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GEORGII III. REGIS.

Cap. 106.

An Act to extend the Provisions of Two Acts, passed in the Thirty-ninth and Fortieth and in the Forty-first Years of the Reign of His present Majesty, relating to the Use of Horse Hides in making Boots and Shoes, and preventing the damaging of Raw Hides and Skins in the flaying thereof, to, and to alter and amend the same as to, the Cities of *London* and *Westminster*, and Borough of *Southwark* and Liberties thereof, and all Places within Fifteen Miles of the Royal Exchange of the said City of *London*.

[4th *July* 1803.]

WHEREAS an Act passed in the Thirty-ninth and Fortieth Years of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled, *An Act to repeal so much of an Act, passed in the Second Year of King James the First, as prohibits the Use of Horse Hides in making Boots and Shoes*; 39 & 40 Geo. 3. c. 66.

and for better preventing the damaging of Raw Hides and Skins in the flaying thereof: And whereas an Act passed in the Forty-first Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled, *An Act to explain and amend an Act, passed in the Thirty-ninth and Fortieth Years of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled, 'An Act to repeal so much of an Act, passed in the Second Year of 'King James the First, as prohibits the Use of Horse Hides in making Boots 'and Shoes; and for better preventing the damaging of Raw Hides and 'Skins in the flaying thereof:'* And whereas it was in and by the said First recited Act enacted, that nothing therein contained should extend, or be construed to extend, to the Cities of *London* or *Westminster*, or the Borough of *Southwark*, or any of the Liberties thereof, or to any Place or Places within Fifteen Miles of the Royal Exchange of the City of *London*: And whereas the said recited Acts have been found highly beneficial to the Leather Trade, and of considerable Advantage to the Publick in General, by having increased the Quantity of good serviceable Leather: And whereas it is therefore expedient that the Provisions of the said recited Acts should be extended to the Cities of *London* and *Westminster*, and Borough of *Southwark*, and Liberties thereof, and all Places within Fifteen Miles of the Royal Exchange of the said City of *London*; be it therefore 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, the said recited Acts, and all the Powers, Authorities, Provisions, Regulations, Directions, Restrictions, Fines, Penalties, Forfeitures, Clauses, Matters, and Things in the said First recited Act contained, as the same are altered, amended, and not repealed by the said Second recited Act, and all the Powers, Authorities, Provisions, Regulations, Directions, Restrictions, Fines, Penalties, Forfeitures, Clauses, Matters, and Things in the said Second recited Act contained, shall, so far as the same are not repealed, altered, or amended by this Act, be extended, and deemed and construed to extend, to the Cities of *London* and *Westminster*, and the Borough of *Southwark*, and the Liberties thereof, and to all Places within Fifteen Miles of the Royal Exchange of the said City of *London*, as fully and effectually, to all Intents and Purposes, as if the same had not been excepted out of the said Acts, and as fully and effectually as if the said Powers, Authorities, Provisions, Regulations, Directions, Restrictions, Fines, Penalties, Forfeitures, Clauses, Matters, and Things were severally and separately repeated and re-enacted in, and made Part of, the Body of this Act; any Thing in the said Acts contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

41 Geo. 3. c. 52.

Former Acts extended to *London*, *Westminster*, and *Southwark*, and to Places within Fifteen Miles of the Royal Exchange of *London*.

II. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That all Raw Hides and Skins of Oxen, Bulls, Cows, Heifers, Steers or Stirks, Horses, Mares, Geldings, Calves, Hogs or Pigs, which shall be flayed at any Place, or within any Parish not exceeding Five Miles from the Royal Exchange of the City of *London*, shall be brought for the Purpose of being inspected, examined, and stamped, to the Market of *Leadenhall* in the City of *London*, on the usual Market Days; and all Raw Skins of Sheep or Lambs shall be brought for such Purpose as aforesaid, either to

All Hides within Five Miles of Royal Exchange to be brought to *Leadenhall*;

Sheep and Lamb Skins to One of the Three Sheep Skin Markets.

the Sheep-ſkin Market at *Woods Cloſe*, or to the Sheep-ſkin Market in the Borough of *Southwark*, or to the Sheep-ſkin Market in the Pariſh of *Saint Botolph Aldgate*, commonly called the *Whitechapel* Market, or to ſuch other Market or Markets, or Place or Places, as ſhall be choſen and appointed for that Purpoſe by the reſpective Maſters, Wardens, and Courts of Aſſiſtants of the reſpective Companies, in Manner in this Act mentioned, and ſhall be publiſhed in the *London Gazette* on Two ſucceſſive *Saturdays* after any ſuch Market or Place ſhall have been ſo choſen and appointed; and all ſuch Hides and Skins aforeſaid reſpectively ſhall be inſpected, examined, and ſtamped or marked by the Inſpectors of Hides and Skins at the ſaid reſpective Markets, according to the Proviſions of the ſaid recited Acts and this Act; and every Butcher or other Perſon neglecting or omitting to bring any ſuch Raw Hide or Skin, or Raw Hides or Skins, to One of ſuch Markets as aforeſaid, to be ſo inſpected, examined, ſtamped, and marked as aforeſaid, according to the Proviſions aforeſaid, ſhall forfeit, for every ſuch Skin or Hide a Sum not exceeding Five Pounds nor leſs than Twenty Shillings.

Places and Hours for Inſpection to be appointed within Three Months after the paſſing Act.

III. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That proper Places and convenient Days and Hours for the Inſpection of all ſuch Raw Hides and Skins as aforeſaid, ſhall, within Three Months after the paſſing of this Act, be choſen, appointed, and fixed, according to the Proviſions of the ſaid recited Acts, for all Market Towns and Places beyond the ſaid Diſtance of Five and within the ſaid Diſtance of Fifteen Miles aforeſaid: Provided alſo, that it ſhall be lawful for any ſuch Butcher or other Perſon as aforeſaid, reſiding or flaying any ſuch Hides or Skins at any Place or Pariſh beyond the ſaid Diſtance of Five Miles aforeſaid, and within the Diſtance of Fifteen Miles of the Royal Exchange of the ſaid City of *London*, to bring any ſuch Raw Hides or Skins as aforeſaid to ſuch reſpective Markets as aforeſaid, upon giving One Week's Notice of ſuch his Intention to the Inſpector or Inſpectors of the Diſtrict or Place from which ſuch Raw Hides or Skins ſhall be ſo reſpectively brought as aforeſaid.

Butchers at any Diſtance within 15 Miles, may bring Skins, *etc.* to *Leadenhall* or other Markets, on giving Notice.

Number of Inſpectors at *Leadenhall*, and the Mode of their Appointment.

IV. Provided alſo, and be it further enacted, That Eight Inſpectors ſhall be appointed to examine, inſpect, ſtamp, and mark, all Raw Hides and Skins brought to the Market at *Leadenhall*; Four of which Inſpectors ſhall be appointed by the Maſter and Wardens and Court of Aſſiſtants of the Worſhipful Company of Butchers of the City of *London*, and Two of which Inſpectors ſhall be appointed by the Maſter, Wardens, and Court of Aſſiſtants of the Worſhipful Company of Curriers of the ſaid City of *London*, and the remaining Two by the Maſter, Wardens, and Court of Aſſiſtants of the Worſhipful Company of Cordwainers of the ſaid City of *London*; and that Four other Inſpectors ſhall be annually appointed for the Market aforeſaid at *Woods Cloſe*, and Two other Inſpectors for the Market of the Borough of *Southwark*, and Two other Inſpectors for the Market at *Whitechapel*, which ſaid ſeveral Inſpectors ſhall reſpectively be Perſons of good Character, to examine, inſpect, ſtamp, or mark, all Raw Hides and Skins brought to ſuch reſpective Markets; One Half of the Inſpectors at each of ſuch Three laſt mentioned

Number of Inſpectors at each Sheep-ſkin Market.

Their Appointment.

tioned Markets to be appointed by the Maſter, Wardens, and Court of Aſſiſtants of the Worſhipful Company of Butchers, and the other Half of ſuch Inſpectors at each of ſuch Markets to be appointed in equal Proportions by the Maſter, Wardens, and Court of Aſſiſtants of the Worſhipful Company of Curriers and Cordwainers; all which Appointments as aforeſaid, both for the ſaid Market of *Leadenhall*, and ſuch other Markets as aforeſaid, to be made by annual Elections of the Court of Aſſiſtants of ſuch reſpective Companies aſſembled at any Meeting held for that Purpoſe; and the firſt of ſuch Elections and Appointments to be made within Three Months after the paſſing of this Act.

Power to increaſe the Number, or make ſuch Regulations for the Conduct of Inſpectors, with reſpect to Attendance.

V. Provided alſo, and be it further enacted, That if it ſhall hereafter be found that the Number of Inſpectors herein-before mentioned are not ſufficient for the Execution of the Purpoſes of the ſaid recited Acts and this Act, at ſuch reſpective Markets, or any or either of them, then and in ſuch Caſe it ſhall be lawful for the reſpective Companies aforeſaid to appoint ſuch Number of additional Inſpectors for any or either of ſuch Markets as may be neceſſary, ſo as that the Choice and Election of ſuch Inſpectors ſhall be made in Manner aforeſaid, and that ſuch additional Inſpectors ſhall be choſen and appointed by the reſpective Courts of Aſſiſtants of the ſaid Companies, in the ſame Proportions as herein-before directed in relation to the Choice and Appointment of the firſt Inſpectors at ſuch Markets as aforeſaid; and it ſhall alſo be lawful for the ſaid Courts of Aſſiſtants of the ſaid Companies to make ſuch Orders and Regulations for the Conduct of the ſaid Inſpectors, with reſpect to their Attendance at ſuch Markets, alternately or otherwiſe, as to the ſaid Courts of Aſſiſtants of the ſaid Companies ſhall ſeem meet and proper.

Inſpectors to take Oath.

VI. And be it further enacted, That every Perſon appointed an Inſpector of Hides and Skins at the ſaid Markets under this Act, ſhall before he begins to execute his ſaid Office, take an Oath duly and faithfully to execute the ſame; which Oath ſhall be in Words preſcribed by the ſaid recited Acts, and be adminiſtered by the Lord Mayor of the City of *London*, and every ſuch Inſpector ſhall with due Care, and all reaſonable and proper Diſpatch, examine and mark in Manner by the ſaid recited Acts directed, all Raw Hides and Skins which ſhall be brought to ſuch Markets reſpectively, for the Purpoſe of being inſpected, examined, and marked as aforeſaid; and every ſuch Inſpector ſhall be intitled to demand and take for the examining and marking of the ſeveral and reſpective Sorts of Raw Hides and Skins, examined and marked by him in purſuance of the ſaid recited Acts and of this Act, the ſeveral and reſpective Sums following and no more; (that is to ſay), for the Hide of every Ox, Bull, Cow, Heifer, Steer or Stirk, Horſe, Mare, or Gelding, the Sum of One Halfpenny; and for every Calf, Hog or Pig's Skin, the Sum of One Farthing; and for every Score of Sheep or Lambs' Skins the Sum of Three-pence; and ſo in Proportion for any greater or leſſer Number than a Score: And if any Perſon to whom any ſuch Raw Hide or Skin ſhall belong as aforeſaid, or any other Perſon for him, or any other Perſon or Perſons whomſoever,

ſoever, other than ſuch Inſpector or Inſpectors as aforeſaid, or ſome Perſon or Perſons authorized by him or them in that Behalf, ſhall ſtamp, or mark any Raw Skin or Hide, with any Stamp or Mark uſually the Stamp or Mark of any ſuch Inſpector, or any other Mark in Imitation thereof, he or ſhe ſhall forfeit for every ſuch Offence the Sum of Twenty Pounds.

Hours of Inſpectors Attendance.

VII. And be it further enacted, That every Inſpector of Raw Hides and Skins, appointed under this Act, for the ſaid Market of *Leadenhall*, ſhall regularly attend at the ſaid Market, on the uſual Market Days from the Hour of Six of the Clock in the Morning until the Hour of Five in the Afternoon, from the Twenty-fifth Day of *March* to the Twenty-ninth Day of *September* in every Year both Days incluſive; and from the Hour of Seven of the Clock in the Morning until the Hour of Four of the Clock in the Evening from the Thirtieth Day of *September* to the Twenty-fourth Day of *March*, both Days alſo incluſive; and every Inſpector appointed for any or either of the ſaid other Three Markets, ſhall attend ſuch Markets reſpectively, on the reſpective Market Days during ſuch Hours, as ſhall from Time to Time be fixed and appointed for that Purpoſe by the Court of Aſſiſtants for the ſaid reſpective Companies appointing ſuch Inſpectors as aforeſaid, aſſembled at any Meeting held for that Purpoſe; and all ſuch Inſpectors as aforeſaid, ſhall reſpectively uſe all due Diligence and Diſpatch in the Exerciſe of their ſaid Offices as aforeſaid.

Inſpectors may levy whole Penalty without Reference to Magiſtrate, ſubject to Arbitration only.

VIII. Provided alſo, and be it further enacted, That it ſhall be lawful for any Inſpector or Inſpectors at the ſaid Markets reſpectively, to demand and levy under this Act, the Whole of any Penalty or Forfeiture under this Act, in reſpect of the cutting or gaſhing of any Raw Hide or Skin, or only Half of ſuch Penalty, at his or their Diſcretion, without any Application to any Magiſtrate or Juſtice of the Peace, any Thing in the ſaid recited Acts or this Act to the contrary notwithſtanding; ſubject nevertheleſs to the Determination of any Arbitrators appointed in purſuance of this Act, in caſe the Perſon or Perſons to whom ſuch Hide or Skin ſhall belong, or any Perſon or Perſons on his, her, or their Behalf, ſhall diſpute the Payment of ſuch Penalty, and give Notice of his, her, or their Determination of having ſuch Difference of Opinion or Diſpute determined by Arbitrators, as herein-after provided.

Inſpectors to keep Accounts.

IX. Provided alſo, and be it further enacted, That the ſeveral and reſpective Inſpectors appointed as aforeſaid, for each of ſuch Markets ſhall keep true and perfect Accounts of all Sums of Money received by them reſpectively, for Fines and Penalties levied under the ſaid recited Acts or this Act, diſtinguiſhing in ſuch Account the Names of the Perſons by or upon whom ſuch Fines and Penalties have been paid or levied, and for that Purpoſe ſhall keep Books and enter the ſame therein; which Books ſhall be kept by the ſaid reſpective Inſpectors at Offices or Places to be appointed by the ſaid Courts of Aſſiſtants of the ſaid reſpective Companies, for that Purpoſe, in or near to each of ſuch Markets; and ſuch Books ſhall be open to publick Inſpection, on every Market Day during the Hours of

Market without Fee or Reward, and immediately after the Close of every such Market Day, shall be deposited with the Arbitrator appointed under this Act, at each respective Market, in Manner hereinafter mentioned for safe Custody, until the next Market Day.

Distribution of Fines and Fees.

X. And be it further enacted, That the Whole of the Sums of Money respectively received by the several Inspectors aforesaid, for Fees at each of such Markets as aforesaid, shall be weekly put together into One Sum for each of such Markets; and the Sum of Money received at each of such Markets, together with the One-half Part of all Fines and Penalties also received and levied at each of such Markets by such Inspectors as aforesaid, under the said recited Acts and this Act, for any bad flaying of any Raw Hide or Skin, shall be equally divided by and between the respective Inspectors as aforesaid, acting at the respective Markets, where the same shall be received, and the remaining Half Part of all the Fines and Penalties received at each of such Markets, shall, together with the whole of all other Fines and Penalties levied under the said Acts and this Act in respect of any Matter or Thing arising at each of such Markets, or received or levied from or upon any Person or Persons, bringing Raw Hides and Skins to each of such Markets respectively, to be inspected under this Act, shall be weekly paid to the Arbitrator at the Market where or in respect of which they are received, and shall by such Arbitrators respectively, be paid Monthly to the respective Persons appointed by the said Courts of Assistants of the said respective Companies, to receive the same.

Persons impeding Inspectors to be liable to Penalty.

XI. And be it further enacted, That if any Person or Persons shall at any Time intentionally impede, hinder, or obstruct any such Inspector in the due Discharge of his Office, by any Hindrance, Molestation, or Obstruction whatsoever, and shall thereof be convicted before any Magistrate or Justice of the Peace, such Person shall forfeit for every such Offence, a Sum not exceeding Five Pounds nor less than Ten Shillings, at the Discretion of any such Justice of the Peace or Magistrate.

Inspector taking, and Persons offering Bribes, liable to Penalty.

XII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That if any Person or Persons shall offer any Bribe or other Fee or Reward to any Inspector appointed at either of the said Markets, or if any Inspector shall receive, directly or indirectly, any Bribe or Fee for neglecting or omitting to inspect any Hide or Skin, or for shewing any Favour or Affection in the Exercise of his said Office; the Person or Persons offering, and the Inspector or Inspectors taking or accepting, such Fee or Bribe, shall forfeit for every such Offence a Sum not exceeding Twenty Pounds, and such Inspector shall be forthwith discharged from his said Office.

Salesmen to deliver an Account of Hides, and Servants or Workmen washing Hides,

XIII. And be it further enacted, That every Salesman of Raw Hides or Skins, or other Person selling Raw Hides or Skins, shall, in all Accounts of the Sale of Hides or Skins by him delivered or given to the Person or Persons to whom such Hides or Skins shall belong, or for whom they shall be sold, specify the Number and Amount of the Fines that shall have

have been impoſed and paid in reſpect of any ſuch Raw Hides or Skins; and every ſuch Saleſman or other Perſon who ſhall in any ſuch Account neglect or refuſe to ſpecify the Number and Amount of ſuch Fines, ſhall forfeit for every ſuch Offence the Sum of Ten Pounds; and every Butcher or other Perſon who ſhall pay any ſuch Fine under this Act for any negligent or bad Flaying, by his or their Servant or Workman, and ſhall give Notice to ſuch Servant within Seven Days of the Time of Payment of ſuch Fine of his Intention to recover the ſame, and ſhall proceed ſo to do within Ten Days, ſuch Servant ſhall return and reimburſe to the Perſon or Perſons ſo fined on his Account as aforeſaid, One Half of the Fine paid by him for ſuch Negligence; and the ſame ſhall be recovered before any One or more Juſtice or Juſtices of the Peace, in Manner by the ſaid recited Acts preſcribed for the Recovery of Penalties.

liable to repay Half to their Principals.

XIV. Provided alſo, and be it further enacted, That if after Six Months from the paſſing of this Act, the Fees by this Act directed to be demanded for the Inſpection of any Raw Hides and Skins at the ſaid reſpective Markets ſhall be found inſufficient to compenſate the Inſpectors for the neceſſary Trouble and Labour attending ſuch Inſpection as aforeſaid, it ſhall be lawful for the Lord Mayor for the Time being, upon the Repreſentation of the ſaid Court of Aſſiſtants of the ſaid Companies, to increaſe the ſame to any Sum not exceeding One Penny for every Hide, One Halfpenny for every Calf Skin, Hog Skin, or Pig Skin, and One Farthing for every Sheep or Lamb Skin; and he is hereby required to increaſe the ſame accordingly, and ſuch increaſed Fees ſhall thenceforth be paid in like Manner as thoſe preſcribed by this Act.

Power given to Lord Mayor on certain Repreſentations to increaſe Fees.

XV. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That the ſeveral and reſpective Courts of Aſſiſtants of the ſaid Companies, ſhall, Once in every Year, appoint Four Perſons, of whom Two ſhall be elected by the Court of Aſſiſtants of the Company of Butchers, and One by the Court of Aſſiſtants of the Company of Curriers, and One by the Court of Aſſiſtants of the Company of Cordwainers, who ſhall reſpectively be and act as Arbitrators in caſe of any Diſputes ariſing at any or either of the ſaid Markets of *Leadenhall*, *Woods Cloſe*, *Whitechapel*, or *Southwark*, on the Inſpection and Examination of any ſuch Raw Hides or Skins, or whether the ſame ſhall have been properly flayed or not, or whether any Inſpector or Inſpectors ought to have demanded or levied the whole or any, and what Penalty or Forfeiture, in reſpect of any ſuch Raw Hide or Skin, One of which Arbitrators ſhall attend at each of ſuch Markets, and ſhall remain in Attendance at ſuch Market for Three Months from the Time of the firſt Commencement of his Attendance, and ſo on at each of ſuch Markets in Succeſſion, and ſo as that no ſuch Arbitrator ſhall attend for a longer Period than Three Months at any One of ſuch Markets in the Courſe of One Year; and each of ſuch Arbitrators ſo appointed ſhall, before he begins to execute his ſaid Office, take an Oath to do Juſtice between all Parties in all Diſputes as ſhall be referred to him by virtue of this Act; which Oath ſhall be adminiſtered by the Lord Mayor of the City of *London*, and ſhall regularly

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regularly attend at such respective Markets as aforesaid, during all the Hours by this Act or hereafter to be fixed and appointed for the Attendance of Inspectors at such respective Markets as aforesaid; and the Decision of any such Arbitrator or Arbitrators shall be binding and conclusive on all the Parties interested in such Dispute.

Power to Arbitrators to fine for frivolous Arbitrations.

XVI. Provided also, and be it further enacted, That where any such Arbitrators shall think that any Complaint made by any Butcher or Salesman, or other Person of any Decision of any Inspector or Inspectors shall have been frivolous, or that any Inspector or Inspectors shall have vexatiously and improperly levied the Whole, or too much of any Penalty or Forfeiture, in respect of any such Raw Hide or Skin as aforesaid, it shall be lawful for such Arbitrators to fine any such Butcher or Salesman or other Person or Inspector or Inspectors any Sum of Money not exceeding Ten Shillings, to be levied as any Penalties may be levied under the said recited Act, and applied as the Penalties under this Act are directed to be applied.

Arbitrators to keep Accounts.

XVII. Provided also, and be it further enacted, That the Arbitrator or Arbitrators to be appointed in Manner herein-before mentioned, at each of such Markets as aforesaid, shall keep a true and perfect Account of all Sums of Money received by the Inspectors for Fines and Penalties levied under the said recited Acts or this Act, at each of such Markets, and for that Purpose shall keep a Book or Books, and enter the same therein; which Book or Books shall be kept by such Arbitrator or Arbitrators at some Office or Place to be appointed in or near to each of such Markets ready for publick Inspection, on every Market Day without Fee or Reward.

Inspectors and Arbitrators compelled to use Dispatch, or liable to Discharge.

XVIII. And be it further enacted, That when any Complaint shall be made by any Person or Persons interested or dealing in any Raw Hides or Skins, of any Misconduct or Neglect of Duty of any Inspector or Arbitrator appointed under this Act, or of any Refusal or Neglect of any Inspector in not attending, with all reasonable Diligence and Dispatch, on any Person or Persons offering any Raw Hide or Skin for Inspection as aforesaid, or of any Arbitrator in not attending any Arbitration, and due Proof shall be made thereof to the Satisfaction of the Master of the Company by which such Inspector or Arbitrator shall have been appointed as aforesaid, then and in such Case it shall be lawful for such Master to suspend such Inspector or Arbitrator, and appoint another in his Stead, until the next Court Day or Meeting of the Court of Assistants of such Company, and such Complaint shall at such Court be heard and determined; and it shall be lawful for the Master, Wardens, and Courts of Assistants of such Company assembled at such Court, or any succeeding Court, to discharge such Inspector or Arbitrator, and appoint another, in Manner before directed, to supply such Vacancy, or to fine any such Inspector or Arbitrator any Sum not exceeding Five Pounds nor less than Ten Shillings.

Buyers and Sellers of unstampt Hides liable to Penalty.

XIX. And be it further enacted, That if any Person or Persons shall within Five Miles of the Royal Exchange aforesaid, offer any Hide or Skin, for

for Sale, or ſhall ſell the ſame, or any Perſon or Perſons ſhall purchaſe any Hide or Skin, which ſhall not have been inſpected, examined, and marked, as by the ſaid recited Acts or this Act is directed, and ſhall be thereof convicted before any Magiſtrate, ſuch Perſon or Perſons reſpectively, as the Caſe may be, ſhall forfeit at the Diſcretion of ſuch Magiſtrate, for every ſuch Offence a Sum not exceeding Twenty Shillings nor leſs than Five Shillings for every Hide; and a Sum not exceeding Five Shillings nor leſs than One Shilling for every Skin of Hogs, Pigs, or Calves; and a Sum not exceeding One Shilling nor leſs than Sixpence for every Sheep or Lamb's Skin.

Treaſurers Appointment.

XX. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That it ſhall be lawful for the ſeveral and reſpective Courts of Aſſiſtants of the Companies aforeſaid, to appoint a proper Officer or Perſon for each Company, to receive of and from the ſeveral and reſpective Arbitrators aforeſaid, the Sums of Money by this Act directed to be paid by them in the Proportions following; that is to ſay, One Half Part of all ſuch Sums of Money ſhall be paid to the Officer or Perſon appointed by the Court of Aſſiſtants of the Company of Butchers; and One-fourth Part of ſuch Sums of Money, to the Officer or Perſon appointed by the Court of Aſſiſtants of the Company of Curriers; and the remaining Fourth Part to the Officer or Perſon appointed by the Court of Aſſiſtants of the Company of Cordwainers; and all ſuch Sums of Money ſhall reſpectively in the Firſt Place be appropriated towards promoting and carrying into Execution the ſaid recited Acts and this Act, ſo far as relate to the Diſtance aforeſaid, from the Royal Exchange of the ſaid City of *London* and ſubject thereto, ſhall go and be applied to and for the Uſe of the Poor of the ſaid Companies.

Appointment of Inſpectors or Arbitrators in caſe of Default of Appointment.

XXI. Provided alſo, and be it further enacted, That if the Maſter, Wardens, and Court of Aſſiſtants of any Company authorized and required by this Act to chooſe and appoint any Inſpector or Inſpectors, or Arbitrator or Arbitrators, ſhall neglect ſo to do within the Time ſpecified by this Act, or in caſe of the Death of any One or more of ſuch Inſpectors or Arbitrators ſo appointed, ſhall neglect to appoint another or others in the Place of any One or more ſuch Inſpectors or Arbitrators ſo dying, then and in every ſuch Caſe it ſhall be lawful for the Maſter of any other of ſuch Companies to give Ten Days Notice to the Maſter of the Company ſo neglecting to appoint ſuch Inſpector or Inſpectors, or Arbitrator or Arbitrators as aforeſaid; and at the Expiration of ſuch Ten Days, if ſuch Inſpector or Inſpectors, or Arbitrator or Arbitrators, ſhall not in the mean Time have been appointed, it ſhall be lawful for the Maſter giving ſuch Notice, together with the Wardens and Court of Aſſiſtants of his Company to appoint ſuch Inſpector or Inſpectors, or Arbitrator or Arbitrators, as aforeſaid; and ſuch Inſpector or Inſpectors, or Arbitrator or Arbitrators, ſhall not be removeable or removed by the Company guilty of ſuch Neglect, on any Complaint, or for any Cauſe, but only by the Company making ſuch Appointment as aforeſaid.

Declaring the Act Publick.

XXII. And be it further enacted, That this Act shall be deemed, adjudged, and taken to be a publick Act, and shall be judicially taken Notice of as such by all Judges, Justices, and other Persons whomsoever, without specially pleading the same.

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Cap. 107.

An Act for raising and securing a Fund for making Provision for the Widows of the Writers to His Majesty's Signet in *Scotland*. [4th *July* 1803.]

WHEREAS the Society of Writers to His Majesty's Signet in *Scotland* have formed a Scheme for raising a Fund for making a Provision for the Widows of the Members of the said Society, but the said Scheme cannot be effectually carried into Execution 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 such Persons as were Members of the said Society at the Term of *Whitsunday* in the Year One thousand eight hundred and three, and who by a Writing under their several Hands, signed before the Term of *Martinmas* in the said Year, shall declare their Resolution to become Contributors to the said Scheme for raising a Fund for a Provision for the Widows of the Contributors, shall be bound to make Payment to the Collector of the Fund, to be appointed in Manner after-mentioned, at the said Term of *Martinmas*, of the Sum of Six Pounds and Six Shillings Sterling each, with the Interest thereof from the said Term of *Whitsunday*, and of the like Sum of Six Pounds and Six Shillings each, at the Term of *Whitsunday* One thousand eight hundred and four, and at each succeeding Term of *Whitsunday* during their respective Lives, with one-twentieth Part more in Name of Penalty, in case of failing to make Payment of the said Annual Contribution within three Months after the same becomes due, besides the full Costs which may be incurred in prosecuting for and recovering the same, and the Interest of each respective Sum from the Time of Payment thereof until paid; and that the Persons who were Members of the said Society at the

Contributors to the Plan and Rates to be paid.

the said Term of *Whitsunday* One thousand eight hundred and three, and whose Accession to the said Scheme shall not be declared by a Writing under their Hands before the said Term of *Martinmas* in the same Year, shall be excluded from the Benefit thereof for ever, excepting such of them as shall be admitted by a Majority of the Contributors to the Scheme present at a General Meeting, upon their Application and making Payment of Ten Pounds Sterling each, over and above the Rates and all other Contributions that would have been due by them as Contributors, under this Act, and that before the Term of *Whitsunday* One thousand eight hundred and four; after which Term of *Whitsunday* One thousand eight hundred and four, it shall not be competent to admit any of the Non-Contributors aforesaid to a Participation of the said Scheme, excepting always such Members as may not be in *Great Britain* at the said Term of *Martinmas* One thousand eight hundred and three, who shall have Power to become Contributors at any Time within Six Months after their Return to *Great Britain*, on making Payment of the Whole Rates and all other Contributions that would have been due by them as Original Contributors under this Act.

Members of the Society admitted after,

of course to be Contributors and pay the Rates.

II. And be it enacted, That every Person who shall be admitted a Member of the said Society after the said Term of *Whitsunday* One thousand eight hundred and three shall, in consequence of his Admission, be held to accede to the Scheme, and shall be bound to make Payment of the Sum of Six Pounds and Six Shillings at the first Term of *Whitsunday* after his Admission, and the like Sum at each succeeding *Whitsunday* during his Life, with Penalty and Interest as aforesaid: And, That every Person who shall be admitted after the Term of *Whitsunday*, and before the Term of *Martinmas*, in any Year, shall pay the aforesaid Sum of Six Pounds and Six Shillings at the Term of *Martinmas*, after his Admission, as his Contribution for the Year current from the *Whitsunday* preceding, and the like Sum at the Term of *Whitsunday* thereafter, and so on at each succeeding Term of *Whitsunday* during his Life; but providing that every Person who has been admitted a Member of the said Society since the Term of *Whitsunday* One thousand eight hundred and three, or shall, after the passing of this Act, be admitted a Member thereof in consequence of an Indenture of Apprenticeship, which commenced on or before the First Day of *January* One thousand eight hundred and three, shall be at Liberty to refuse to become a Contributor to the said Scheme, by lodging an Intimation of his Refusal with the said Collector at any Time within Six Months after the Date of his Admission into the said Society, but if no such Intimation of Refusal shall be so lodged within the said Space, he shall be held to have acceded to the said Scheme from the day of his Admission, and shall be liable in Payment of the whole Rates imposed by this Act upon Contributors.

Rates to be paid by Members acceding who are married.

III. And be it enacted, That every Member of the said Society acceding to the Scheme in manner aforesaid, who, at the said Term of *Whitsunday* One thousand eight hundred and three was married, shall be bound to make Payment to the said Collector at the said Term of *Martinmas* in the same Year of the Sum of Ten Pounds Sterling in respect of his Marriage with Interest from the said Term of *Whitsunday*, and One-twentieth Part more of Penalty in case of failing to make Payment of the same within Three Months after the said Term, over and above the full Costs that may be incurred in prosecuting for and recovering the same: And every Person whether

whether already married, or who shall be married, who shall become a Contributor after the said Term of *Whitsunday* One thousand eight hundred and three shall, in respect of his Marriage, make Payment of the like Sum of Ten Pounds Sterling at the First Term of *Martinmas* or *Whitsunday* after such Marriage, or after his becoming a Contributor, which ever of these Events shall last happen, with Interest from such Term of Payment till paid, and One twentieth Part more of Penalty, in case of failing to make Payment of the same within Three Months after the said Term, over and above the full Costs that may be incurred in prosecuting for and recovering the same; and which Sum of Ten Pounds shall, in like Manner, be payable by each Contributor to the Scheme for each succeeding Marriage which he shall enter into; and those Payments on Taxes in respect of Marriage shall be over and above the equalizing Tax after-mentioned, and the ordinary Rate for the Year in which such Marriage shall take Place.

Equalizing Rate to be paid.

IV. And be it enacted, That, in order to equalize the Advantages of the Scheme, every Contributor to the Scheme, whether already married, or hereafter to be married, shall, along with the said Marriage Rate, make Payment to the Collector aforesaid under the like Penalties, and in the same Manner as already mentioned, of the Sum of One Pound Ten Shillings Sterling for each full Year the Age of such Member exceeds the Age of his Wife; and he shall also make Payment of the same Sum of One Pound Ten Shillings for every full Year his Age may exceed that of his Wife on each After-Marriage; and which equalizing Tax shall, in like Manner, be paid over and above the Marriage Tax, and the ordinary Rate for the Year in which such Marriage shall take place.

Contribution from the General Fund of the Society in certain Cases.

V. And be it further enacted, That at the Term of *Whitsunday* One thousand eight hundred and four, and annually at each Term of *Whitsunday* thereafter, the Treasurer to the said Society shall pay out of the Common Fund of the Society to the said Collector for the Benefit of the said Scheme, the Sum of One Pound Sterling for each Contributor to the said Scheme alive at each Term of *Whitsunday* respectively, when such Payment is to be made: And it is hereby declared, That no Widow drawing an Annuity from this Scheme, shall draw any Sum from the Common Funds of the Society.

20*l.* to be paid in taking an Apprentice.

VI. And be it further enacted, That every Person who has entered into, or who before the Appointment of the Collector of the Widows' Fund, as hereinafter directed, shall enter into an Indenture as an Apprentice with any Member of the said Society, whether a Contributor to the said Scheme or not, under any Warrant bearing Date on or after the said First Day of *January* One thousand eight hundred and Three, to entitle such Apprentice to the Privileges of the said Society, shall be bound to make Payment to the said Collector, as soon as he is appointed, for the Benefit of the said Scheme, of the Sum of Twenty Pounds Sterling each, with Interest from the Day of the Appointment of the Collector, and One-twentieth Part more of the said principal Sum of Penalty, in case of the not punctual Payment of the same within Three Months thereafter, over and above the full Costs that may be incurred in prosecuting for and recovering the same: And every Person who, after the Appointment of the said Collector, shall enter into an Indenture of Apprenticeship with any

Member

Member of the said Society, to entitle such Apprentice to the Privileges of the said Society, shall be bound to pay to the said Collector the like Sum of Twenty Pounds Sterling, for the Benefit of the said Scheme, before the presenting of the Petition for Liberty to enter into such Indenture with him; and no such Petition shall be received, unless Payment of the said Sum of Twenty Pounds Sterling shall be previously made, and a Receipt by the Collector produced for the same, but which Sum of Twenty Pounds shall be repaid in case such Petition shall be refused.

Contribution for every Clerk.

VII. And be it further enacted, That every Contributor to the said Scheme shall, over and above the Sum now payable to the Common Fund of the Society, be obliged immediately after the Appointment of the said Collector, to pay to him, for Behoof of the Widows' Fund, the Sum of One Pound and One Shilling Sterling for every Clerk who, at the Date of passing this Act, is inrolled by him at the Signet Office, unless the said Contributor shall strike the Name of the Clerk or Clerks inrolled by him out of the Roll; but declaring that only one Sum of One Pound and One Shilling shall be paid to the Collector for such Clerk, although the said Clerks may be in the Employment of different Contributors, or may change the Contributor or Contributors by whom he is employed; and no Clerk to a Contributor shall, after the Appointment of the Collector, be entitled to be inrolled at the Signet Office, without previously producing a Receipt by the Collector for the said Sum, and also declaring that the said Sum shall not be exigible on account of any Clerk who shall have served a regular Apprenticeship to any Member of the said Society.

Application for the Sums contributed.

VIII. And be it further enacted, That the aforesaid Annual and other Sums payable for the Benefit of the Scheme as aforesaid, shall be vested in and applied by Order and Direction of the Trustees hereinafter appointed, and their Successors in Office, to the Uses and Purposes after-mentioned, *videlicet*, in the First Place, for Payment of Annuities to Widows as after-mentioned, and defraying the Expences to be incurred in executing the Scheme; and in the Second Place, for raising a Capital for the Purpose of the Scheme to the Extent hereinafter declared and limited.

Rates of Annuities to Widows and Determination thereof.

IX. And be it enacted, That there shall be paid to the Widow of every Contributor, an Annuity of Fifty Pounds *per Annum*, which Annuity shall commence and be paid at the First Term of *Whitsunday* after his Death for the Year following the said Term, but declaring that no Annuity shall be payable to any Widow until the Term of *Whitsunday* One thousand eight hundred and seven, when One Year's Annuity shall be paid for the Year subsequent to that Term; and that the respective Annuities shall cease and determine at Twelve of the Clock at Noon on the Fifteenth Day of *May*, immediately preceding the Death of the Annuitants respectively; and further, that in case at any Time owing to any unforeseen Defalcation of the Funds calculated, or to the Number of Widows entitled to the Benefit of the Scheme exceeding the Proportion calculated, or to any other Cause, it shall be found, that the Accumulation of Capital is not progressively equal to the calculated Amount, then, and in that Case, it shall be in the Power of the Trustees herein-after appointed from Time to Time, to order and appoint the Annuities to be restricted in such Manner and for such Period as shall appear to them to be necessary, and such Restriction shall accordingly be made: Provided always,

always, that by such Restriction the said several Annuities shall not be reduced below Forty Pounds *per Annum*: And it is hereby declared, that no Widow shall forfeit her Annuity by entering on a Second or any after Marriage; and although her Second or any after Husband should be a Contributor, she shall in no Case draw more than one Annuity.

In the Case of a Contributor dying in Arrear to the Fund, a Deduction to be made from the Widow's Annuity.

X. And be it enacted, That if any Contributor shall die, leaving any of his Rates unpaid, such Deduction shall be made from the Annuity to his Widow, as shall be equal to the Arrears due by him, with Interest, Penalties, and Expences, as before provided for: And upon the Death of any Contributor before he shall have paid Twelve Years' Rates, then such Deduction, in Manner after-mentioned, shall be made from the Annuity payable to his Widow, as, together with the Rates paid by him, shall amount to Twelve Years' Rates: Provided always, That there shall be no Deduction on any Account from any Widow's Annuity for the First Year she shall come on the Fund, (unless in the Case of Widows whose Husbands shall die before the Term of *Whitsunday* One thousand eight hundred and six, in which Case the Deduction shall commence at the Term of *Whitsunday* One thousand eight hundred and seven,) but that a Sum not exceeding One Third of the Annuity for each subsequent Year shall be deducted, till the said Deductions, along with the Rates paid by the Contributor himself, shall amount to Twelve Years' Rates as aforesaid, and of any Arrears of Rates that may be due with Interest, Penalties, and Expences, unless as to such Annuitants as shall choose to pay up the Whole at once, or in any larger Proportion than is hereby directed: And providing always, That in case any Contributor to the Fund shall die, leaving his Marriage or Equalizing Tax unpaid for Three Months after the Term of Payment thereof, or his Annual Rates unpaid for Six or more Years, his Widow shall forfeit the Benefit of the Scheme: Provided nevertheless, That it shall be competent for the Widow of any such Member, upon the Death of her Husband, to apply by Petition to the Contributors for Relief; and in case it shall be the Opinion of Three Fourths of the Contributors present at the Meeting where such Petition shall be moved, and where at least One Fourth of the whole Contributors shall be present, that the Petitioner ought to be admitted to the Privileges of the Scheme, she shall be admitted accordingly; but the whole Sums due by her Husband to the Fund with the legal Interest upon these from the respective Terms of Payment, Penalties, and Expences, as before-mentioned, besides the Sums, if any, necessary to complete the Twelve Years' Rates, shall, in such Manner as the Trustees shall direct, be deducted from her Annuity; a Deduction of at least One Third being made from every Year's Annuity till the whole Sums are paid up; and after the said Sums are wholly paid up, One Tenth Part of the Annuity provided as aforesaid, shall be annually deducted from the Annuity of each Widow whose Husband shall die leaving his Marriage or Equalizing Tax unpaid for Three Months after the Term of Payment thereof, or his Annual Rate unpaid for Six or more Years.

The Marriage and Equalizing Rates may be paid without stating Particulars.

XI. And be it enacted, That the Sums paid in each Year, on account of the Marriage and Equalizing Taxes, shall be stated in one aggregate Sum in the Report to be annually made up and laid before the General Meeting of Contributors to the Fund: And every Contributor, when he marries and becomes subject to the Taxes before-mentioned, as also those who are already married, shall each be at Liberty to

make Payment to the Collector of such Sum as he may think adequate, without condescending on Particulars, which shall be reported to the Trustees, and shall be received in full, unless they, at their First Meeting after such Payment, shall be of Opinion that it is inadequate to the Sums that are due under this Act, in which Case they may insist on a written Declaration from such Contributor that the Sum paid is fully equal to the Sum of Ten Pounds payable in respect of his Marriage, and of One Pound and Ten Shillings for each Year his Age exceeds that his Wife; and if the Trustees are still dissatisfied, they shall be at Liberty to prosecute for Payment of the Sums which they shall consider to be due by such Contributor, but the *onus probandi* shall lie on them: And if the Question shall be decided against the Party complained of, the Court of Session, before whom the Question is hereby directed to be tried by Petition and Complaint summarily in the Name of the Collector, shall give their Decree against such Party for Payment of double the Sums which he should have paid, with Interest thereon, from the Term at which his Rates should have been paid, and Full Costs of Suit; and if the Party complained of shall be found to be in the right, he shall be entitled to his full Costs of Suit.

Surplus beyond a Capital of 20,000*l.* for every Hundred Members to be divided amongst the Widows entitled.

XII. And be it enacted, That whenever the Capital for answering the Purposes of the said Scheme shall amount to Twenty Thousand Pounds for each Hundred Contributors, and so in Proportion, the Surplus above the said Sum shall annually, at the Term of *Whitsunday*, be divided among the Widows who shall then be upon the Roll of Annuitants.

No Modification or Abatement of Penalties.

XIII. And be it further enacted, That the whole Penalties imposed by this Act shall be paid and levied in every Case without Modification.

Trustees.

XIV. And be it also enacted, That the Funds of the said Scheme shall be vested in Trust in the following Persons, *videlicet*, the Keeper of His Majesty's Signet for *Scotland*, if a Contributor, the Deputy Keeper of the said Signet, if a Contributor, and in Six Contributors, to be elected in the Manner after-mentioned; and these Trustees, of whom any Four shall be a Quorum, shall be entrusted with the Management of the Scheme and Funds, and the Keeper, if a Contributor, or failing him, the Deputy Keeper, if a Contributor, shall be Preses of the Meetings of the said Trustees; and in Case of their Absence, the Senior Trustee of those present at the Meeting shall be Preses; and the Preses of all the said Meetings shall have both an Ordinary and a Casting Vote.

Quorum.

Meeting of the Contributors.

XV. And be it further enacted, That a Meeting of the Members of the said Society who, by subscribing their Names in a Book, to be kept for that Purpose, at the Hall of the said Society, on or before Two of the Clock in the Afternoon of the First *Monday* of *August* One thousand eight hundred and three, shall have declared their Resolution of becoming Contributors to the said Scheme, shall be held at Two of the Clock in the Afternoon of the said First *Monday* of *August* One thousand eight hundred and three, in the Hall of the said Society; at which said Meeting the aforesaid Six Trustees shall be chosen from among the said Contributors, by Majority of Votes, and, after being so chosen, the said Trustees shall be classed according to the Order in which they stand on the Roll of the said

Society, the Truſtee ſtanding higheſt on the ſaid Roll being the Senior Truſtee; and the Perſons to be ſo choſen Truſtees ſhall remain in Office until the laſt *Monday* of *May* One thouſand eight hundred and five, on which Day a General Meeting of the Contributors ſhall be held, at Two of the Clock in the Afternoon, and the Senior Truſtee ſhall then go out of Office, and another Truſtee ſhall be choſen in his Place, whoſe Name ſhall be put at the Bottom of the Liſt of Truſtees; and a General Meeting of the ſaid Contributors ſhall be held thereafter annually at Two of the Clock in the Afternoon of the laſt *Monday* of *May*; at which Meeting the Senior Truſtee on the Liſt ſhall go out of Office, and another ſhall be choſen in his Place: And it is hereby declared, that any Perſon who has been Truſtee may be re-elected; but in that Caſe he ſhall be conſidered as the youngeſt in Office, and be placed laſt on the Liſt; and in caſe any Vacancy ſhall happen in the Office of Truſtee, by Death, Reſignation, or otherwiſe, the Election of a Perſon to ſupply ſuch Vacancy ſhall be made by the Contributors, either at the next ſtated General Meeting, or at a General Meeting to be called for the Purpoſe, within One Month after the Death or Reſignation of ſuch Truſtee: And it is hereby declared, that at Two of the Clock in the Afternoon of every Day on which the ſtated General Meetings of the Society ſhall be held, there ſhall be held a General Meeting of the Contributors to the ſaid Scheme; and as ſoon as the whole Members of the Society ſhall have become Contributors, then the ſtated General Meetings of the Society ſhall be ſtated General Meetings under the Scheme: Provided always, That the Truſtees, by a Minute, at any of their Meetings, ſhall be empowered to call a General Meeting of Contributors: And the ſaid Truſtees ſhall hold at leaſt one ſtated Meeting in the Year, *viz.* upon the Twentieth Day of *May* at Twelve of the Clock Mid-Day; and when the ſaid Day ſhall happen on a *Sunday*, then on the *Monday* immediately following, for making up a Liſt of the Widows entitled to Annuities, as at the Term of *Whitſunday* preceding; which Liſt, when made up and authenticated, ſhall be a Warrant to the Collector for Payment of the Annuities contained in them, and ſhall lie open for Inſpection of all concerned, in the Hands of the Collector: And beſides the above ſtated Meeting, the Truſtees ſhall hold ſuch occaſional Meetings, as Circumſtances may require, and which occaſional Meetings may either be called by the Principal or Deputy Keeper, if Contributors, or by any Two of the Truſtees, or by the Collector.

Truſtees to go out by Rotation.

XVI. And be it further enacted, That the Securities for the Funds of the ſaid Scheme ſhall be taken in the Name of the Truſtees and their Succeſſors in Office, but no Money ſhall be lent except upon heritable Security; and, upon the Repayment of any Sums, the Truſtees, or a Quorum of them, ſhall have Power to diſcharge and renounce or convey the Securities for the ſame, and to lend the Sums out again on new heritable Securities; but declaring nevertheleſs that the ſaid Truſtees ſhall have Power to inveſt the Funds, or ſuch Part of them as they ſhall think proper, in the Purchaſe of Government Stock, or of the Stock of the Bank of *England*, or of the Bank of *Scotland*, or Royal Bank of *Scotland*, as alſo to ſell, diſpoſe of, or transfer the ſame from Time to Time, as they ſhall think proper, and to re-inveſt the ſame in Stock or upon heritable Security as aforeſaid.

How the Funds ſhall be inveſted.

XVII. And

A Collector to be appointed.

XVII. And be it enacted, That at the ſaid General Meeting on the ſaid Firſt *Monday* in *Auguſt* One thouſand eight hundred and three, immediately after the Election of Six Truſtees, as aforeſaid, the Contributors ſhall proceed to the Election of a Collector for the ſaid Scheme; and the Perſon choſen by a Majority of Votes ſhall be Collector for the ſaid Scheme, and ſhall officiate as ſuch until the General Meeting to be held on the laſt *Monday* of *May* One thouſand eight hundred and five, when another Election ſhall take Place, and when the former Collector ſhall either be continued, or another ſhall be choſen in his Place: And, at the General Meeting to be held on the laſt *Monday* of *May* thereafter annually, the Collector ſhall either be re-elected, or a new Collector ſhall be choſen in his Place; and, in caſe of the Death or Reſignation of the Collector, a Meeting of the Truſtees ſhall be held within Ten Days thereafter, when they ſhall have Power to name an interim Collector, if they ſhall think it neceſſary, and they ſhall be bound immediately to call a General Meeting of the Contributors to the Fund, to be held within the Hall of the ſaid Society at Two of the Clock in the Afternoon of the Firſt *Monday* that ſhall happen during the Sitting of the Court of Seſſion, after Twenty free Days ſhall have elapſed from the Date of their calling the ſaid Meeting; at which Meeting a Collector ſhall be choſen, who ſhall remain in Office until the Meeting to be held on the laſt *Monday* of *May* thereafter, when the ſame Collector ſhall either be continued, or another ſhall be choſen in his Place; and the Collector ſhall have Power to receive and diſcharge the whole Income payable to the Fund, and to manage the Concerns of the Scheme under the Direction of the aforeſaid Truſtees; and the ſaid Collector ſhall keep regular Books under the Inſpection and Direction of the Truſtees, and ſhall annually lay his Accounts before the ſaid Truſtees at their ſtated Meetings in the Month of *May*, in order to their being ſettled by the ſaid Truſtees; and that he ſhall alſo prepare annually a State of the Progreſs of the Scheme, which State he ſhall then lay before the Truſtees, and, when reviſed and approved by them, it ſhall be lodged in the Hall of the Society for the Inſpection of the Contributors, at leaſt Three Days previous to the Annual General Meeting of the Contributors to be held on the laſt *Monday* of *May*; and in caſe the ſaid Truſtees ſhall at any Time find it neceſſary, they ſhall have Power to ſuſpend the Collector from his Office, and to name an interim Collector, and to call a General Meeting, in the ſame Manner as is herein before directed in Caſe of the Death or Reſignation of the Collector, and which General Meeting ſhall have full Power either to re-inſtate the Collector or to remove him from his Office, and name another in his Place, in like Manner as if he had died or reſigned.

Collector to make up a State of the Arrears annually.

XVIII. And be it enacted, That, after the Expiration of Six Months, and before the Expiration of Seven Months from and after the Term of *Whitſunday* that ſhall happen in each Year, the Collector ſhall make up a State of Arrears due by Contributors, and ſhall lay the ſame before the Truſtees at a Meeting to be called to conſider it; and the ſaid Truſtees ſhall give ſuch Directions as they ſhall think proper, and ſhall enter in the Sederunt Book a Minute authoriſing the Collector to uſe Diligence againſt ſuch Perſons as they ſhall think neceſſary, and the Collector ſhall be bound and obliged to raiſe and execute ſuch Diligence againſt all ſuch Contributors accordingly; and the Lords of Council and Seſſion are hereby authoriſed and required to iſſue their Warrant for Letters of Horning or other Diligence, in the Name of the Collector, againſt all ſuch Perſons,

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on Production of a Certificate signed by the Collector, certifying that the Individuals complained of are liable in the Arrears, Interest, and Penalties stated; and no Suspension of a Charge on such Letters shall be granted, without Consignation of the whole Sums charged for.

Collector to give Security.

XIX. And be it further enacted, That each Collector shall, within One Month from the Date of his Appointment, be bound to lodge with the Trustees, a Bond of Caution with Sureties to the Satisfaction of the Trustees, for his Intromissions and Management, to the Extent of such Sum as shall be fixed at the General Meeting at which he is elected; the Sum for which Caution shall be found, not being less than Five Thousand Pounds Sterling: And it is hereby declared, That after the said Collector shall be chosen, and shall have found Caution, he shall not on being re-elected be bound to find New Caution, but the Bond originally given shall continue in Force during the Time of his continuing in Office, unless a Majority of the Trustees, or of the Contributors present at a General Meeting, shall see Cause to require a New Bond of Caution, which they are hereby empowered to do.

Collector's Salary or Allowance to be fixed by the Trustees.

XX. And be it further enacted, That the said General Meeting to be held on the said First *Monday* of *August* One thousand eight hundred and three, shall either fix the Sum to be allowed to the Collector for Trouble and for Office Rent until the General Meeting to be held on the last *Monday* of *May* One thousand eight hundred and five, or shall remit the same to be fixed for that Space by the said Trustees for the Time, and at the said General Meeting on the said last *Monday* of *May* One thousand eight hundred and five, the Contributors, or the Majority of them present, shall fix the Sum to be paid to the Collector for Trouble and Office Rent for the Year next thereafter, and which Annual Allowance, when so fixed, shall continue the same for each succeeding Year, until altered by a General Annual Meeting to be held on the last *Monday* of *May* as aforesaid, which Alteration the Majority of Contributors present at any such General Meeting shall have Power to make, so as to take Effect from the Day of such Meeting; but providing and declaring always, that the said Allowance to the Collector for Trouble and Office Rent, together with the Whole other Expences whatsoever attending the Management of the said Scheme, shall never exceed in Whole in any One Year the Sum of Thirty Pounds Sterling for each One Hundred Contributors for the Time, and so in proportion; and no greater Sum or Proportion shall be annually chargeable against the Funds of the said Scheme for Expence of Management on any Account whatever.

Collector to deposit the Money in a Bank or Banking House to be named by the Trustees.

XXI. And be it further enacted, That the Trustees shall have Power from Time to Time to name a Bank or Banking House in *Edinburgh*, in which the Money collected or received shall be deposited, until the said Funds shall be otherwise disposed of, by Order of the Trustees; and the Collector shall never hold in his Hands above Fifty Pounds Sterling of the Money belonging to the Scheme.

Office to be kept in *Edinburgh*.

XXII. And be it enacted, That the Collector shall keep an Office in *Edinburgh*, to which any Person concerned may have Access from Eleven of the Clock in the Forenoon till Two of the Clock in the Afternoon every lawful Day, and that the Contributors shall, at the Time the Contributions become due, make Payment of their Rates to the Collector, at the said Office;

Office, at the Hours abovementioned, and shall, in addition to their Rates, pay whatever Stamp Duty is due for the Receipts to be given.

Annuities not to be assignable or attachable by Creditors.

XXIII. And be it enacted, That as the said Annuities payable to the Widows of the Members of the said Society are intended as alimentary Provisions, the same shall not be assignable, nor liable to be affected by Arrestment nor otherwise attachable by their Creditors, nor shall the said Annuities be subject to the *jus mariti* of any Husband a Widow may afterwards marry, or be affectable by his Debts or Deeds, but the same shall be paid to each Widow entitled upon her own Receipt, notwithstanding such Arrestment, Attachment, or subsequent Marriage.

Contributors being married may declare the Annuity to be in Part of the Provision otherwise made for their Wives.

XXIV. And be it enacted, That every Contributor who now is or shall be married before acceding to the Scheme, shall be entitled at any Time during his Life, to declare, by a Writing under his Hand, that the Annuity to which his Widow will be entitled, by his so contributing, shall be reckoned *pro tanto* of the Sums provided for his Wife, in the Case of her becoming his Widow, by their Contract of Marriage, or otherwise, which Declaration shall be sufficient, though not executed with the Solemnities required by the Law of *Scotland* for Deeds; and the Widow, in such Case, shall be obliged to deduct from her Claim upon her Husband's Estate, such Sum as she shall be entitled to draw from the Scheme hereby established.

Interest to be calculated at the highest Rate.

XXV. And be it enacted, That in every Case where Interest is made payable by this Act, such Interest shall be calculated and paid according to the highest Rate allowed by Law to be taken.

Public Act.

XXVI. And be it enacted, That this Act shall be deemed, adjudged, and taken to be a Public Act, and shall be judicially taken Notice of as such, by all Judges and other Persons whatsoever, without specially pleading the same.

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