and Treasurers shall in the Month of *May* in each and every Year, at some convenient Place in *Leeds* aforesaid, produce and shew the said Books so to be kept by him or them as aforesaid, and all and every the Vouchers, Documents, and Writings relating thereto, to all or any of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the said Borough, who shall be then and there present; and such Justices, or any Two or more of them, shall then and there examine the same Book or Books, Vouchers, Documents and Writings, and shall ascertain and determine by such Examination of such Book or Books, Papers, Documents, Writings, or by the Examination of such Treasurer or Treasurers, or any other Person or Persons whomsoever, upon Oath, or Affirmation of any of the People called *Quakers*, (which Oath or Affirmation such Justices, or any Two or more of them, are hereby authorized and empowered to administer), the respective Balances (if any) then in the Hands of such Treasurer or Treasurers, arising from the said several and respective Rates, and shall state such Balances respectively in Writing under their Hands.

Treasurer to account at any Time,

XXVII. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the Justices of the Peace acting in and for the said Borough, or

any Two or more of them, and they are hereby authorized and empowered, when and so often as they shall think fit, by reasonable Notice under their Hands, to require any Treasurer or Treasurers of the said Rates or Assessments, or any of them, personally to appear before them, or any other of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the said Borough, at any Special Sessions to be holden at any Time and Place mentioned in such Notice, and to produce all and every the Books, Assessments, Vouchers, Documents and Writings, kept by him or them, or in his or their Possession or Power, relating to or concerning any Receipts or Payments by him or them in pursuance of this Act; and the Justices assembled at any such Special Sessions, or any Two or more of them, shall have Power to examine the same, and to ascertain, determine, and state the respective Balances (if any) then in the Hands of such Treasurer or Treasurers, by the Ways and Means and in Manner aforesaid; and such Justices, or any Two of them, shall and may thereupon (if they shall think fit) order any such Treasurer or Treasurers forthwith to pay and deliver unto such Justices, or any Two of them, or to any such other Person or Persons as such Justices, or any Two or more of them, shall appoint for that Purpose, all and every such Sum and Sums of Money as shall be so ascertained, determined, and stated as last aforesaid, as the respective Balances then in the Hands of any such Treasurer or Treasurers, and all and every the Books, Assessments, Vouchers, Documents and Writings, relating to his or their Receipts or Payments by virtue of this Act; and by Writing under their Hands, or the Hands of any Two or more of them, wholly to remove and dismiss any such Treasurer or Treasurers from his or their Office or Offices, and by the same or any other such Writing as last aforesaid to appoint any other Person or Persons to be Treasurer or Treasurers of the same Rates and Assessments, in the Place and Stead of such Treasurer or Treasurers to be so dismissed and removed as last aforesaid, until the then next General Quarter Sessions of the Peace to be holden for the said Borough; and in case any Treasurer or Treasurers of the same Rates or Assessments, after such reasonable Notices as aforesaid, shall refuse or wilfully neglect personally to appear at such Special Sessions as aforesaid in obedience thereto, or shall refuse or wilfully neglect to produce at such Sessions all and every the Books, Assessments, Vouchers, Documents and Writings, kept by him or them, or in his or their Possession or Power, relating to or concerning any Receipts or Payments by him or them in pursuance of this Act; or shall refuse to be examined upon Oath (or if a Quaker upon his or their solemn Affirmation) or otherwise, by the Justice or Justices at such Special Sessions, with respect to all or any of the Matters and Things contained in any such Book or Books, Assessments, Vouchers, Documents and Writings, or to answer any lawful and reasonable Question or Questions to be put to him or them by any such Justice or Justices at such Special Sessions concerning the same, or shall not (within the Space of Fourteen Days then next following) well and truly pay all and every Sum and Sums of Money so ascertained, determined, and stated as last aforesaid, as the respective Balances then in his or their Hands, and deliver all and every the Books, Assessments, Vouchers, Documents and Writings, relating to his or their Receipts or Payments by virtue of this Act, in pursuance of and obedience to the Order of such Justices, or any Two or more of them, to be in that Behalf made as aforesaid, then and in any of such Cases each and every such Treasurer and Treasurers shall, for each and every such Offence, Refusal, or Neglect respectively, forfeit

when required by the Justices.

forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Ten Pounds; and any Two or more of the ſaid Juſtices ſhall and may cauſe all and every ſuch Sum and Sums of Money as ſhall remain in the Hands of ſuch Treaſurer or Treaſurers, at the Time of ſuch Account as aforeſaid, to be from Time to Time levied by Diſtreſs and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of ſuch Treaſurer or Treaſurers, rendering the Overplus to the Owner; and in caſe a ſufficient Diſtreſs cannot be found, then it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the ſaid Juſtices, or any Two or more of them, by Warrant under their Hands and Seals, to cauſe ſuch Treaſurer or Treaſurers to be apprehended, and to commit him or them to the Common Gaol for the ſaid Borough, or to the Houſe of Correction at *Wakefield*, in the Weſt Riding of the ſaid County, there to remain without Bail or Mainprize, until he or they ſhall have duly and fully accounted for and paid all ſuch Monies as ſhall upon ſuch Accounts or otherwiſe appear to be in the Hands of, or to have been received and not accounted for, by ſuch Treaſurer or Treaſurers, or have made Satisfaction or Compoſition for the ſame, and which Compoſition ſuch Juſtices are hereby authorized and empowered to make, and ſhall have delivered or accounted for all and every the Books, Aſſeſſments, Vouchers, Documents and Writings, in his or their Hands by virtue of this Act, according to the Proviſions and Directions herein contained, and the true Intent and Meaning hereof, or until he or they ſhall be diſcharged from the ſaid Common Gaol or Houſe of Correction by the Order of the Juſtices of the Peace acting in and for the ſaid Borough, to be made at a General Quarter Seſſions of the Peace for the ſaid Borough, or at ſome Adjournment thereof: Provided always, that in caſe any Money received by any ſuch Treaſurer or Treaſurers, Collector or Collectors as aforeſaid ſhall be totally loſt, the Aſſeſſor or Aſſeſſors for the Time being reſpectively, or who ſhall have made the laſt Aſſeſſment, is and are hereby authorized and required, upon the Order and by the Direction of the ſaid Juſtices, or any Three of them, (and which Order ſuch Juſtices are hereby authorized and empowered to make), to make a new or additional Aſſeſſment or Aſſeſſments, not exceeding the reſpective Amounts herein-before limited for ſupplying and making good ſuch Deficiency, and the Charges occaſioned by or on account of the ſame in Manner following; (that is to ſay), if ſuch Loſs ſhall happen or ariſe by or from any ſuch Treaſurer or Treaſurers, then ſuch new or additional Rate ſhall be charged and levied upon all Perſons within the ſaid Borough, liable to or charged with the ſaid original Rate; but if ſuch Loſs ſhall ariſe by or from any Collector or Collectors, then the new or additional Rate ſhall be made and charged only upon the Perſons liable to be aſſeſſed by or charged in the ſaid original Rate, for ſuch Diviſion, Townſhip or Diſtrict, for which ſuch Collector or Collectors ſhall have been appointed.

Recovery and Application of Penalties, &c.

XXVIII. And be it further enacted, That it ſhall and may be lawful for any Juſtice or Juſtices of the Peace of and for the ſaid Borough, to hear and determine any of the Offences (not herein directed to be otherwiſe heard) which are made ſubject to and puniſhable by any pecuniary Penalty or Penalties directed by this Act, or impoſed by virtue thereof; and upon any Information or Complaint (which ſhall in all Caſes be made within Two Calendar Months next after the Offence committed) exhibited in Writing before him or them, to iſſue a Summons for the Party accuſed to appear before him or them, or the Juſtice or Juſtices at any Petty Seſſions of the Peace for the Borough aforeſaid, at ſuch Time and Place as ſhall be

be appointed in ſuch Summons; and upon Appearance or Contempt of the Party accuſed, or not appearing according to ſuch Summons, it ſhall and may be lawful to and for ſuch Juſtice or Juſtices (ſuch Summons being firſt proved to be either perſonally ſerved on the Party or Parties, or left at his, her, or their laſt or uſual Place of Reſidence) to proceed to the Examination of any Witneſs or Witneſſes upon Oath (which Oath ſuch Juſtice or Juſtices is and are hereby empowered and required to adminiſter), and to hear the Circumſtances of the Caſe, and thereupon, or upon Confeſſion of the Party or Parties, to give and ſign ſuch Conviction and Judgment for the Forfeiture and Payment of ſuch Penalty, or to acquit the Party or Parties accuſed for want of due Proof of the Offence, as ſhall be juſt and conformable to the Tenor and true Meaning of this Act; and where the Party or Parties ſo accuſed ſhall be convicted, upon or by reaſon of any ſuch Complaint or Information, then the Penalty or Forfeiture wherein he, ſhe, or they ſhall be ſo ſeverally convicted, and all and every the Penalties and Forfeitures, and all Fines by and under this Act incurred and impoſed, (the Manner of recovering and levying whereof is not otherwiſe hereby particularly directed), ſhall and may by Warrant or Warrants under the Hand and Seal, or Hands and Seals of any ſuch Juſtice or Juſtices, which he or they is and are hereby empowered and required to grant, be levied and recovered with the Coſts of Conviction, and Recovery thereof, to be aſcertained by ſuch Juſtice or Juſtices, by Diſtreſs and Sale of the Offender's Goods and Chattels, wherever ſuch Goods or Chattels can be found, rendering the Overplus of ſuch Diſtreſs (if any) to the Party or Parties whoſe Goods or Chattels ſhall be ſo diſtrained; One Moiety of all which Penalties, not herein-before directed to be otherwiſe applied, ſhall be paid to the Informer, and the other Moiety ſhall be applied for and towards ſuch of the Purpoſes mentioned in this Act, as the ſaid Juſtices, or any Two of them, ſhall order and direct; and in caſe ſuch ſufficient Diſtreſs cannot be found, it ſhall and may be lawful to and for ſuch Juſtice or Juſtices, and he and they is and are hereby required and empowered by Warrant under his Hand and Seal, or their Hands and Seals, to commit ſuch Offender or Offenders to the Common Gaol for the ſaid Borough, or to the Houſe of Correction at *Wakefield* in the Weſt Riding of the ſaid County, there to be and remain without Bail or Mainprize, for any Term not exceeding Three Calendar Months, or until he, ſhe, or they ſhall have fully paid ſuch Penalty or Forfeiture, and all Coſts and Charges attending ſuch Proceedings as aforeſaid, (to be aſcertained by ſuch Juſtice or Juſtices), or have paid ſuch Compoſition for the ſame as ſuch Juſtice or Juſtices ſhall think fit to make, (and which Compoſition he and they is and are hereby empowered to make), or ſhall otherwiſe be diſcharged by due Courſe of Law.

Penalty on Witneſſes neglecting to attend Summons.

XXIX. And be it further enacted, That if any Perſon or Perſons ſhall be ſummoned by Writing under the Hand of any Juſtice or Juſtices of the Peace for the ſaid Borough, as a Witneſs or Witneſſes to give Evidence before any ſuch Juſtice or Juſtices, touching any Matter of Fact contained in any Information or Complaint for any Offence againſt this Act, or for the Nonpayment of any Rate hereby authorized to be made, or the Breach or Neglect of any Order, Rule, or Regulation to be made in purſuance of this Act, whether on the Part of the Proſecutor or Proſecutors, Informant or Informants, or the Perſon or Perſons complained of (which Summons ſuch Juſtice or Juſtices is and are hereby authorized to

iſſue where and in ſuch Caſes as he or they ſhall think fit); and after being ſo ſummoned as aforeſaid, and having been tendered a reaſonable Sum for his, her, or their Coſts, Charges and Expences, ſhall refuſe or neglect to appear at the Time and Place for that Purpoſe appointed in or by ſuch Summons, without a reaſonable Excuſe for ſuch his, her, or their Refuſal or Neglect, to be approved by ſuch Juſtice or Juſtices, every ſuch Perſon or Perſons ſo offending ſhall forfeit and pay for every ſuch Offence any Sum not exceeding the Sum of Forty Shillings, to be recovered as herein-before mentioned, and applied and diſpoſed of in ſuch Manner as the Juſtice or Juſtices before whom he, ſhe, or they ſhall be convicted of the ſaid Offence ſhall order or appoint.

Perſons paying Rates, not to be on that account incompetent Witneſſes.

XXX. And be it further enacted, That no Perſon or Perſons ſhall be deemed or conſidered incompetent to give Evidence upon or in any Information, Complaint, Hearing, Examination, Proſecution, Appeal, Trial, Cauſe or Proceeding whatſoever, in, about, or concerning this Act, or any Matter or Thing therein contained on account of his, her, or their paying or being charged with, or liable to pay any of the Rates or Aſſeſſments hereby directed or authorized to be charged or impoſed, or any other Rate or Aſſeſſment within the ſaid Borough; any Law, Statute, or Uſage to the contrary notwithſtanding.

Diſtreſs, &c. not illegal for want of Form.

XXXI. And be it further enacted, That where any Diſtreſs or Sale ſhall be made for any Sum or Sums of Money directed to be levied, or any Perſon or Perſons ſhall be apprehended or committed by virtue of this Act, ſuch Diſtreſs and Sale, Arreſt or Commitment, ſhall not be deemed unlawful, nor the Party or Parties doing the ſame reſpectively be deemed a Treſpaſſer or Treſpaſſers on account of any Defect or Want of Form, or other Irregularity in any Warrant of Appointment, or other Warrant, or in any Rate, Aſſeſſment or Summons, Conviction, Order, Commitment, or other Proceeding or Proceedings whatſoever, relating to or concerning any ſuch Diſtreſs or Sale, Arreſt or Commitment; nor ſhall the Party or Parties making ſuch Diſtreſs or Sale, Arreſt or Commitment reſpectively, be deemed or conſtrued a Treſpaſſer or Treſpaſſers *ab initio* on account of any Irregularity which ſhall afterwards be done or tranſacted in any ſuch Caſe by him, her or them, but the Perſon or Perſons aggrieved by any ſuch Irregularity ſhall and may, by Action on the Caſe, recover Satisfaction for the Special Damage only; nor ſhall any Conviction, Judgment or Order made, or other Matter or Thing to be done or tranſacted in or relating to the Execution of this Act, be removed by *Certiorari*, or any other Writ or Proceſs whatſoever, into any of His Majeſty's Courts of Record at *Weſtminſter*; any Law or Statute to the contrary notwithſtanding.

Conviction.

XXXII. And for the more eaſy Conviction of any Offender or Offenders againſt this Act, or any Rule, Order, or Regulation to be made by virtue thereof, be it further enacted, That any Juſtice of the Peace before whom any Perſon or Perſons ſhall be convicted of any Offence or Offences againſt this Act, or againſt any ſuch Rule, Order, or Regulation as aforeſaid, ſhall and may cauſe the Conviction to be drawn up in the following Form of Words, or in Words to the ſame Effect:

Form of Conviction.

'Borough of Leeds, in the County of York.' } BE it remembered, That on the Day of in the Year of the Reign of 'A. B. is [*or*, are] convicted before me, One of His Majeſty's Juſtices of 'the

'the Peace in and for the said Borough, by virtue of an Act passed in 'the Fifty-fifth Year of the Reign of His Majesty King *George* the Third, 'intituled *An Act, &c.* [*here insert the Title of this Act, specifying the 'Offence, and the Time and Place when and where the same was committed*] 'contrary to the said Act [*or*, contrary to the Rules, Orders, and Regu- 'lations duly made in pursuance of the said Act]; for which Offence I 'adjudge the said *A. B.* to have forfeited the Sum of

'Given under my Hand the Day and Year first above written.'

And every such Conviction to be drawn up in the Form aforesaid, or in Words to the same Effect, shall be and is hereby declared to be good, sufficient, and effectual in the Law on all Occasions, and to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever.

Persons aggrieved may appeal to the Quarter Sessions.

XXXIII. And be it further enacted, That if any Person or Persons shall think himself, herself, or themselves aggrieved by any Rate or Rates, Assessment or Assessments, made under or by virtue of this Act, or by any Rule, Order or Regulation, Conviction, Judgment or Determination of any Justice or Justices of the Peace for the said Borough, in or about or in anywise relating to this Act, or the Execution thereof, or by any Matter or Thing done or to be done in pursuance of this Act, or of any Rule, Order or Regulation to be made by virtue thereof, such Person or Persons may appeal to the General Quarter Sessions of the Peace to be holden in and for the said Borough, next after the making of any such Rate or Rates, Assessment or Assessments, Rule, Order or Regulation, Conviction, Judgment or Determination, or the doing of any such Matter or Thing as aforesaid, such Appellant or Appellants first giving, or causing to be given Ten Days Notice at the least in Writing of his, her, or their Intention to bring such Appeal, and of the Matter thereof, to the Assessor or Assessors of any such Rate or Rates, Assessment or Assessments, or the Justice or Justices who shall make any such Rule, Order or Regulation, Conviction, Judgment or Determination, or the Person or Persons who shall do any such Matter or Thing as aforesaid, and at the same Time, or within Two Days next after such Notice given or caused to be given as aforesaid, entering into Recognizance in the Sum of Twenty Pounds before some Justice of the Peace for the said Borough, conditioned for prosecuting such Appeal, and to abide such Order thereon, and to pay such Costs and Charges, and in such Manner, as shall be awarded or ordered by the Justices at such General Quarter Sessions; and the said Justices at such General Quarter Sessions shall, upon due Proof being made to their Satisfaction of such Notice having been given, and such Recognizance entered into as aforesaid, hear and determine the Causes and Matters of such Appeal in a summary Way, and award such Costs to be paid to and by any of the Parties concerned in such Appeal as they shall think proper; and such Justices may, if they see Cause, mitigate any Fine, Penalty or Forfeiture, and may order any Money to be returned which shall or may have been levied or paid in pursuance, or by reason or on account of any such Rate or Rates, Assessment or Assessments, Rule, Order, Regulation, Conviction, Judgment or Determination as aforesaid; and may also order such other Satisfaction to be made to the Party injured by such Person or Persons, and in such Manner, as such Justices shall think proper; and the Determination of such Justices at any General Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the said Borough shall be binding, final, and conclusive on all Parties, and to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever.

Juſtices may alter Rates on Appeal, or order new ones.

XXXIV. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That on any Appeal from or againſt any Rate or Rates, Aſſeſſment or Aſſeſſments, to be made in purſuance of or for any of the Purpoſes mentioned in this Act, the Juſtices of the Peace for the ſaid Borough, at their General Quarter Seſſions of the Peace, ſhall and may alter and amend any ſuch Rate or Rates, Aſſeſſment or Aſſeſſments, in ſuch Manner as they ſhall think neceſſary, for giving Relief to any Perſon or Perſons injured or aggrieved thereby, without quaſhing or altering any ſuch Rate or Aſſeſſment with reſpect to the other Perſons mentioned in the ſame; but if upon any ſuch Appeal, it ſhall by ſuch Juſtices be thought neceſſary to ſet aſide the whole Rate or Rates, Aſſeſſment or Aſſeſſments, then and in ſuch Caſe it ſhall and may be lawful for ſuch Juſtices ſo to do, and to order a new Rate or Rates, Aſſeſſment or Aſſeſſments, to be made in the Manner herein directed.

Limitation of Actions.

XXXV. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That no Action or Suit ſhall be brought, commenced, or proſecuted againſt any Juſtice or Juſtices, or other Perſon or Perſons whomſoever, for any Thing done in purſuance of this Act or the ſaid recited Acts, unleſs Ten Days Notice thereof, ſigned by the intended Plaintiff or Plaintiffs, or his or their Attorney or Solicitor, ſhall be firſt given to the Juſtice or Juſtices, Perſon or Perſons againſt whom ſuch Action or Suit ſhall be brought, commenced or proſecuted, or unleſs ſuch Action or Suit ſhall be brought or commenced within Three Calendar Months next after the Fact committed, or after ſufficient Satisfaction or Tender of reaſonable Amends ſhall have been made to ſuch Plaintiff or Plaintiffs, by or on Behalf of the Defendant or Defendants in ſuch Action or Suit, or unleſs ſuch Action or Suit ſhall be laid and brought in the County where the Cauſe of Action ſhall have ariſen, and it ſhall be lawful for the Defendant or Defendants in any ſuch Action or Suit to plead the General Iſſue, and give this Act and the ſpecial Matter in Evidence at any Trial to be had thereupon, and that the Matter or Thing for which ſuch Action or Suit ſhall be brought or commenced was done in purſuance and by the Authority of this Act; and if it ſhall appear to have been ſo done, or that ſuch Action or Suit ſhall have been brought before Ten Days Notice thereof being given as aforeſaid, or that ſuch Action or Suit was not commenced before the Expiration of Three Calendar Months next after the Fact committed, or that ſufficient Satisfaction or Tender of reaſonable Amends was made by or on Behalf of the Defendant or Defendants as aforeſaid, or that ſuch Action or Suit ſhall have been brought in any other County or Place than the County aforeſaid, then and in any of the Caſes aforeſaid the Jury ſhall find for the Defendant or Defendants; and upon ſuch Verdict, or if the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs ſhall become nonſuited, or diſcontinue his, her, or their Action or Suit, after the Defendant or Defendants ſhall have appeared, or if upon Demurrer Judgment ſhall be given againſt the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs, the Defendant or Defendants ſhall and may recover Treble Coſts, and ſhall have ſuch Remedy for the ſame as any Defendant hath in other Caſes by Law.

Coſts of the Act how to be paid.

XXXVI. And be it further enacted, That the Coſts and Expences of obtaining this Act ſhall be paid and borne in the Manner and according to the Proportions following; (that is to ſay), One Third Part thereof out of the firſt Monies to be raiſed by the Rate or Aſſeſſment firſt herein-

before directed to be made for completing the said Court House, Accommodations, and Prison; One other Third Part thereof out of the first Monies to be raised by the Rates or Assessments herein-before directed to be made and called *The Court House Rates;* and the other Third Part thereof out of the first Monies to be raised by the Rates or Assessments herein-before directed to be made and called *The Watch Rates;* and that if any Justice or Justices of the Peace for the said Borough, or any other Person or Persons on his or their Behalf, shall advance and pay any Money in discharge of the Fees or other Expences of obtaining and executing this Act, or of completing the said Court House, Accommodations, and Prison, the Money so advanced and paid shall be repaid and satisfied, with lawful Interest thereon, in the same Manner as the Costs and Expences of obtaining this Act are herein-before directed to be paid.

Saving Rights of the Corporation.

XXXVII. And be it further enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall extend or be construed to extend to prejudice, lessen, or defeat any Right, Interest, or Property of the Corporation of *Leeds*, of or in any Power, Privilege, Franchise or Authority, but all and every such Powers, Privileges, Franchises and Authorities, may be exercised and enjoyed in as full and ample Manner to all Intents and Purposes, as the same were exercised and enjoyed at any Time before the passing of this Act.

Public Act.

XXXVIII. 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.

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