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GEORGII III. REGIS.

Cap. 144.

An Act for taking down and rebuilding certain Parts of *North Bridge* and *Tickford Bridge*, in the Parishes of *Newport Pagnell* and *Lathbury* in the County of *Buckingham*; and for widening and making more commodious the said Bridges, and the Approaches thereto. [3d *June* 1809.]

WHEREAS the Bridge across the River *Ouze*, within the Parishes of *Newport Pagnell* and *Lathbury* in the County of *Buckingham*, called the *North Bridge*, and the Bridge across the River *Lovatt*, in the Town of *Newport Pagnell* aforesaid, called the *Tickford Bridge*, are very ancient and decayed, and in consequence of the Violence of the late Floods are so much injured as to be dangerous to Travellers, Carriages, and Cattle passing over the same; and the Ways over the said Bridges, and at the Ends thereof, are in many Parts narrow, unsafe, and incommodious: And whereas the Inhabitants of the Town and Parish of *Newport Pagnell* aforesaid are subject and liable to the Repairs of the said Bridges and Ways, but do not possess Funds sufficient to enable them to rebuild, widen, and improve the same: And whereas if the said Bridges were in part taken down and rebuilt, and other Parts thereof altered, widened, and substantially repaired, and the Ways and Approaches thereto were widened, improved, and made more commodious, the same would contribute to the Benefit and Advantage of the Inhabitants of the said Town, and all Persons having Occasion to resort thereto, and would also

be of great public Utility; but as the ſeveral Purpoſes aforeſaid 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,

Truſtees. and by the Authority of the ſame, That *William Praed*, *Manſel Dawkin Manſel*, *Henry Hugh Hoare*, *Edward Watts*, *Philip Hoddle Ward*, *John Higgins* the elder, *John Higgins* the younger, *Charles Pinfold*, the Reverend *Alexander Cromleholme*, the Reverend *Primatt Knapp*, the Reverend *James Meakin*, the Reverend *John Wynter*, the Reverend *William Smyth*, the Reverend *Robert Lowndes*, the Reverend *Richard Cautley*, the Reverend *Thomas Palmer Bull*, the Reverend *Joſeph Ward*, *Thomas Sanders Hollingworth*, *Iſaac Henley Handſcomb*, *Charles Marius Hardy*, *Robert Jee*, *Thomas Meacher*, *John Chibnall*, *William Lucas*, *Joſeph Cripps*, *Edward Jefferſon*, *George Oſborn*, and their Succeſſors, to be elected and appointed in Manner herein-after directed, ſhall be and they are hereby appointed and declared to be Truſtees for carrying this Act into Execution.

Power to appoint new Truſtees. II. And be it further enacted, That upon the Death, Refuſal, or Diſability of any of the Truſtees herein named, or of their Succeſſors to be elected in Manner as herein mentioned, to act in the Execution of this Act, then and in every ſuch Caſe it ſhall be lawful for the remaining or ſurviving Truſtees, and they are hereby required from Time to Time, by Writing under their Hands, to elect and appoint One other Perſon to be a Truſtee in the Room of each Truſtee ſo dying, refuſing, or being incapable of acting, and Notice of the Time and Place of Meeting for every ſuch Election ſhall be ſigned by the Clerk to the ſaid Truſtees for the Time being, and ſhall be affixed on the ſeveral Toll Gates that ſhall be erected by virtue of this Act, and upon the Door of the Pariſh Church of *Newport Pagnell* aforeſaid, Seven Days at leaſt before ſuch Meeting, and every Perſon ſo elected a Truſtee as aforeſaid ſhall be, and he is hereby empowered to act in the Execution of this Act, in as full and ample a Manner, to all Intents and Purpoſes whatſoever, as if he had been named a Truſtee in and by this Act.

Qualification of Truſtees, &c. III. Provided always, and be it enacted, That no Perſon ſhall be capable of acting as a Truſtee in the Execution of this Act unleſs he ſhall be in his own Right, or in the Right of his Wife, in the actual Poſſeſſion and Receipt of the Rents and Profits of Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments of the clear yearly Value of Thirty Pounds, or be poſſeſſed of and entitled to a Perſonal Eſtate ſolely, (or to a Real and Perſonal Eſtate conjointly) of the Value of One Thouſand Pounds; and if any Perſon not being ſo qualified as aforeſaid ſhall act as a Truſtee in the Execution of this Act, every ſuch Perſon ſhall, for every ſuch Offence, forfeit and pay the Sum of Fifty Pounds to any Perſon or Perſons who ſhall ſue for the ſame in any of His Majeſty's Courts of Record at *Weſtminſter*, by Action of Debt, or on the Caſe, or by Bill, Suit, or Information, wherein no Eſſoign, Protection, or Wager of Law, or more than One Imparlance ſhall be allowed; and every ſuch Perſon ſo ſued or proſecuted ſhall prove that he is qualified as aforeſaid, or otherwiſe ſhall pay the ſaid Penalty, without any other Proof on the Part of the Plaintiff or Proſecutor than that ſuch Perſon hath acted as a Truſtee in the Execution of this Act: Provided nevertheleſs, that all Acts and Proceedings of any Perſon or Perſons acting as a Truſtee or

Truſtees in the Execution of this Act, though not duly qualified as aforeſaid, previous to his or their being convicted of the ſaid Offence, ſhall, notwithſtanding ſuch Conviction, be as good, valid, and effectual as if ſuch Perſon or Perſons had been duly qualified to act as a Truſtee under the Proviſions of this Act.

Truſtees to take an Oath.

IV. Provided alſo, and be it further enacted, That no Perſon ſhall be capable of acting as a Truſtee in the Execution of this Act (ſave and except in adminiſtering the Oath herein mentioned to the other Truſtees), until he ſhall have taken and ſubſcribed an Oath in the Words or to the Effect following, at a Meeting to be held by the ſaid Truſtees by virtue of this Act (which Oath any Two or more of the ſaid Truſtees are hereby empowered to adminiſter);

'I do ſwear, That I am in my own Right [*or*, in the Right of my Wife] in the actual Poſſeſſion and Enjoyment or Receipt of the Rents and Profits of Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, of the clear yearly Value of Thirty Pounds, [*or*, poſſeſſed of or entitled to a Perſonal Eſtate, *or*, to a Real and Perſonal Eſtate conjointly, of the Value of One Thouſand Pounds] and that I will execute the Duty of a Truſtee repoſed in me by virtue of an Act made in the Forty-ninth Year of the Reign of His preſent Majeſty, intituled, [*here ſet forth the Title of this Act*] according to the beſt of my Skill and Judgement, without Favour or Affection, Prejudice or Malice, to any Perſon or Perſons whomſoever.

'So help me GOD.'

Truſtees may act as Juſtices except where perſonally intereſted.

V. And be it further enacted, That ſuch of the ſaid Truſtees as are or ſhall be Juſtices of the Peace ſhall and may in their reſpective Juriſdictions, and they are hereby empowered to act as Juſtices of the Peace in the Execution of this Act, notwithſtanding their being Truſtees, except only in ſuch Caſes where they ſhall be perſonally intereſted.

Meetings of Truſtees.

VI. And be it further enacted, That the ſaid Truſtees ſhall meet at the *Swan Inn* in *Newport Pagnell* aforeſaid, on the Third *Tueſday* next after the paſſing of this Act, between the Hours of Eleven of the Clock in the Forenoon and Three of the Clock in the Afternoon, and proceed to carry this Act into Execution; and ſhall and may at ſuch Meeting, and at their ſeveral Meetings to be holden for the Purpoſe of carrying this Act into Execution, from Time to Time adjourn themſelves and appoint their next Meeting to be holden there, or at any other Place within the ſaid Town, as to the ſaid Truſtees ſhall ſeem convenient, and at ſuch Times as to them ſhall ſeem proper; and if it ſhall ſo happen that there ſhall not appear at any ſuch Meetings a ſufficient Number of Truſtees to act in the Execution of this Act, the Truſtee or Truſtees then preſent, or the Clerk to the ſaid Truſtees, ſhall from Time to Time, as often as the Caſe ſhall happen, adjourn ſuch Meeting to ſome other Day within Fifteen Days then following, to be holden at the ſame Place, and the ſaid Clerk ſhall cauſe Notice thereof to be affixed on all and every the Toll Gates that ſhall be erected by virtue of this Act, and on One of the principal Doors of the Pariſh Church of *Newport Pagnell* aforeſaid, at leaſt Five Days before the Day to which ſuch Meeting ſhall be ſo adjourned; and that at all Meetings to be held in purſuance of this Act the ſaid Truſtees ſhall defray their own Expences (except for the Uſe of the Room or Apartment where ſuch Meetings

Truſtees to defray their own Expences.

ings ſhall be held, which ſhall be paid for out of any Monies to be received by virtue of this Act); and no Perſon ſhall be capable of acting as a Truſtee in the Execution of this Act during ſuch Time as he ſhall hold any Place of Profit under this Act, or ſhall be engaged either directly or indirectly in any Contract for building or repairing either of the ſaid Bridges, or ſupplying any Materials for the ſame, or ſhall be in any Manner employed in performing any Work relating to the ſaid Bridges or the Approaches thereto, or other the Purpoſes of this Act.

No act of the Truſtees valid unleſs at a Meeting.

VII. And be it further enacted, That no Act of the ſaid Truſtees ſhall be or be deemed to be good, valid, or effectual, unleſs the ſame be done at ſome Meeting to be holden in purſuance of this Act, (except as herein excepted), and all the Powers and Authorities by this Act granted to or veſted in the ſaid Truſtees ſhall and may from Time to Time be exerciſed by the major Part of them who ſhall be preſent at any Meeting to be holden in purſuance of this Act, the Number of Truſtees preſent at every ſuch Meeting not being leſs than Five; and all the Orders and Proceedings of the major Part of the Truſtees preſent at ſuch their ſeveral Meetings ſhall have the ſame Force and Effect as if the ſame were made or done by all the Truſtees for the Time being, ſave and except as herein excepted; and at every Meeting of the ſaid Truſtees a Chairman ſhall and may be appointed; and in all Caſes the ſaid Truſtees ſhall vote by Ballot, in caſe the ſame is deſired by any Two or more of the Truſtees then preſent; and when and as often as it ſhall ſo happen that there ſhall be an Equality of Votes at any ſuch Meeting upon any Queſtion (including the Chairman's Vote), then it ſhall be lawful for ſuch Chairman to give the deciſive or caſting Vote.

Regulation of Meetings.

Meetings on Emergencies.

VIII. And be it further enacted, That if after any Adjournment of any Meeting as aforeſaid it ſhall at any Time or Times be thought neceſſary that a Meeting of the Truſtees ſhould be holden on an earlier Day than the Day to which ſuch Meeting ſhall have been adjourned, then and in every ſuch Caſe the Clerk to the ſaid Truſtees (on an Order in Writing, ſigned by Three or more of the ſaid Truſtees, mentioning the Time, Place, and Purpoſe of ſuch earlier Meeting, being given to him, or left at his laſt or uſual Place of Abode), ſhall forthwith give Notice of ſuch earlier Day in Manner before directed, and of the Time and Place which ſhall be mentioned in the Order of the ſaid Truſtees, (ſuch Time not being ſooner than Three Days after ſuch Notice), and all the Proceedings of the ſaid Truſtees at ſuch earlier Meeting ſhall be as good and valid as they would have been in caſe ſuch Truſtees had met in purſuance of an Adjournment.

Reſtrictions on revoking Orders.

IX. And be it further enacted, That no Order, Appointment, or Proceeding made at any Meeting of the Truſtees holden in purſuance of this Act, ſhall be revoked or altered at any ſubſequent Meeting, unleſs at a Meeting to be held for that expreſs Purpoſe, nor unleſs Notice ſpecifying the Revocation or Alteration intended to be made, ſigned by the Clerk to the ſaid Truſtees, be affixed on the ſeveral Toll Gates that ſhall be erected by virtue of this Act, at leaſt Seven Days before ſuch ſubſequent Meeting, nor unleſs there ſhall be Nine Truſtees preſent at ſuch ſubſequent Meeting, and a Majority of thoſe Truſtees ſhall decide in favour of ſuch Revocation or Alteration, and a greater Number of Truſtees ſhall be preſent at ſuch

ſubſequent

ſubſequent Meeting than were preſent at the Meeting when ſuch Order, Appointment, or Proceeding was had or made.

Proceedings to be entered.

X. And be it further enacted, That the ſaid Truſtees ſhall cauſe to be provided and kept a proper Book or Books, and fair and regular Entries to be made therein of all their Acts, Orders, and Proceedings relative to the Execution of this Act, and of the Names of all ſuch Truſtees as ſhall be preſent at the ſeveral Meetings; and all Entries in ſuch Book or Books, being ſigned by the Chairman and the Clerk then preſent, ſhall be deemed Originals, and ſhall be allowed to be read as Evidence in all Cauſes, Suits, Actions, Informations, Appeals, and other Proceedings touching or concerning any Thing done in purſuance of this Act, or touching any Penalty or Forfeiture hereby made recoverable, or any other Matter relative to the Execution hereof; and ſuch Book or Books ſhall at all the Meetings of the ſaid Truſtees be open and liable to the Inſpection of all and every of the ſaid Truſtees, and of the Creditors on the Tolls hereby granted and made payable; and any of the ſaid Truſtees and Creditors ſhall and may have and take Copies thereof, paying for every Copy not exceeding One hundred Words the Sum of Sixpence, and ſo in Proportion for any greater or leſs Number of Words.

Truſtees may appoint Officers,

and remove them,

and allow them Salaries.

Truſtees to take Security of Officers.

Officers to account.

XI. And be it further enacted, That the ſaid Truſtees may and they are hereby empowered from Time to Time by Writing under their Hands, to appoint a Treaſurer, Clerk, and a Collector or Collectors of the Tolls by this Act granted, and (if neceſſary) a Surveyor or Surveyors of the Bridges and other Works to be erected and made by virtue of this Act, and alſo ſuch other Officers and Perſons for the Execution of this Act as they the ſaid Truſtees ſhall think proper; and from Time to Time to remove ſuch Officers and Perſons reſpectively as they the ſaid Truſtees ſhall ſee Occaſion, and appoint others in the Stead of thoſe that ſhall be ſo removed, or ſhall die, or ſhall otherwiſe relinquiſh or diſcontinue ſuch Offices, and out of the Monies to be raiſed and received by virtue of this Act to allow and pay ſuch Salaries, Wages, and Allowances to the ſaid Officers and other Perſons as the ſaid Truſtees ſhall think reaſonable; and the ſaid Truſtees ſhall and they are hereby required to take ſufficient Security from every ſuch Treaſurer and other Officer for the due Execution of his Office as they the ſaid Truſtees ſhall think proper; and all ſuch Officers and Perſons ſo to be appointed as aforeſaid, ſhall, under their Hands, at ſuch Time or Times, and in ſuch Manner as the ſaid Truſtees ſhall direct, deliver to the Truſtees, or to ſuch Perſon or Perſons as they ſhall appoint, true and perfect Accounts in Writing of all the Matters and Things committed to their Charge by virtue of this Act, and alſo of all the Monies which ſhall have been by ſuch Officers reſpectively received by virtue and for the Purpoſes of this Act, and how much thereof hath been expended and diſburſed, and for what Purpoſe, together with proper Vouchers for ſuch Payments; and ſhall pay all ſuch Monies as ſhall remain due from them reſpectively to the ſaid Truſtees, or to ſuch Perſon or Perſons as they ſhall appoint to receive the ſame; and every ſuch Treaſurer ſhall on the Firſt *Tueſday* in the Month of *June* yearly, or at the firſt Meeting of the ſaid Truſtees then next following (although not thereunto required by the ſaid Truſtees), or oftener if thereunto required, lay his Accounts before the ſaid Truſtees, in order that the ſame may be audited, paſſed, and allowed by them if approved; and all the ſaid

Officers and Perſons ſo accounting as aforeſaid ſhall (if thereunto required by the ſaid Truſtees) verify the ſaid Accounts upon Oath (which Oath any One of the ſaid Truſtees is hereby empowered to adminiſter); and if any ſuch Officer or Perſon ſhall refuſe or neglect to make and render or to verify upon Oath any ſuch Account, or to produce and deliver up the Vouchers relating to the ſame, or to make Payment as aforeſaid, or ſhall refuſe or wilfully neglect to deliver to the ſaid Truſtees or to ſuch Perſon or Perſons as they ſhall appoint to receive the ſame, within Fourteen Days after being thereunto required by the ſaid Truſtees, by Notice in Writing, given to or left at the laſt or uſual Place of Abode of the ſaid Officer or Perſon, all Books, Papers, and Writings in his or their Cuſtody or Power relating to the Execution of this Act, or give Satisfaction to the ſaid Truſtees reſpecting the ſame, then and in every ſuch Caſe, upon Complaint made by the ſaid Truſtees, or by ſuch Perſon or Perſons as they ſhall appoint for that Purpoſe, of any ſuch Refuſal or wilful Neglect as aforeſaid, to any Juſtice of the Peace for the County or Place wherein ſuch Officer or Perſon ſo refuſing or wilfully neglecting ſhall be or reſide, ſuch Juſtice may and he is hereby authorized and required to iſſue a Warrant under his Hand and Seal for the Officer or Perſon ſo refuſing or neglecting, to appear before him, and upon his appearing, or having been ſummoned and not appearing, or not being to be found, to hear and determine the Matter in a ſummary Way; and if upon the Confeſſion of the Party, or upon the Teſtimony of any One or more credible Witneſs or Witneſſes upon Oath (which Oath ſuch Juſtice is hereby empowered to adminiſter), it ſhall appear to ſuch Juſtice that any of the Monies which ſhall have been collected or raiſed by virtue of this Act ſhall remain due from ſuch Officer, ſuch Juſtice may and he is hereby authorized and required, upon Non-payment thereof, by Warrant under his Hand and Seal, to cauſe ſuch Money to be levied by Diſtreſs and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of ſuch Officer or Perſon offending in the Premiſes; and if no Goods or Chattels of ſuch Officer or Perſon can be found ſufficient to anſwer and ſatisfy the ſaid Money, and the Charges of diſtraining and ſelling the ſaid Goods and Chattels, or if it ſhall appear to ſuch Juſtice that ſuch Officer or Perſon ſhall have refuſed or wilfully neglected to render and give ſuch Account, or to verify the ſame as aforeſaid, or to produce the Vouchers relating thereto, or that any Books, Papers, or Writings relating to the Execution of this Act ſhall be in the Power or Cuſtody of ſuch Officer or Perſon, and he ſhall have refuſed or wilfully neglected to deliver or give Satisfaction reſpecting the ſame as aforeſaid, then and in each and every ſuch Caſe ſuch Juſtice ſhall commit ſuch Offender to the common Gaol or Houſe of Correction for the County or Place where ſuch Offender ſhall be or reſide, there to remain without Bail or Mainprize until he ſhall give and make a true and perfect Account and Payment as aforeſaid, or until he ſhall compound with the ſaid Truſtees for ſuch Money, and ſhall have paid ſuch Compoſition in ſuch Manner as they ſhall appoint, (which Compoſition the ſaid Truſtees are hereby empowered to make and receive), and until he ſhall deliver up ſuch Books, Papers, and Writings, or give Satisfaction in reſpect thereof to the ſaid Truſtees; but no ſuch Officer or Perſon ſhall be detained or kept in ſuch common Gaol or Houſe of Correction for Want of ſufficient Diſtreſs by virtue of this Act for any longer Space of Time than Six Calendar Months.

XII. And

On Death of Gate-Keeper, Truſtees may nominate another until the next Meeting.

XII. And be it further enacted, That it ſhall be lawful to and for any Five or more of the ſaid Truſtees upon the Death, or Neglect, Refuſal, or Incapacity to act of any Collector of the Tolls granted by this Act, by Writing under their Hands, to nominate and appoint ſome other fit Perſon in his or her Place until the next Meeting of the ſaid Truſtees, which Perſon ſo to be nominated and appointed ſhall have the like Power and Authority, and be accountable in the ſame Manner in all reſpects as the Perſon in whoſe Room and Stead he or ſhe ſhall be ſo appointed; and if any Collector of the ſaid Tolls who ſhall be diſcharged from his or her Office by the ſaid Truſtees ſhall refuſe or neglect to deliver up the Poſſeſſion of the Toll Houſe, Buildings, and Appurtenances, which he or ſhe enjoyed in Right of his or her Appointment to that Office, within Three Days after Notice given to him or her, or left at ſuch Toll Houſe, in Writing under the Hands of the ſaid Truſtees, or any Five or more of them, or if the Wife or Family of any ſuch Collector who ſhall die as aforeſaid, or any other Perſon who ſhall be in Poſſeſſion of the Premiſes by any Means whatſoever, ſhall refuſe to deliver up ſuch Houſe, Buildings, and Appurtenances within Three Days after Notice of ſuch new Appointment being made as aforeſaid, ſhall have been given to him, her, or them, or left at ſuch Toll Houſe, ſigned by any Five or more of the ſaid Truſtees, then and in any of the ſaid Caſes, it ſhall be lawful for any Juſtice of the Peace for the ſaid County of *Buckingham*, by Warrant under his Hand and Seal, to order any Conſtable or other Peace Officer, with ſuch Aſſiſtance as ſhall be neceſſary, to enter ſuch Toll Houſe and Premiſes in the Day-time, and to remove the Perſon or Perſons who ſhall be found therein, together with their Goods and Chattels, out of ſuch Toll Houſe and other Premiſes, and to put the newly-appointed Collector in Poſſeſſion thereof.

If diſcharged Gate-keeper refuſe to deliver up Tolls, &c.

Juſtice may order him to be put out.

Power to take down preſent Bridges, or Part thereof, &c.

XIII. And be it further enacted, That it ſhall be lawful for the ſaid Truſtees and they are hereby authorized and empowered to take down and remove the ſaid preſent Bridges, or ſo much and ſuch Parts of the ſame, or either of them reſpectively, and in ſuch Manner as they the ſaid Truſtees ſhall think proper, and to carry away, ſell, and diſpoſe of the Materials thereof; and to erect and build or cauſe to be erected and built with Iron, Stone, or other Materials, good and ſubſtantial new Bridges acroſs the ſaid Rivers *Ouze* and *Lovatt*, (of a Width not leſs than Twenty-four Feet, nor more than Forty Feet in the Clear), upon or near the Scite of the ſaid Bridges ſo intended to be taken down, or to widen, alter, and repair the ſaid preſent Bridges, or ſo much and ſuch Parts of the ſame or either of them reſpectively as they the ſaid Truſtees ſhall think proper, and to make proper and uniform Balluſtrades on each Side of the ſaid Two Bridges, and to cauſe Footways of flat ſmooth Stones to be laid on one or both Sides of the ſame Bridges reſpectively, and alſo to make proper Roads, Ways, Avenues, and Approaches to the ſaid Bridges at each End thereof, fit for the Paſſage of Travellers, Carts, Carriages, and Cattle; and, for the Purpoſes aforeſaid, the ſaid Truſtees ſhall have full Power and Authority to dig and make proper Foundations in the ſaid Rivers, and on the Lands on each Side thereof for the Piers and Abutments of the ſaid Bridges, and to remove or cauſe to be removed any Shoals or Obſtructions in the ſaid Rivers, and alſo to cut, remove, dig up, take, and carry away any Trees or Roots of Trees, Beds of Gravel, Sand, Mud, or any other Impediment whatſoever, and to deepen and widen, or make narrower, the ſaid Rivers at or within Three hundred Yards of the

Place or Places at which ſuch Bridge or Bridges is or are to be erected and built, or widened, altered, and improved; and alſo to dig, cut, and level the Banks of the ſaid Rivers in ſuch Manner as ſhall be neceſſary and proper for building, widening, altering, and repairing the ſaid Bridges, and preſerving the ſame; and alſo to turn, widen, and alter any Highway, or make any new Way, Avenue, or Approach leading to the ſaid Bridges, or either of them, and from Time to Time and at all Times hereafter to do, perform, and execute all other Acts, Matters, and Things, as the ſaid Truſtees or any Five or more of them ſhall think requiſite and neceſſary, uſeful and convenient for effectually taking down and rebuilding, or widening, altering, improving, and making more commodious, completing, maintaining, or ſupporting the ſaid Bridges and other Works and Conveniencies, according to the true Intent and Meaning of this Act; and the ſaid Truſtees ſhall have full Power and Authority to lay on each and every Side of the ſaid Rivers all Materials and other Things to be uſed in and about the ſaid Bridges, Ways, Avenues, and Approaches, and there to work and uſe the ſame accordingly, they the ſaid Truſtees making ſuch Satisfaction as is herein-after mentioned to the reſpective Owners and Occupiers of all the Lands and Grounds, Tenements and Hereditaments, as ſhall be taken or made uſe of for the Purpoſes aforeſaid, or any of them.

Paſſage not to be ſtopped till temporary or new Bridges built.

XIV. And be it further enacted, That before the ſaid Truſtees ſhall begin to take down and remove the preſent Bridges, they the ſaid Truſtees ſhall and may and they are hereby authorized, empowered, and required to erect and build temporary Bridges over the ſaid Rivers reſpectively, until ſuch new Bridges ſhall be conſtructed and built, and made ſafe and commodious for Carriages and Paſſengers, or continue to keep the ſaid preſent Bridges in ſuch a State that the Paſſage over the ſame ſhall not be ſtopped or deſtroyed during the Time that the ſame may be building, widening, and altering.

Power to hire Lands, Buildings, &c.

XV. And be it further enacted, That it ſhall be lawful for the ſaid Truſtees to contract and agree with the Owner or Owners, and all other Perſons intereſted in any Meſſuages, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, Ground, or Hereditaments, which they the ſaid Truſtees may think neceſſary and proper to hire, for conſtructing, building, widening, and repairing the ſaid Bridges reſpectively, and for erecting the ſaid temporary Bridges, and making proper Roads and Avenues thereto, and at each End thereof, and alſo to ſettle, adjuſt, and agree with the ſaid ſeveral Owners, Occupiers, and Perſons intereſted, or any of them, what Recompence or Satisfaction ought reaſonably to be made for any Loſſes, Damages, or Expences they reſpectively ſhall or may ſuſtain or be put unto for or by Reaſon or on Account of the taking down and removing, altering, widening, and repairing the ſaid preſent Bridges, or the conſtructing, building, completing, or repairing the ſaid intended new Bridges, and temporary Bridges, or the Execution of any of the Powers of this Act reſpecting the ſame.

No Building, except Toll Houſes, to be erected on Bridges.

XVI. And be it further enacted, That no Houſe or Building whatſoever (Toll Houſes excepted) ſhall be erected upon the ſaid new Bridges when built, or upon the ſaid preſent Bridges, or either of them, when widened, altered, and repaired by virtue of this Act, but that the ſame ſhall

ſhall be quite open (except as aforeſaid) and be deemed and uſed as common public Highways for ever.

Power to provide Lamps, &c. for the Bridges.

XVII. And be it further enacted, That the ſaid Truſtees ſhall and they are hereby authorized, empowered, and required, from Time to Time to purchaſe and provide ſuch and ſo many Lamps and Burners, and other neceſſary Articles thereto, and alſo ſuch and ſo many Lamp-Irons and Lamp-Poſts as to them the ſaid Truſtees ſhall ſeem right and proper, and to direct the ſame to be affixed or ſet up on or againſt ſuch Part or Parts of the ſaid intended new Bridges or improved Bridges, and to be altered and removed, and again ſet up in ſuch Place or Places upon the ſaid Bridges as they ſhall think fit and proper, and to cauſe ſuch Lamps or any of them to be lighted at ſuch Seaſons of the Year, on ſuch Evenings, and in ſuch Hours, and to be kept burning for ſo many Hours, as to them the ſaid Truſtees ſhall ſeem neceſſary or proper, for the well and ſufficiently lighting the Paſſage along the ſaid Bridges, and the Coſts and Charges attending the providing ſuch Lamps, and of lighting the ſame, ſhall be paid and defrayed out of the Monies ariſing or to be borrowed upon the Credit of this Act.

For preventing Annoyances, &c.

XVIII. And be it further enacted, That if any Perſon or Perſons ſhall wilfully or negligently injure, deſtroy, or otherwiſe damage, or ſhall ride, drive, or lead any Horſe, Beaſt, Cattle, or Carriage, over or upon any Footpath or Cauſeway made or to be made on the Side or Sides of any Part of the ſaid Bridges reſpectively, or the Avenues or Approaches thereto, or if any Driver of any Waggon or other Carriage ſhall wilfully or careleſsly break or damage any of the Poſts or Stones which may be erected for the Security of the ſaid Footpaths or Cauſeways, or if any Perſon or Perſons ſhall ſcrape off any Mud, Soil, or other Matter or Thing which ſhall be or lie upon any Part of the ſaid Bridges or either of them, or the Avenues or Approaches thereto, or any Part thereof, with any Inſtrument, ſo as to damage the ſaid Bridges, or the Avenues or Approaches thereto, or any Part thereof, or if any Waggon, Wain, Cart, Dray, or other Carriage, or any Plough, or other Implement of Huſbandry, ſhall be left to ſtand or remain on the ſaid Bridges or either of them, or the Avenues or Approaches thereto, either with or without any Horſe or Beaſt harneſſed or yoked thereto, without ſome reaſonable Cauſe to be allowed by the Juſtice before whom the Perſon or Perſons ſo offending ſhall be ſummoned or conveyed, in order to his, her, or their Conviction, and except with regard to ſuch Waggon, Wain, Cart, Dray, or other ſuch Carriage, during ſuch Time as ſhall be reaſonable and neceſſary for the loading or unloading thereof; or if any Timber, Wood, or Buſhes, or any Stones, Bricks, Hay, Straw, Lime, Dung, Manure, Soil, Rubbiſh, or other Annoyance whatſoever, ſhall be laid or placed upon any Part of the ſaid Bridges or either of them, or the Avenues or Approaches thereto, or on the Side or Sides thereof, to the Prejudice thereof, or Annoyance of any Perſon travelling thereon, for any longer Time than ſhall be neceſſary for removing the ſame, then and in every ſuch Caſe every Perſon or Perſons ſo offending as aforeſaid, and the Owner or Driver of every ſuch Carriage, and the Owner of Timber and other Things as aforeſaid, and the Perſon who ſhall lay or place any Dung, Aſhes, Rubbiſh, Dirt, Duſt, or other Nuiſance or Annoyance as aforeſaid, or otherwiſe offend in the Premiſes, ſhall for every ſuch Offence forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Five Pounds.

Power to erect Toll Houſes and Gates.

XIX. And be it further enacted, That it ſhall be lawful for the ſaid Truſtees, and they are hereby authorized and empowered to erect and build, or cauſe to be erected and built, One or more Toll Houſe or Toll Houſes, with a Gate or Gates, Poſts, Pales, Rails, Chains, Bars, and Fences, upon or acroſs the ſaid Bridges, or at or near the Ends of the ſame, or either of them reſpectively, or acroſs the ſaid Roads, Ways, Avenues, or Approaches thereto, as they ſhall think proper; and that the ſeveral Tolls following ſhall and may be demanded and taken by ſuch Perſon and Perſons as the ſaid Truſtees ſhall from Time to Time appoint for that Purpoſe, at the ſaid Toll Houſe or Toll Houſes, or Turnpike Gate or Gates, before any Carriage, Horſe, or other Beaſt or Cattle ſhall be permitted to paſs through the ſame, or over the ſaid Bridges, or either of them; (that is to ſay),

Tolls.

For every Coach, Berlin, Landau, Chariot, Calaſh, Chaiſe, Chair, or other ſuch like Carriage, drawn by Four or more Horſes, or other Beaſts of Draught, the Sum of One Shilling and Sixpence; and drawn by Three or Two Horſes, or other Beaſts of Draught, the Sum of One Shilling; or drawn by One Horſe, or other Beaſt of Draught, the Sum of Sixpence:

For every Waggon, Wain, Dray, Cart, Car, or other ſuch like Carriage, drawn by Four or more Horſes, or other Beaſts of Draught, the Sum of Three-pence Halfpenny for each Horſe, or other Beaſt of Draught; and drawn by Three or Two Horſes, or other Beaſts of Draught, the Sum of Four-pence for each Horſe or other Beaſt of Draught; and drawn by One Horſe or other Beaſt of Draught, the Sum of Sixpence:

For every Horſe, Mare, Gelding, Mule, or Aſs, laden or unladen, and not drawing, the Sum of One Penny Halfpenny:

For every Drove of Oxen, Cows, or Neat Cattle, the Sum of Four-pence *per* Score; and ſo in Proportion for any greater or leſs Number:

And for every Drove of Calves, Hogs, Swine, Sheep, or Lambs, the Sum of Five-pence *per* Score; and ſo in Proportion for any greater or leſs Number:

And that Double the Amount of the ſaid ſeveral Tolls ſhall and may be demanded and taken on *Sundays*.

Tolls to be paid Once only for paſſing and repaſſing Once the ſame Day.

XX. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That nothing herein contained ſhall extend or be conſtrued to extend to enable any Collector of the ſaid Tolls to demand or take any more than One Toll from any Perſon or Perſons whomſoever, for or in reſpect of the ſame Horſe, Beaſt, or other Cattle, or ſuch Waggon, Wain, Cart, Dray, or other Carriage, paſſing and repaſſing in the ſame Day (ſuch Day to be computed from Twelve of the Clock at Night to Twelve of the Clock in the next ſucceeding Night), through the ſame or any other Toll Gate or Toll Gates, Turnpike or Turnpikes, Side Bar, or Chain, on or near the ſaid Bridges, or either of them, or the Avenues and Roads leading thereto, all and every ſuch Perſon and Perſons producing a Ticket denoting that ſuch Toll hath been paid on that Day for or in reſpect of ſuch Carriage, Horſe, Beaſt, or other Cattle on either of the ſaid Bridges, or the Avenues or Roads leading thereto, which Ticket the ſaid Collector is hereby required to deliver *gratis* on Receipt of ſuch Toll: Provided always, that all Carriages travelling for Hire ſhall be ſubject and liable to pay Toll for each Time any ſuch Carriage ſhall paſs the ſaid Bridges, except in returning on the ſame Day over the ſaid Bridges.

XXI. Provided

General Exemptions from Toll.

XXI. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That nothing in this Act contained ſhall extend to charge any Perſon with any of the Tolls hereby granted for or in reſpect of any Horſes, or other Beaſts or Cattle employed in carrying or conveying the Arms or Baggage of any Officers or Soldiers, or in carrying any ſick, wounded, or diſabled Officers or Soldiers, nor for any Waggon, Wain, Cart, or other Carriage whatſoever, or the Horſe or Horſes or other Cattle drawing the ſame, which ſhall be employed in conveying any Ordnance, Barrack, or Commiſſariat or other public Stores of or belonging to His Majeſty, or for the Uſe of His Majeſty's Forces; or any Horſe, Mare, or Gelding furniſhed by or for any Perſon belonging to any Corps or Troop of Volunteer Cavalry, and rode by him in going to or returning from the Place appointed for and on the Days of Exerciſe: Provided always, that ſuch Perſon ſhall be dreſſed in the Uniform of his Corps or Troop, and have his Arms, Furniture, and Accoutrements according to the Regulations provided for ſuch Corps or Troop at the Time of claiming ſuch Exemption; or any Horſes or Carriages travelling with Vagrants, ſent by legal Paſſes, or any Horſes or Carriages of whatever Deſcription, employed or to be employed in conveying the Mails of Letters and Expreſſes under the Authority of His Majeſty's Poſtmaſter General, either when employed in conveying, fetching, or guarding ſuch Mails or Expreſſes, or in returning back from conveying the ſame, or any Coach, Chariot, Chaiſe, or other Carriage, or any Paſſengers on Horſeback going to or returning from any Election for a Knight or Knights of the Shire to ſerve in Parliament for the ſaid County of *Buckingham*, on the Day or Days of ſuch Election, or for or in reſpect of any Waggon, Cart, or other Carriage employed only in the Conveyance or Carriage of any Dung, Soil, or Compoſt of any Kind, or any Lime or Aſhes for Manure only, or in the Carriage of any Stones, Bricks, Timber, Lime, Sand, Gravel, or other Materials for building or repairing the ſaid Bridges, or either of them, or making, pitching, or repairing any of the Highways, Streets, Lanes, or public Paſſages and Places within the ſaid Town of *Newport Pagnell*, or any Arches or Bridges thereon, or in the Carriage of any Implements of Huſbandry, or other Things to be uſed in the ploughing, ſowing, tilling, cultivating, or ſtocking of any Land or Ground ſituate within the ſaid Pariſh of *Newport Pagnell*, or in the Carriage or Conveyance of any Hay or Straw not bound up, or Corn in the Straw not ſold or diſpoſed of, but paſſing to be laid up in the Houſes, Outhouſes, or Grounds of the Owner or Grower thereof, ſituate within the ſaid Town of *Newport Pagnell*, or returning empty after having been ſo employed; nor for any Horſes, Cattle, or Sheep going to depaſture in any Lands or Grounds within the Pariſh of *Newport Pagnell* aforeſaid, or returning from the ſame; nor for any Horſes or Cattle going to or returning from Plough, or other Acts of Huſbandry in the ſaid Pariſh, or going to or returning from Water or Stable; nor for any String of Horſes, or for any Oxen, Cows, Sheep, Hogs, or othe Cattle going to any Market or Fair in the ſaid Town of *Newport Pagnell* for the Purpoſe of Sale only, or returning from ſuch Fairs or Markets where the ſame ſhall have been for the Purpoſe of Sale only; nor ſhall any of the ſaid Tolls be demanded or taken of or from any Clergyman or Miniſter going to officiate, or returning after having been officiating at any Church, Chapel, or other Place of Religious Worſhip; or viſiting any ſick Perſon in the ſaid Pariſh of *Newport Pagnell*, nor of any Pariſhioner of the ſaid Pariſh of *Newport Pagnell* going to or returning from Church, Chapel, or other Place of Religious

ligious Worſhip, or to or from any Funeral in the ſaid Pariſh, nor for or in reſpect of any Horſe or Cattle belonging to any Inhabitant of the ſaid Town going to water, or any Blackſmith's Shop in order to be ſhoed or farried; and if any Perſon ſhall take or claim the Benefit of any ſuch Exemptions not being entitled to the ſame, ſuch Perſon ſhall for every ſuch Offence forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Forty Shillings.

Carriages conveying Military Stores not to be ſubject to Penalties for Overweight, &c.

XXII. And be it further enacted, That no Perſon owning or driving, or cauſing to be driven any Waggon, Wain, Cart, or other Carriage provided for the Service of His Majeſty's Forces, or conveying any Ordnance, Barrack, or Commiſſariat or other public Stores of or belonging to His Majeſty, or for the Uſe of His Majeſty's Forces, ſhall be ſubject to any Penalty or Forfeiture for Over-weight, nor ſhall any ſuch Waggon, Wain, Cart, or other Carriage be ſtopt or detained by reaſon of any Weight in any ſuch Waggon, Wain, Cart or other Carriage, or of being drawn by any Number of Horſes or Oxen, but it ſhall be lawful for any Owner or Driver of any ſuch Waggon, Wain, Cart, or other Carriage, to put any Number of Horſes or Oxen to ſuch Waggon, Wain, Cart, or other Carriage, any Thing in any Act or Acts of Parliament relating to Highways or Turnpike Roads, or in this Act contained, to the contrary notwithſtanding.

Tolls veſted in Truſtees.

XXIII. And be it further enacted, That the ſaid Tolls ſhall be and the ſame are hereby veſted in the ſaid Truſtees; and a Table thereof ſhall be put up and continued at ſuch Turnpike or Toll Gate or Gates erected on or near the ſaid Bridges or the Avenues leading thereto; and it ſhall be lawful for the ſeveral Perſons who ſhall by virtue of this Act be appointed Collectors of the ſaid Tolls, to demand, collect, and receive the ſaid Tolls;

Recovery of Tolls.

and in caſe any Perſon or Perſons ſubject or liable to the Payment of any of the ſaid Tolls ſhall, after Demand made thereof by any Collector to be appointed as aforeſaid, neglect or refuſe to pay the ſame, or any Part thereof, it ſhall be lawful for ſuch Collector to ſtop and prevent the Paſſage of the Horſe or Horſes, Beaſt, Cattle, or Carriage, for or in reſpect of which ſuch Tolls ought to be paid, until full Payment thereof, or to ſeize and diſtrain, or cauſe to be ſeized and diſtrained, any Horſe or Horſes, or other Beaſt or Cattle, or any Waggon, Wain, Cart, Dray, or other Carriage, and the Goods and Chattels of any Perſon or Perſons chargeable with the ſaid Tolls, or any of them, and the Harneſs or Accoutrements of ſuch Horſe or Horſes, or other Beaſt or Beaſts, or any Part or Parts thereof, and to detain and keep the ſame, until ſuch Tolls, with the reaſonable Charges of ſuch Diſtreſs, and of detaining and keeping the ſame, ſhall be fully paid ſatisfied; and if ſuch Tolls, or any Part or Parts thereof, together with the reaſonable Charges of ſuch Seizure and Diſtreſs, and of detaining and keeping the ſame, ſhall not be paid within Four Days next after ſuch Seizure and Diſtreſs made, the Collector ſo ſeizing or diſtraining ſhall and lawfully may ſell or cauſe to be ſold the Horſe or Horſes, Beaſt or Beaſts, or other Cattle, and their Gears, Harneſs, and Accoutrements, or the ſaid Waggons, Wains, Carts, Drays, or other Carriages, Goods, and Chattels ſo ſeized and diſtrained, or any Part or Parts thereof; at or near the Turnpike or Toll Gate, Side Bar, or Chain, where the ſaid Tolls ought to have been paid, rendering the Overplus to ariſe from ſuch Sale, (if any) and what ſhall remain unſold, upon Demand, to the Owner or

Owners

Owners thereof, after such Tolls, and all reasonable Costs and Charges for distraining, keeping, and selling the same, shall be deducted and paid.

Disputes respecting Tolls to be settled by a Justice.

XXIV. And be it further enacted, That if any Dispute shall arise touching the Amount of Tolls due, or the Costs and Charges of distraining, keeping, or selling any Distress, it shall be lawful for the Collector or Person so distraining to detain the Distress, or the Money arising from the Sale thereof, until the Amount of the Tolls, or the Charges of distraining, keeping, and selling the Distress (as the Case may be), shall be ascertained by some Justice of the Peace for the said County, who upon Application made to him for that Purpose shall examine the said Matter upon the Oath or Oaths of the Party or Parties, or other Witness or Witnesses, and shall determine the Amount of Tolls, and shall also assess the Charges of such Distress and Sale, and all other reasonable Costs, all which Sum or Sums so determined or assessed, shall be paid to the Collector before he shall be obliged to return the said Distress, or the Overplus after the Sale thereof, or any Part thereof.

Collectors of Tolls to be competent Witnesses.

XXV. And be it further enacted, That in case any Dispute, Suit, or Litigation shall arise touching or in anywise relating to the said Tolls, or any of them, the Person or Persons appointed to collect the same, or any other Person or Persons acting by or under the Authority of the said Trustees, shall not be disqualified from giving Evidence in any such Dispute, Suit, or Litigation, by reason of his, her, or their Appointment to collect such Tolls.

To prevent evading the Tolls.

XXVI. And be it further enacted, That if any Person or Persons shall pass with or drive any Carriage, or Horse or other Cattle, through the said Toll Gate or Toll Gates, Turnpike or Turnpikes, without paying the Toll which by virtue of this Act shall be payable for the same, or take off any Horse or Beast of Draught from any Coach, Chaise, Waggon, Cart, or other Carriage, within Three Hundred Yards from the End of either of the said Bridges, with an Intent to avoid the Payment of any of the said Tolls, or any Part thereof; or if any Person shall forge, counterfeit, or alter, or knowingly make use of any forged or counterfeited Ticket, or shall deliver to or receive of any Person any Note or Ticket with Intent to avoid the Payment of any of the said Tolls, or shall do any other Act in order or with intent to avoid or evade the Payment of any of the said Tolls, or whereby the Payment of the said Tolls shall be avoided or evaded, or shall assault, interrupt, or hinder any Collector, Surveyor, or other Officer appointed by the said Trustees in the Execution of his Duty, every Person so offending in any of the Cases aforesaid, shall, for every such Offence, forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Forty Shillings.

Trustees may reduce Tolls granted, with Consent of Creditors.

XXVII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Trustees, and they are hereby authorized and empowered, from Time to Time as often as they shall think fit, to lessen or reduce all or any of the Tolls granted or made payable by this Act, for and during such Time as they the said Trustees shall think proper, and afterwards from Time to Time as they shall see Occasion, to advance all or any of the Tolls so lessened or reduced to any Sum or Sums of Money not

exceeding the feveral Rates granted by this Act: Provided always, that no ſuch Alterations in the ſaid Tolls ſhall be made unleſs Notice of the Intention to make ſuch Alteration, and of the Time and Place of Meeting for that Purpoſe, ſhall have been affixed on the Toll Gates or Turnpikes to be erected by virtue of this Act, or upon the Door of the Pariſh Church of *Newport Pagnell* aforeſaid, at leaſt Twenty Days before ſuch Meeting, nor unleſs the Perſon or Perſons entitled to One Half of the Money then due upon the Credit of this Act ſhall conſent thereto.

Tolls may be let.

XXVIII. And be it further enacted, That it ſhall be lawful for the ſaid Truſtees, and they are hereby empowered, at any Meeting, upon Ten Days Notice of ſuch Meeting being affixed on the Toll Gates or Turnpikes that ſhall be erected by virtue of this Act, or by Advertiſement to be inſerted in ſome One Newſpaper circulated within the County of *Buckingham*, from Time to Time to let to farm the Tolls by this Act granted and to be collected by virtue hereof, or any Part or Parts thereof, to any Perſon or Perſons, at or for the largeſt yearly Rent or Sum that can be reaſonably gotten for the ſame; provided that the Leaſes, Contracts, or Agreements of or for the ſame, be in Writing, and be duly executed by the Perſon or Perſons taking or farming ſuch Tolls, and alſo by any Five or more of the ſaid Truſtees, but the ſame ſhall not be let for any Term exceeding Three Years at any one Time; and the Rent which ſhall be agreed to be paid for the ſaid Tolls, ſhall be made payable and be paid to the Treaſurer of the ſaid Truſtees, ſo that One Calendar Month's Payment of ſuch Rent ſhall always be in advance, or ſufficient Security given for the Payment of ſuch Rent to the Satisfaction of the ſaid Truſtees, or in Default thereof every ſuch Leaſe, Contract, or Agreement, for the ſame Tolls ſhall be null and void to all Intents and Purpoſes whatſoever; and ſuch Perſon or Perſons ſhall execute a Counterpart of every ſuch Leaſe or Demiſe.

Leſſees, or Perſons appointed by them, may collect Tolls.

XXIX. And be it further enacted, That during ſuch Time as the ſaid Tolls, or any Part or Parts thereof ſhall be leaſed, demiſed, or in Farm to any Perſon or Perſons whomſoever, it ſhall be lawful for the Leſſee or Leſſees, Farmer or Farmers thereof, or ſuch other Perſon or Perſons as he or they ſhall by Writing or Writings under his, her, or their Hand or Hands authorize or appoint, to demand and take the ſaid Tolls ſo leaſed, demiſed or farmed, with the like Powers for the Recovery thereof, to all Intents and Purpoſes, as the ſaid Truſtees or any Collector of the ſaid Tolls appointed by the ſaid Truſtees, are or is hereby authorized and empowered to demand, take, and recover the ſame; and ſuch Leſſee or Leſſees, Farmer or Farmers, or other Perſon or Perſons as aforeſaid, ſhall be ſubject to the like Pains, Penalties, and Forfeitures, and ſhall be liable to the like Actions, and Proſecutions, as any Collector of the ſaid Tolls appointed by the ſaid Truſtees is ſubject or liable to; and if any Leſſee of ſuch Tolls, or the Perſon or Perſons appointed by him to collect the ſame, ſhall take any greater or leſs Toll from any Perſon than authorized or directed by his Act, he or they ſhall for every ſuch Offence forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Five Pounds, and ſhall alſo, if the ſaid Truſtees ſhall think fit, forfeit the Leaſe or Demiſe of ſuch Tolls; and every other Collector of the ſaid Tolls who ſhall take a greater or leſs Toll than is by this Act granted, ſhall for every ſuch Offence forfeit any Sum not exceeding Forty Shillings.

Truſtees may compound for Tolls.

XXX. And be it further enacted, That it ſhall be lawful for the ſaid Truſtees from Time to Time to compound with any Perſon or Perſons, or with the Inhabitants of any Pariſhes, Hamlets, or Places, for the Tolls payable for or in reſpect of any Coaches, Carriages, Horſes, Beaſts, or Cattle, or any Waggon, Wain, Cart, Dray, or other Carriage paſſing over the ſaid Bridges, for any Period of Time not exceeding Two Years, and all ſuch Compoſition Money ſhall be paid to the Treaſurer in advance Quarterly, or otherwiſe as the ſaid Truſtees ſhall appoint, and in Default of ſuch Payment every ſuch Compoſition ſhall be null and void to all Intents and Purpoſes whatſoever; provided nevertheleſs, that any Compoſition to be made by virtue of this Act ſhall not exempt any Carriage, Horſe, or Cattle of ſuch Inhabitants of the ſaid Pariſhes, or the ſaid other Perſons when the ſame are travelling for Hire, or on a *Sunday*, at which reſpective Times ſuch Carriages, Horſes, or Cattle ſhall not paſs through the ſaid Toll Gates or Turnpikes, or either of them, unleſs Payment be made of the full Tolls aforeſaid, excluſive of ſuch annual or other Compoſition.

Agreements and Compoſitions to be entered in Books.

XXXI. And be it further enacted, That all Agreements and Compoſitions made by the ſaid Truſtees reſpecting the ſaid Tolls, with any Perſon or Perſons whomſoever, or with the Inhabitants of any ſuch Pariſhes as aforeſaid, ſhall be entered in a Book or Books to be kept for that Purpoſe by the Clerk or Treaſurer appointed by the ſaid Truſtees, which Books ſhall and may be ſeen by any Perſon whomſoever having Intereſt therein, without Fee or Reward.

No Collector or Renter of Tolls to gain a Settlement, nor be aſſeſſed for the Tolls or Toll Houſe.

XXXII. And be it further enacted, That no Collector or other Officer appointed by the ſaid Truſtees to collect the ſaid Tolls, or Perſon renting ſuch Tolls, and reſiding in any Toll Houſe or Houſes belonging to the ſaid Truſtees, ſhall thereby gain a Settlement by virtue thereof; and that no Tolls to be taken by virtue of this Act, nor any Toll Houſe to be erected for the Purpoſe of collecting the ſame, nor any Perſon in reſpect of ſuch Tolls or Toll Houſe or Houſes ſhall be rated or aſſeſſed towards the Payment of any Poor's Rate, or any other public or parochial Levy, Rate, Charge, or Aſſeſſment whatſoever.

Bridges, Turnpikes, &c. veſted in Truſtees.

XXXIII. And be it further enacted, That the Right and Property of the ſaid Bridges, and all and every the Bridges, Turnpikes, and Toll Houſes, and other Buildings, to be erected by virtue of this Act, with the Ground, Fences, and Appurtenances thereto reſpectively belonging, and of all Gates, Poſts, Rails, Bars, Chains, Watch Boxes, Tables of Tolls, Lamps, Lamp-poſts, Lamp Irons, and Poſts, to be erected, and alſo of all Materials, Tools and Implements which are or ſhall be provided for making, rebuilding, widening, or repairing the ſaid Bridges, Ways, Avenues, and Approaches thereto, or any of them by virtue of this Act, ſhall be veſted in the ſaid Truſtees; and they are hereby empowered to cauſe any Action or Actions to be brought, and any Bill or Bills of Indictment to be preferred againſt any Perſon or Perſons who ſhall ſteal, break down, take away, injure, or ſpoil the ſaid Bridges, or either of them, or any Turnpike, Toll Houſe, or other Building, Watch Box, Side Bars, or Chains, Fence, Tables of Tolls, Lamps, Lamp Poſts, Lamp Irons, or Poſts, or any of ſuch Materials, Tools, or Implements as aforeſaid, or any of them, or any Part or Parts thereof; and in all ſuch Actions and Bills of Indictment reſpectively, it ſhall be ſufficient

ficient to ſtate generally that the Article or Articles, Thing or Things for which ſuch Action or Actions ſhall be brought, or Bill or Bills of Indictment preferred, is or are the Property of the Truſtees acting under and by virtue of this Act, without particularly mentioning or ſpecifying the Name or Names of all or any of the ſaid Truſtees.

Truſtees may borrow Money.

XXXIV. And, for the more ſpeedy raiſing ſuch Money as may be neceſſary for the Purpoſes of this Act, be it further enacted, That it ſhall be lawful for the ſaid Truſtees, or any Five or more of them, and they are hereby empowered from Time to Time to borrow and take up at Intereſt any Sum or Sums of Money as they ſhall think neceſſary, not exceeding the Sum of Twelve thouſand Pounds in the Whole, and by Writing under their Hands and Seals to aſſign over or mortgage the Tolls hereby granted, or any Part thereof, and the Toll Gates, Turnpikes, and Toll Houſes, erected or to be erected by virtue of this Act, (the Charges of ſuch Aſſignments and Mortgages to be paid out of the ſaid Tolls), as a Security for the Re-payment of ſuch Sum or Sums of Money, with Intereſt for the ſame, to the Perſon or Perſons who ſhall advance and lend ſuch Money, his, her, or their Executors, Adminiſtrators, or Aſſigns, ſuch Intereſt to be paid and payable by equal Half-yearly Payments at the Dwelling Houſe of the Treaſurer of the ſaid Truſtees for the Time being, all which Mortgages or Aſſignments ſhall be in the Words or to the Effect following; (that is to ſay),

Form of Mortgage.

'BY virtue of an Act, made and paſſed in the Forty-ninth Year of the Reign of King *George* the Third, intituled, *An Act* [*here ſet forth the Title of this Act*] we, whoſe Names are hereunto ſubſcribed, and Seals affixed, being Truſtees acting in the Execution of the ſaid Act, in Conſideration of the Sum of to the Treaſurer in Hand paid by *A. B.* do hereby grant, bargain, ſell, and demiſe unto the ſaid *A. B.* his Executors, Adminiſtrators, and Aſſigns, ſuch Proportion of the Tolls ariſing by virtue of the ſaid Act, and alſo of the Toll Gates, Turnpikes, and Toll Houſes for collecting the ſame, as the ſaid Sum of doth or ſhall bear to the whole Sum charged and advanced, or to be charged and advanced on the Credit of the ſaid Act, to be had and holden from this Day of in the Year of our Lord until the ſaid Sum of with Intereſt for the ſame after the Rate of Five Pounds *per Centum per Annum* ſhall be repaid and ſatisfied. In Witneſs whereof we have hereunto ſet our Hands and Seals, this Day of in the Year of our Lord.'

Money may be raiſed by Annuities.

Provided always, that in caſe the ſaid Truſtees ſhall think it adviſeable to raiſe all or any Part of the Money neceſſary for the Purpoſes aforeſaid, by the granting of Annuities for the Life or Lives of any Perſon or Perſons, then it ſhall be lawful for the ſaid Truſtees and they are hereby authorized and empowered, by any Writing or Writings under their Hands and Seals, to grant any Annuity or Annuities to any Perſon or Perſons who ſhall contribute, advance, and pay into the Hands of the Treaſurer to the ſaid Truſtees, any Sum or Sums of Money for the abſolute Purchaſe of any ſuch Annuity or Annuities, to be paid and payable during the natural Life of every ſuch Contributor, or the natural Life of every ſuch

such Person as shall be nominated by or on the Behalf of such Contributor at the Time of the Payment of his or her Contribution or Purchase Money, so as that no such separate Annuity do exceed the Rate of Ten Pounds for every One hundred Pounds a Year; and the Grant of every such Annuity may be in the Words or to the Effect following; (that is to say),

Form of Grant of Annuity.

'BY virtue of an Act made and passed in the Forty-ninth Year of the Reign of King *George* the Third, intituled, *An Act* [*set forth the Title of this Act*] We, whose Names are hereunto subscribed, and Seals affixed, being Trustees acting in the Execution of the said Act, in Consideration of the Sum of to the Treasurer by *A. B.* do hereby grant unto the said *A. B.* his Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, an Annuity or yearly Sum of out of the Tolls arising by virtue of the said Act, which Annuity or yearly Sum of shall be paid to the said *A. B.* his Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, at the Dwelling House of the Treasurer, quarterly, upon the Day of the Day of and the Day of the Day of in every Year during the natural Life of the First Payment thereof to be made upon the Day of next ensuing the Date hereof. In Witness whereof we have hereunto set our Hands and Seals, this Day of in the Year of our Lord

Which said several Annuities so to be purchased shall be made payable and be paid quarterly during the natural Lives of such Contributors respectively, or the natural Life or Lives of such other Person or Persons as shall be nominated by such respective Contributors, and a proportionate Part of each Annuity shall be paid from the last Quarter Day of Payment to the Day of the Death of the Annuitant, or his or her *Cestui que Vie*; and the said Trustees shall pay the said Annuitants; and Entries or Memorials of all such Mortgages or Assignments, and Grants of Annuities as shall be made by virtue of this Act, shall be entered in a Book or Books by the Clerk to the said Trustees; and such Book or Books shall and may at all seasonable Times be perused or inspected by all Persons interested therein, without Fee or Reward; and all Mortgages or Assignments, and Grants of Annuities which shall be made in the Manner and Form, or to the Effect aforesaid, shall be good, valid, and effectual in Law to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever; and all Persons to whom any such Mortgages or Assignments, and Grants of Annuities shall be made as aforesaid, or who shall be entitled to the Money thereby respectively secured, may from Time to Time assign and transfer the same Security or Securities, and all Benefit and Advantage thereof, and all their Right, Title, and Interest to the Principal and Interest Money thereby respectively secured, or any Part thereof, to any Person or Persons whomsoever, by any Writing under their Hands and Seals, or by Indorsement thereon, in the Words or to the Effect following; (that is to say),

Entries to be made of Securities.

'I *A. B.* do hereby assign [a certain *or*] the within Mortgage or Grant of [a certain *or*] the within mentioned Annuity, [*as the Case may be, describing the same*] and all my Right and Title in and to the same, and

Form of Transfer.

'all the Principal and Intereſt Money or Annuity, and all Arrears now
'due thereon, and thereby ſecured, unto *C.D.* his Executors, Admi-
'niſtrators, or Aſſigns. Dated this Day of
'in the Year of our Lord

And every ſuch Transfer ſhall be produced and notified to the Clerk to the ſaid Truſtees within Six Calendar Months next after the Date thereof; and ſuch Clerk ſhall cauſe an Entry or Memorial to be made thereof, containing the Names of the Parties, and Sum of Money therein mentioned to be transferred, in the ſaid Book or Books to be kept for entering the ſaid original Mortgages or Aſſignments and Grants of Annuities to be made by virtue of this Act, and for which Entry the Clerk who ſhall enter the ſame ſhall be paid Five Shillings and no more, and after ſuch Entry made every ſuch Transfer ſhall entitle the Perſon to whom the ſame ſhall be made, his, her, or their Executors, Adminiſtrators, and Aſſigns, to the Benefit thereof and Payment thereon; and after ſuch Entry or Memorial made thereof as aforeſaid it ſhall not be in the Power of any Perſon or Perſons making ſuch Transfer to make void, releaſe, or diſcharge the ſame, or the Monies thereby due or any Part thereof; and all Perſons to whom ſuch Mortgages, Aſſignments, or Grants of Annuities ſhall be made as aforeſaid, or who ſhall be entitled to the Monies or Annuities thereby ſecured, ſhall be, in Proportion to the Sums therein reſpectively mentioned, Creditors on ſuch Tolls, Toll Gates, Turnpikes, and Toll Houſes, in equal Degree, one with another, and ſhall have no Preference in reſpect of the Priority of advancing any ſuch Monies, or of the Dates of any ſuch Mortgages, Aſſignments, or Grants reſpectively.

Creditors to be paid by Ballot.

XXXV. And, in order that no undue Preference may be given to any of the Perſons entitled to the Principal Money which ſhall be borrowed and ſecured in Manner aforeſaid in diſcharging the ſame, be it further enacted, That when and ſo often as the Money to be raiſed by the ſaid Tolls ſhall amount to the Sum of One hundred Pounds (over and above what ſhall be neceſſary to pay the growing Intereſt upon the ſaid Principal Money, and the Expences provided for), the ſaid Truſtees ſhall cauſe the Number of all the Mortgages, Aſſignments, and Securities to be made and then in force for ſecuring the Principal Money borrowed on the Credit of the ſaid Tolls, of which Part ſhall be then intended to be paid off, to be written upon diſtinct Pieces of Paper of an equal Size, and all ſuch Papers ſhall be rolled up in the ſame Manner as near as may be, and put into a Box or Glaſs, and One Number of the ſaid Mortgages, Aſſignments, or Securities, ſhall be drawn out of the ſaid Box or Glaſs by the Clerk to the ſaid Truſtees, in the Preſence of Five or more of the ſaid Truſtees, and the Mortgage, Aſſignment, or Security, correſponding with ſuch Number, ſhall be accordingly paid off: Provided always, that if it ſhall happen that any Mortgage, Aſſignment, or Security, the Number whereof ſhall be drawn out as aforeſaid, ſhall be for a greater Sum than One hundred Pounds, no more than One hundred Pounds ſhall be diſcharged in conſequence of ſuch Number being ſo drawn.

Notice to be given to Creditors who are to be paid off.

XXXVI. And be it further enacted, That after any Ballot ſhall be had as aforeſaid, the ſaid Truſtees ſhall cauſe a Notice ſigned by their Clerk to be given or left at the uſual Place of Abode of the Perſon or Perſons who ſhall be entitled to the Money to be paid off purſuant to ſuch Ballot, which

which Notice ſhall expreſs the Sum to be paid, together with the Intereſt due thereon, and that the ſame ſhall be paid at the Place to be mentioned in ſuch Notice, at the Expiration of Three Calendar Months from the Day of giving or leaving ſuch Notice as aforeſaid; and the Intereſt of the Principal Money ſo to be paid off, ſhall from and after the End of the ſaid Three Calendar Months ceaſe and be no longer paid or payable, unleſs ſuch Principal Money ſhall be demanded purſuant to ſuch Notice, and not paid, but the Principal Money in reſpect whereof ſuch Notice ſhall be given, and alſo the Intereſt thereof to the End of the ſaid Three Calendar Months, ſhall be payable nevertheleſs on Demand.

Power to borrow Money at lower Intereſt, to diſcharge Securities at higher.

XXXVII. And be it further enacted, That in caſe the ſaid Truſtees can at any Time borrow or take up any Sum or Sums of Money at a lower Rate of Intereſt than the Mortgages, Aſſignments, or Securities which ſhall be then in force ſhall bear, it ſhall be lawful for the ſaid Truſtees from Time to Time to charge the ſaid Tolls in Manner aforeſaid with ſuch Sum or Sums of Money as they ſhall think fit and proper, and the Intereſt thereof at ſuch lower Rate aforeſaid, and to pay off and diſcharge the Mortgages, Aſſignments, and Securities bearing a higher Rate of Intereſt, according to the Directions and Regulations herein-before preſcribed, for paying off the Mortgages, Aſſignments, or Securities.

Application of the Tolls and Money to be borrowed.

XXXVIII. And be it further enacted, That out of the firſt Money ariſing or to ariſe by the Tolls which ſhall be collected by virtue of this Act, or out of the firſt Money which ſhall be borrowed upon the Credit thereof, the ſaid Truſtees ſhall in the firſt Place pay and defray the Coſts, Charges, and Expences incident to and attending the obtaining and paſſing of this Act, and in repaying all and every Sum and Sums of Money which ſhall have been or which ſhall be advanced by any Perſon or Perſons for the Payment of ſuch Coſts, Charges, or incidental Expences, with lawful Intereſt for the ſame; and alſo all Coſts, Charges, and Expences in making the Surveys, Plans, and Eſtimates of the ſaid Bridges and the Approaches thereto; and after Payment thereof all the Money which ſhall ariſe or come to the Hands, Cuſtody, or Power of the ſaid Truſtees or their Treaſurer, by virtue or for the Purpoſes of this Act, ſhall from Time to Time be applied in defraying the Expences of erecting the ſaid Turnpikes and Toll Houſes, and in erecting the ſaid temporary Bridges, or in repairing the preſent Bridges for the Purpoſe of temporary Bridges, and in taking down and removing the ſaid preſent Bridges, or ſuch Parts thereof reſpectively, as may be thought proper to be taken down, and in conſtructing and building the ſaid intended new Bridges, or in widening, altering, repairing, and improving the ſaid preſent Bridges reſpectively, and in upholding, repairing, and keeping the ſame in Repair, and in opening and making proper and convenient Avenues and Approaches to the ſaid Bridges at each End of the ſame reſpectively, and in defraying all other neceſſary Charges and Expences attending the Execution of this Act, and in paying the Intereſt of the Principal Money ſo to be borrowed on the Credit of the ſaid Tolls, and all Annuities granted under this Act, and in paying off the ſaid Principal Money, and in otherwiſe carrying this Act into Execution, and to and for no other Uſe, Intent, or Purpoſe whatſoever.

When Money repaid, Tolls to be leſſened.

XXXIX. And be it further enacted, That as ſoon as the ſeveral Purpoſes of this Act ſhall be carried into Execution, and the Principal Money and Intereſt borrowed and ſecured upon the Credit thereof, ſhall be fully repaid

repaid and ſatisfied, and all Annuities granted under this Act ſhall have ceaſed and be no longer payable, an Account ſhall be made out of the average Amount of the Expences of ordinary repairing the ſaid Bridges, and the Avenues and Approaches thereto, and of lighting ſuch Lamps as aforeſaid, and all other incidental Expences relating to carrying into Execution the Purpoſes of this Act for the preceding Three Years; and then and from thenceforth the Tolls granted and impoſed by this Act ſhall be reduced and leſſened ſo as to produce, as near as the ſame can be aſcertained, a Sum equal to the Payment of ſuch average Amount of ſuch Expences as afore-mentioned; provided alſo, that if any conſiderable Part of the Money allowed to be borrowed under this Act ſhall have been raiſed by the granting of Annuities, then and in ſuch Caſe upon the falling in and ceaſing of any ſuch Proportion of ſuch Annuities after the Repayment of all Principal Monies borrowed under this Act, as will admit of any Reduction of Tolls, without leſſening the Security of ſuch Annuitants as afore-mentioned, it ſhall be lawful for the ſaid Truſtees, and they are hereby required to leſſen ſuch Tolls from Time to Time as any ſuch Proportions of ſuch Annuities ſhall ceaſe and determine: Provided always, that in caſe the ſaid Bridges, or either of them, ſhall require any conſiderable Repairs, and no effectual Funds for defraying the Expence thereof ſhall be eſtabliſhed, other than the Tolls granted and made payable by this Act, then ſuch Proportion of the ſaid Tolls hereby granted ſhall and may be again impoſed by the ſaid Truſtees under the Authority of this Act, and ſhall continue to be demanded and received from Time to Time as the ſaid Truſtees ſhall judge ſufficient for putting the ſaid reſpective Bridges and Approaches thereto in Repair, or the Repayment of any Principal Money, with Intereſt, which ſhall have been borrowed (and which Principal Money the ſaid Truſtees are hereby authorized to borrow for ſuch Purpoſe in like Manner as aforeſaid) for the Purpoſe of making ſuch Repair; and in caſe any ſudden or extraordinary Damage ſhall at any Time happen to the ſaid Bridges, or either of them, by heavy Floods or otherwiſe, or the ſame ſhall become ſo much out of Repair as to be impaſſable, or in danger of becoming ſo, it ſhall be lawful for the ſaid Truſtees, and they are hereby authorized and empowered from Time to Time to repair ſuch Damages, and to borrow any Money for that Purpoſe as aforeſaid; and in order to defray the Expences attending the ſame, to demand, receive, and take the Whole or ſo much and ſuch Parts of the ſeveral Tolls hereby granted and made payable as they the ſaid Truſtees ſhall think neceſſary for that Purpoſe, until the Expences of repairing the ſaid Bridges and Approaches thereto reſpectively, and all Coſts and Charges attending the ſame, or Money borrowed for that Purpoſe, ſhall be fully paid and ſatisfied.

Eſtates now applicable to the Repairs of Tickford Bridge, to continue to the ſame Uſes.

XL. And whereas there is in the ſaid Pariſh of *Newport Pagnell* a certain Meſſuage, Burgage, or Tenement in *Tickford End*, formerly in the Occupation of *John Buck* and others, and now occupied as Three Tenements or Dwelling Houſes, by *William Wheatley*, *William Morgan*, and *William Battams*, at the yearly Rent of Seven Pounds, and which Eſtate was heretofore given by the Will of *Thomas Child* for and towards the Repairs of the ſaid Bridge, called *Tickford Bridge*, and the ſame is now veſted in Feoffees as Truſtees for that Purpoſe by Indentures of Leaſe and Releaſe, bearing Date reſpectively the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Days of *March* One thouſand ſeven hundred and ninety-two, and the Rents and Profits thereof have from Time to Time been applied for and towards the

the Repairs of the ſaid Bridge; be it therefore enacted, That the ſaid Feoffees and their Succeſſors, Feoffees of the ſaid Eſtate for the Time being, ſhall and they are hereby required to pay the Rents and Profits of the ſaid Meſſuage, Burgage, or Tenement unto the Truſtees appointed by this Act, yearly and every Year during the Continuance thereof, to be applied for and towards the Support and Repairs of the ſaid Bridge.

Rents of Eſtates applied to the Repairs of Bridges, &c. to be continued to be applied to the ſame Uſes in the ſame Proportions.

XLI. And whereas there are certain other Eſtates in the ſaid Pariſh of *Newport Pagnell*, veſted in the ſaid Feoffees as Truſtees, by the ſaid Indentures of Leaſe and Releaſe, bearing Date reſpectively the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Days of *March* One thouſand ſeven hundred and ninety-two, conſiſting of a Burgage or Tenement with the Appurtenances, called *The Poor's Houſes*, and in their Occupation, with the Yards and Gardens thereunto belonging; and alſo all that other Meſſuage or Tenement lately occupied by *Robert Sanders* and now by *Thomas Meacher* or his Under-tenants, known by the Name of *The Red Lion*, and Part of the Yard thereunto belonging, and Part of the Yards or Gardens late of *Thomas Forſter*, ſince of *Jane Forſter*, and now of *Charles Marius Hardy*, which Premiſes laſt-mentioned were heretofore given by one *Beatrice Holliday*, towards the Maintenance of the Bridges, Amendment of the Highways, Repairs of the Pariſh Church, and Relief of the Poor of *Newport* aforeſaid; and alſo all that other Burgage or Tenement with the Appurtenances called or known by the Name of *The Saracen's Head*, ſituate, ſtanding, and being in *Newport* aforeſaid, ſome Time ſince occupied by *Elizabeth Gillett*, *William Tripp*, *Thomas Harvey* the Elder, *Elizabeth Ingram* Widow, *Geary Mills*, and others, ſince of *William Payne*, *Joſeph Arrowſmith*, and *John Pawſey*, and now of *William Clarke*, *Edmund Goodwin*, and ; and alſo all thoſe Three Shambles thereunto belonging, called *The Town Shambles*, or the Ground whereon the ſame ſtood; and alſo a little Holme called *Hog Holme*, and alſo all thoſe Six Acres of Arable Land and Half an Acre of Meadow, with the Appurtenances, be the ſame more or leſs, lying and being in the *Port Fields* and Meadows of *Newport Pagnell* aforeſaid, ſome Time ſince occupied by *John Cadman*, (or the Allotment of Land in lieu thereof on the Incloſure of the ſaid Fields), which laſt-mentioned Burgage, Tenements, Three Shambles, and Six Acres of Arable Land, and Half an Acre of Meadow, were given by *Richard Read* and *Ralph Hobbs*, towards the Maintenance of the Bridges, Amendment of the Highways, Repairs of the Pariſh Church, and Relief of the Poor of *Newport Pagnell* aforeſaid; and alſo all that Cloſe of Paſture with the Appurtenances lying and being in *Fiſher's Wick*, late in the Occupation of *Thomas Wilkinſon*, and ſince of *Thomas Marſhall*; and alſo all that other Cloſe of Paſture Ground with the Appurtenances, lying and being in *Newport Pagnell* aforeſaid, adjoining to *Bury Field*, now or late in the Occupation of *Thomas Handſon*, (and which Cloſe laſt-mentioned was by Indenture bearing Date the Day of One thouſand ſeven hundred and ſeventy-eight, taken in Exchange by the then Feoffees for a certain Cloſe in *Newport Pagnell* aforeſaid, adjoining to *Bury Field* aforeſaid, then late in the Occupation of *Richard Toomes* and then of *Elizabeth Toomes*), and which ſaid Two Cloſes were given by *Beatrice Holliday* the Daughter, towards the Maintenance of the Bridges, Amendment of the Highways, Repairs of the Pariſh Church, and Relief of the Poor of *Newport* aforeſaid; and alſo all that other Cloſe in *Newport* aforeſaid, lying in a Place called *Fiſher's Wick*, late in the Occupation of *Thomas Wilkinſon*, and

ſince of *Robert Sanders*, given by one *John Silbey* towards the Repairs of the Bridges, Highways, Pariſh Church, and Relief of the Poor of *Newport* aforeſaid; alſo a Plot of Ground with the Appurtenances, lying in the Marſh End of *Newport Pagnell* aforeſaid, upon which ſeveral Houſes have been built, and are uſed as Alms Houſes; and alſo Two Acres and a Half of Land with the Appurtenances, lying in *Tickford Field*, late in the Occupation of *Thomas Hooton*, (or the Allotment of Land in lieu thereof upon the late Incloſure), which ſaid Two Acres and a Half of Land and Plot of Ground have been ever ſince the Memory of Man employed for the Relief of the Poor, Repairs of the Pariſh Church, Highways, and Bridges of *Newport* aforeſaid: And whereas One full Fourth Part of the Rents and Profits of the ſaid ſeveral Eſtates has, on an Average from Time to Time been applied by the ſaid Feoffees for and towards the Repairs of the ſaid Bridges: Be it therefore further enacted, That the ſaid Feoffees and their Succeſſors, Feoffees of the ſaid Eſtates for the Time being, ſhall and they are hereby required to pay not leſs than One full Fourth Part of the Rents and Profits, of the ſaid ſeveral Eſtates hereinbefore mentioned, unto the Truſtees appointed or to be appointed by this Act, yearly and every Year during the Continuance thereof, for and towards the Repairs and Maintenance of the ſaid Bridges.

Power to purchaſe certain Buildings, Lands, &c.

XLII. And be it further enacted, That for making proper Ways, Avenues, Approaches, and Conveniences to the ſaid Bridges, and for carrying the Purpoſes of this Act into Execution, it ſhall be lawful for the ſaid Truſtees to treat, contract, and agree with the Owner and Owners, Proprietors and Occupiers of, and all Perſons intereſted in the ſeveral Meſſuages, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments ſituate within the ſaid Pariſhes of *Newport Pagnell* and *Lathbury* herein-after mentioned, (that is to ſay), Four Meſſuages, Cottages, or Tenements adjoining each other, the Property of *Maurice Smith*, and now in the Occupation of *Mark Richardſon*, *Ann Culverwell*, *John Landy*, and *John Lovett*; One other Meſſuage, Cottage, or Tenement in *North End*, the Property of *Charlotte Beaty*, and now in the Occupation of *Richard Tyrrell*; a Piece of Ground planted with Trees and Shrubs adjoining the laſt-mentioned Meſſuage, the Property of the ſaid *Charlotte Beaty*, and in her own Occupation; One other Meſſuage or Tenement ſituate in *North End* aforeſaid, called the *Taylors' Arms*, with a Brewhouſe, Building, and Yard adjoining, the Property of the Maſter and Governors of Queen *Ann*'s Hoſpital, in *Newport Pagnell*, in the Occupation of *Joſeph Conqueſt*; Two Cottages or Tenements, with Part of a Yard, ſituate in the ſaid *North End*, the Property of *James Barber* Eſquire, in the Occupation of *Jacob Hammond*, *Robert London*, and *Jonathan Barratt*; alſo a Meſſuage or Tenement adjoining the laſt-mentioned Premiſes, the Property of *Joſeph Redden*, in the Occupation of *George Cripps*, called the *Neptune* Public Houſe, adjoining the ſaid *North Bridge*; alſo a Wall ſituate near the ſaid *North Bridge*, adjoining the Premiſes occupied by *George Oſborn*, belonging to the ſaid *Charlotte Beaty*; alſo a certain Piece of Ground in the Street oppoſite the Dwelling Houſe of the ſaid *Charlotte Beaty*, with the Trees ſtanding thereon, the Property of the ſaid *Charlotte Beaty*, or of the Lord of the Manor of *Newport Pagnell* aforeſaid; alſo certain Meſſuages or Tenements adjoining, ſtanding near the ſaid *Tickford Bridge*, the Property of the Maſter and Governors of Queen *Ann*'s Hoſpital in *Newport Pagnell*, in the Occupation of *Edward Stanton* and others; alſo a Meſſuage or Tenement ſtanding near the ſaid *Tickford Bridge*, called

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The Admiral Hood, the Property of *Barnard Levi*, and the said Master and Governors of Queen *Ann*'s Hospital, and in the Occupation of *Thomas Leach*; also Three Messuages or Tenements situate on the South Side of the said *Tickford Bridge*, the Property of the said Feoffees of *Newport Pagnell* Town Land, in the Occupation of *William Battams*, *William Wheatley*, and *William Morgan*, and also a Messuage or Tenement near the last-mentioned Premises, the Property of *Edward Jefferson*, and in the Occupation of *William Jefferson*; also Part of certain Meadows situate and lying in the Parish of *Lathbury* aforesaid, adjoining the said *North Bridge*, the Property of *Mansel Dawkin Mansel* Esquire, in the Occupation of *James Pike*, for the Purchase of the said Messuages, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments, and Premises, and the Ground and Soil whereon the same stand and are situate, and also for all Damage occasioned by taking down any such Buildings; and also for the Purchase of any other Messuages, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments, and Premises, within the Parish of *Newport Pagnell* aforesaid, which the Trustees for the Time being at any Time or Times hereafter may think necessary and proper to purchase for the respective Purposes of this Act; and it shall be lawful for all Bodies Politic, Corporate, or Collegiate, Corporations Aggregate or Sole, Tenants for Life or in Fee Tail General or Special, or for Years determinable on any Life or Lives, and all Feoffees in Trust, Executors, Administrators, Guardians, Committees of Idiots and Lunaticks, and Husbands, and all other Trustees whomsoever for charitable or other Purposes, and for and on Behalf of any Infants, Femes Covert, or *Cestui que* Trusts, Idiots, Lunatics, or other Persons under any Disability of acting for themselves, and for all and every other Person and Persons who are or shall be seised, possessed of, or interested in the said Messuages, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, or of and in any Messuages, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, which the said Trustees may think necessary to be purchased for the Purposes of this Act, to treat, contract, and agree with the said Trustees for the absolute Sale thereof, or any Part or Parts thereof, or for their Interest therein, and to convey the same to the said Trustees for the Purpose of erecting the said Bridges, and the Toll Houses, Toll Gates, Works, and Conveniencies thereto, and of making the Avenues and Approaches to the said Bridges; and all Contracts, Agreements, Sales, and Conveyances which shall be so made shall be good, valid, and effectual, to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever, any Law, Usage, or other Matter or Thing to the contrary thereof in anywise notwithstanding; and all such Tenants for Life, or in Fee Tail General or Special, or for Years determinable on any Life or Lives, Feoffees in Trust, Executors, Administrators, Guardians, Committees, Husbands, and Trustees, Bodies Politic, Corporate or Collegiate, Corporations Aggregate or Sole, and other Persons, are or shall be indemnified for what they shall do by virtue and in pursuance of this Act.

and other Buildings, if thought necessary, hereafter.

Corporations, &c. empowered to treat.

XLIII. And be it further enacted, That if any Owner, Proprietor, Occupier, or other Person or Persons interested in any of the said Messuages, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, or which shall be injured or damaged by the said Trustees, or any Person or Persons acting by or under the Authority of the said Trustees in carrying this Act into Execution, or any such Body Politic, Corporate or Collegiate, Corporations Aggregate or Sole, Feoffees, Guardians, Husbands, Committees, or other Trustees,

In case of Persons refusing to treat, or not agreeing, a Jury to settle the Recompense.

Truſtees, upon Notice in Writing to him, her, or them given, or left at the Dwelling Houſe or Place of Abode of ſuch Perſon or Perſons, or of the Clerk or head Officer of any ſuch Body Politic, Corporate, or Collegiate, or at the Houſe of the Tenant in Poſſeſſion of the Premiſes, ſigned by the Clerk to the ſaid Truſtees, ſhall for the Space of Twenty-one Days next after ſuch Notice given or left as aforeſaid, neglect or refuſe to treat, or ſhall not agree in the Premiſes, or by reaſon of Abſence, or otherwiſe, ſhall be prevented from treating, then and in every ſuch Caſe it ſhall be lawful for the ſaid Truſtees to cauſe it to be inquired into and aſcertained by and upon the Oaths of a Jury of Twelve indifferent Men of the County of *Buckingham* (which Oaths the ſaid Truſtees, or any Two or more of them, are hereby empowered to adminiſter), what Damage will be ſuſtained by, and what Recompenſe and Satisfaction ſhall be made to ſuch Owner, Proprietor, Occupier, or other Perſon or Perſons intereſted for or on account of the taking or uſing ſuch Meſſuages, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, for the Purpoſes of this Act, and in order thereto the ſaid Truſtees, or any Two or more of them are hereby empowered and required from Time to Time to ſummon and call before them all and every Perſon or Perſons who ſhall be thought neceſſary and proper to be examined as a Witneſs or Witneſſes touching or concerning the Premiſes, and ſhall examine ſuch Witneſs or Witneſſes before the ſaid Jury upon Oath (which Oath the ſaid Truſtees or any Two or more of them are hereby empowered and required to adminiſter); and they ſhall order and cauſe the ſaid Jury to view the Place in queſtion, and uſe all other lawful Ways and Means, as well for their own as for the ſaid Jury's Information in the Premiſes; and after the ſaid Jury ſhall have ſo aſcertained and ſettled ſuch Damage and Recompenſe they the ſaid Truſtees ſhall thereupon order, adjudge, and determine the Sum or Sums of Money ſo awarded and aſſeſſed by the ſaid Jury to be paid to the Owners, Proprietors, or Occupiers of the ſaid Meſſuages, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, or other Perſons intereſted therein, according to the Verdict or Inquiſition of the ſaid Jury, which ſaid Verdict or Inquiſition, and Judgement, Order, and Determination ſo had and made, ſhall be final, binding, and concluſive to all Intents and Purpoſes whatſoever, againſt all Parties and Perſons claiming in Poſſeſſion, Reverſion, Remainder or otherwiſe; and all and every ſuch Owners, Proprietors, Occupiers, and Perſons anyways intereſted in ſuch Meſſuages, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, ſhall thereby be from thenceforth to all Intents and Purpoſes diveſted of all Right, Title, Claim, Intereſt, or Property of, in, to, or out of the ſame; and upon the Payment of the Money ſo awarded and aſſeſſed to the reſpective Perſons entitled thereto, or their Agents, or (in caſe of Refuſal to accept ſuch Money) upon paying the ſame into the Bank of *England* in Manner directed by this Act, it ſhall be lawful for the ſaid Truſtees to cauſe the Premiſes, in reſpect whereof ſuch Money ſhall be awarded and aſſeſſed, to be diſpoſed of, and ſuch Acts to be done thereto as if the Purchaſe thereof had been agreed upon and completed, and the ſaid reſpective Premiſes untenanted, and the Purchaſe or Conſideration Money had been received by the Perſon or Perſons entitled thereto; and for ſummoning and returning any ſuch Jury, the ſaid Truſtees are hereby empowered to iſſue out their Warrant or Warrants ſigned by any Two or more of them, to the Sheriff of the ſaid County of *Buckingham*, thereby commanding and requiring him or his Deputy to empannel, ſummon, and return an indifferent

Witneſſes to be examined upon Oath.

Verdict of the Jury to be final.

Jury of Twenty-four Perſons to appear before the ſaid Truſtees, at ſuch Time and Place as in ſuch Warrant ſhall be appointed, and ſuch Sheriff or his Deputy or Deputies, is and are hereby required thereupon to empannel, ſummon, and return ſuch Twenty-four Perſons accordingly, and out of the Perſons ſo empannelled, ſummoned, and returned, or out of ſuch of them as ſhall appear according to or upon Summons as aforeſaid, the ſaid Truſtees ſhall ſwear or cauſe to be ſworn Twelve Perſons, who ſhall be the Jury for the Purpoſes aforeſaid; and in Default of a ſufficient Number of Jurymen, the ſaid Sheriff or his Deputy or Deputies ſhall return other honeſt and indifferent Men of the Standers-by, or that can be ſpeedily procured or ſummoned to attend that Service, to make up the Number of Twelve, and in caſe the Jury ſo to be ſworn as aforeſaid ſhall return to the ſaid Truſtees that they cannot agree in their Verdict, then it ſhall be lawful for the ſaid Sheriff, or his Deputy or Deputies, and he and they is and are hereby authorized and required, upon receiving a Warrant or Warrants from the ſaid Truſtees in Manner herein-before directed, to empannel, ſummon, and return another Jury in Manner and for the Purpoſes aforeſaid: Provided always, that all Perſons concerned ſhall have their lawful Challenges againſt any of the Jurymen to be ſummoned in purſuance of this Act, in ſuch and the like Manner as any Party in any Action depending in any of His Majeſty's Courts of Record at *Weſtminſter* is or ſhall be by Law entitled to; and the ſaid Truſtees are hereby empowered to impoſe any reaſonable Fine or Fines on ſuch Sheriff, or his Deputy or Deputies, who ſhall make Default in the Premiſes; and alſo on any of the Perſons who ſhall be ſummoned and returned to ſerve on ſuch Jury and ſhall not appear, or after having appeared ſhall refuſe to be ſworn on the ſaid Jury, or having been ſworn ſhall refuſe to give or ſhall not give his or their Verdict on the Matter in queſtion, or ſhall in any other Manner wilfully neglect his or their Duty therein, and on any of the Perſons who being ſummoned or required to give Evidence before the ſaid Jury touching the Premiſes, ſhall neglect or refuſe to appear, or refuſe to be ſworn, or be examined, or give Evidence touching the ſame, but no ſuch Fine ſhall exceed the Sum of Five Pounds upon any One Perſon for One Offence.

Jurors may be challenged.

Sheriff, &c. to be fined for Neglect of Duty.

XLIV. And be it further enacted, That in caſe any ſuch Jury ſhall give in or deliver a Verdict or Aſſeſſment for more Money than ſhall by or on Behalf of the ſaid Truſtees have been offered before the ſummoning and returning ſuch Jury, as a Recompenſe or Satisfaction for any ſuch Meſſuages, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments to be purchaſed as aforeſaid, or for any ſuch Right, Intereſt, or Property, or Damage as aforeſaid, or for leſs Money than ſhall have been offered to be accepted or taken by or on the Behalf of the ſaid Truſtees, as the Purchaſe Money for any ſuch old Road or Roads as aforeſaid, that then and in every ſuch Caſe the Coſts and Charges of ſummoning and returning the Jury and Witneſſes ſhall be borne and paid by the ſaid Truſtees out of the Money ariſing by virtue of this Act; but if any Jury ſhall give in and deliver a Verdict or Aſſeſſment for no more or for leſs Money than ſhall by or on the Behalf of the ſaid Truſtees have been offered before the ſummoning and returning of ſuch Jury, as a Recompenſe or Satisfaction for any ſuch Meſſuages, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, ſo to be purchaſed as aforeſaid, or for any ſuch Right, Intereſt, or Property, or Damage as aforeſaid, or for the ſame or any more Money than ſhall have been offered to be accepted

By whom Expences of Jury, &c. to be paid.

or taken as the Purchaſe Money for any ſuch old Road as aforeſaid, that then and in every ſuch Caſe the Coſts and Charges of ſummoning and returning the ſaid Jury and Witneſſes ſhall be borne and paid by the Perſon or Perſons with whom ſuch Truſtees ſhall have any Controverſy or Diſpute, which ſaid Coſts and Expences ſhall be aſcertained and ſettled by ſome Juſtice of the Peace not intereſted in the Matter in queſtion (who is hereby authorized, empowered, and required to examine and ſettle the ſame) and ſhall and may be deducted out of the Money ſo awarded, aſſeſſed, and adjudged as ſo much Money advanced to and for the Uſe of ſuch Perſon or Perſons; and the Payment or Tender of the Remainder of ſuch Monies ſhall be deemed and taken to all Intents and Purpoſes whatſoever to be a Payment and Tender of the whole Sum or Sums ſo awarded, aſſeſſed, and adjudged, or otherwiſe ſuch Coſts and Expences, in caſe the ſame be not paid on Demand, after being ſo aſcertained and ſettled as aforeſaid, may be recovered by the Clerk to the ſaid Truſtees, by ſuch Ways and Means as are herein provided for the Recovery of Penalties and Forfeitures incurred by this Act: Provided always, that in all Caſes where any Perſon or Perſons ſhall by reaſon of Abſence have been prevented from treating with the ſaid Truſtees, ſuch Coſts and Expences ſhall be borne and paid by the ſaid Truſtees in Manner aforeſaid.

Truſtees to pay Expences where Perſons from Abſence are prevented from treating.

Eſtates purchaſed to veſt abſolutely in the Truſtees.

XLV. And be it further enacted, That from and immediately after paying ſuch Purchaſe Money as aforeſaid into the Bank of *England* all and every the ſaid Meſſuages, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, in reſpect whereof the ſame ſhall have been ſo paid, ſhall veſt in the ſaid Truſtees in Manner and for the Purpoſes aforeſaid, who ſhall be deemed in Law to be in the actual Poſſeſſion thereof to all Intents and Purpoſes whatſoever, freed and diſcharged of and from all former and other Eſtates, Rights, Titles, Intereſts, Claims and Demands whatſoever.

Truſtees may ſell ſuch Part of Meſſuages, &c. purchaſed as are not neceſſary for the Purpoſes of this Act.

XLVI. And be it further enacted, That it ſhall be lawful for the ſaid Truſtees to ſell and diſpoſe of ſo much or ſuch Part or Parts of any Meſſuages, Buildings, Lands, Tenements or Hereditaments, to be purchaſed by or veſted in them by virtue of the Powers herein contained, as ſhall not be neceſſary for the Purpoſes of this Act; and the ſaid Truſtees, or any Five or more of them, are hereby authorized and empowered to make and execute any Conveyance or Conveyances thereof to the Purchaſer or Purchaſers, and all and every ſuch Conveyance or Conveyances ſhall be deemed and adjudged ſufficient to veſt ſuch Part or Parts of any Meſſuages, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, in the Purchaſer or Purchaſers as ſhall have been agreed for, or ſhall be expreſſed, meant, and intended to be granted or conveyed by ſuch Conveyance or Conveyances, and the Purchaſe Money, or other Monies ariſing under ſuch Conveyance, ſhall be applied by the ſaid Truſtees for the reſpective Purpoſes of this Act: Provided nevertheleſs, that the former Proprietor or Proprietors of ſuch Part or Parts of the ſaid Meſſuages, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, as may not be neceſſary to be made uſe of for the Purpoſes of this Act, ſhall have the Preference of purchaſing the ſame; and in caſe any ſuch Perſon or Perſons ſhall not then and thereupon agree, or ſhall refuſe to repurchaſe the ſame, an Affidavit to be made and ſworn before a Maſter Extraordinary in the High Court of Chancery, or before One of His Majeſty's Juſtices of the Peace for the ſaid County of *Buckingham*, by ſome Perſon or Perſons (no

(no way interested in the Premises) stating that such Offer was made by or on the Behalf of the said Trustees, and that such former Owner or Proprietor did not agree, or had refused to purchase the same (as the Case may be), shall in all Courts whatsoever be sufficient Evidence and Proof that such Offer was made and not agreed to, or was refused by such former Owner or Proprietor; and in case such former Owner or Owners, Proprietor or Proprietors, shall be desirous of re-purchasing the same, and he, she, or they cannot agree with the said Trustees with respect to the Price to be paid for the Purchase thereof, then and in such Case the Price or Prices, Value or Values thereof, shall be settled and ascertained by a Jury, in such and the like Manner as the Price or Value of any Land to be taken in pursuance of this Act is herein-before directed to be settled and ascertained, and the Expence of hearing and determining such Difference shall be borne and paid in such and the like Manner as herein-before is directed with respect to Purchases made by the said Trustees *mutatis mutandis*, and the Money to arise by the Sale or Sales which may be made by the said Trustees of such Messuages, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, or any Part or Parts thereof as aforesaid, shall be applied to the respective Purposes of this Act; but the Purchaser or Purchasers thereof shall not be answerable or accountable for the Misapplication or Non-application of such Purchase Money.

Application of Compensation Money when amounting to 200l.

XLVII. And be it further enacted, That if any Money shall be paid or agreed or awarded to be paid for the Purchase of any Messuages, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, purchased, taken, or used by virtue of the Powers of this Act, for the Purposes thereof, which shall belong to any Body Politic, Corporate, or Collegiate, or to any Feoffee in Trust, Executor, Administrator, Husband, Guardian, Committee, or other Trustee, for and on the Behalf of any Infant, Idiot, Lunatic, Feme Covert, *Cestuique* Trust, or any Person whose Messuages, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments are limited in strict or other Settlement, or to any Person or Persons under any Disability or Incapacity whatsoever, such Money shall, in case the same shall amount to the Sum of Two hundred Pounds, with all convenient Speed be paid into the Bank of *England*, in the Name and with the Privity of the Accountant General of the High Court of Chancery, to be placed to his Account there *ex parte* the Trustees for executing this Act, to the Intent that such Money shall be applied, under the Direction and with the Approbation of the said Court, to be signified by an Order made upon a Petition to be preferred in a summary Way by the Person or Persons who would have been entitled to the Rents and Profits of the said Messuages, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, in the Purchase or Redemption of the Land Tax, or Discharge of any Debt or Debts, or such other Incumbrance or Part thereof, as the said Court shall authorize to be paid affecting the same Messuages, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, or affecting other Messuages, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments standing settled therewith, to the same or the like Uses, Intents, or Purposes; or where such Money shall not be so applied, then the same shall be laid out and invested, under the like Direction and Approbation of the said Court, in the Purchase of other Messuages, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, which shall be conveyed and settled to, for, and upon such and the like Uses,

Trusts,

Truſts, Intents, and Purpoſes, and in the ſame Manner as the Meſſuages, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments which ſhall be ſo purchaſed, taken, or uſed as aforeſaid, ſtood ſettled or limited, or ſuch of them as at the Time of making ſuch Conveyance or Settlement ſhall be exiſting undetermined and capable of taking Effect; and in the mean Time, and until ſuch Purchaſe ſhall be made, the ſaid Money ſhall, by Order of the ſaid Court, upon Application thereto, be inveſted by the ſaid Accountant General in his Name, in the Purchaſe of Three Pounds *per Centum* Conſolidated or Three Pounds *per Centum* Reduced Bank Annuities; and in the mean Time, and until the ſaid Bank Annuities ſhall be ordered by the ſaid Court to be ſold for the Purpoſes aforeſaid, the Dividends or annual Produce of the ſaid Conſolidated or Reduced Bank Annuities ſhall from Time to Time be paid, by Order of the ſaid Court, to the Perſon or Perſons who would for the Time being have been entitled to the Rents and Profits of the ſaid Meſſuages, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments directed to be purchaſed by virtue of this Act, in caſe ſuch Purchaſe or Settlement were made.

Application of Compenſation Money if leſs than 200*l.* and exceeding 20*l.*

XLVIII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That if any Money agreed or awarded to be paid for any Meſſuages, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, purchaſed, taken, or uſed for any of the Purpoſes aforeſaid, belonging to any Corporation, or to any Perſon or Perſons under any Diſability or Incapacity as aforeſaid, ſhall be leſs than the Sum of Two hundred Pounds, and ſhall amount to or exceed the Sum of Twenty Pounds, then and in ſuch Caſes the ſame ſhall, at the Option of the Perſon or Perſons for the Time being entitled to the Rents and Profits of the Meſſuages, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, ſo purchaſed, taken, or uſed, or of his, her, or their Guardian or Guardians, Committee or Committees, in caſe of Infancy, Idiotcy, or Lunacy, to be ſignified in Writing under their reſpective Hands, be paid into the Bank of *England*, in the Name and with the Privity of the ſaid Accountant General of the High Court of Chancery, and placed to his Account as aforeſaid, in order to be applied in Manner herein-before directed, or otherwiſe the ſame ſhall be paid, at the like Option, to Two Truſtees, to be nominated by the Perſon or Perſons making ſuch Option, and approved of by Three or more of the Truſtees for executing this Act, (ſuch Nomination or Approbation to be ſignified in Writing under the Hands of the nominating and approving Parties), in order that ſuch Principal Money, and the Dividends ariſing thereon, may be applied in any Manner herein-before directed, ſo far as the Caſe be applicable, without obtaining or being required to obtain the Direction and Approbation of the Court of Chancery.

Application of Compenſation if leſs than 20*l.*

XLIX. Provided alſo, and be it enacted, That where ſuch Money ſo agreed or awarded to be paid as next before mentioned, ſhall be leſs than Twenty Pounds, then and in ſuch Caſes the ſame ſhall be applied to the Uſe of the Perſon or Perſons who would for the Time being have been entitled to the Rents and Profits of the Meſſuages, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, ſo purchaſed, taken, or uſed for the Purpoſes of this Act, in ſuch Manner as the ſaid Truſtees ſhall think fit; or in caſe of Infancy, Idiotcy, or Lunacy, then ſuch Money ſhall be paid to his, her, or their

Guardian or Guardians, Committee or Committees, to and for the Uſe and Benefit of ſuch Perſon or Perſons ſo entitled reſpectively.

In caſe of not making out Titles, or if Perſons cannot be found, Purchaſe Money to be paid into the Bank,

L. And be it further enacted, That in caſe the Perſon or Perſons to whom any Sum or Sums of Money ſhall be awarded for the Purchaſe of any Meſſuages, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, to be purchaſed by virtue of this Act, ſhall refuſe to accept the ſame, or ſhall not be able to make a good Title to the Premiſes, to the Satisfaction of the ſaid Truſtees; or in caſe ſuch Perſon or Perſons to whom ſuch Sum or Sums of Money ſhall be ſo awarded as aforeſaid cannot be found; or if the Perſon or Perſons entitled to ſuch Meſſuages, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments be not known or diſcovered; then and in every ſuch Caſe it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the ſaid Truſtees, to order the ſaid Sum or Sums of Money ſo awarded as aforeſaid to be paid into the Bank of *England*, in the Name and with the Privity of the Accountant General of the Court of Chancery, to be placed to his Account, to the Credit of the Parties intereſted in the ſaid Meſſuages, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments [*deſcribing them*], ſubject to the Order, Controul, and Diſpoſition of the ſaid Court of Chancery; which ſaid Court of Chancery, on the Application of any Perſon or Perſons making Claim to ſuch Sum or Sums of Money, or any Part thereof, by Motion or Petition, ſhall be and is hereby empowered, in a ſummary Way of Proceeding, or otherwiſe as to the ſaid Court ſhall ſeem meet, to order the ſame to be laid out and inveſted in the Publick Funds, and to order Diſtribution thereof, or Payment of the Dividends thereof, according to the reſpective Eſtate, Title or Intereſt, of the Perſon or Perſons making Claim thereunto, and to make ſuch other Order in the Premiſes as to the ſaid Court ſhall ſeem juſt and reaſonable; and the Caſhier or Caſhiers of the Bank of *England*, who ſhall receive ſuch Sum or Sums of Money, is and are hereby required to give a Receipt or Receipts for ſuch Sum or Sums of Money, (mentioning and ſpecifying for what and for whoſe Uſe the ſame is or are received), to ſuch Perſon or Perſons who ſhall pay any ſuch Sum or Sums of Money into the Bank as aforeſaid.

ſubject to the Order of the Court of Chancery on Motion or Petition.

Reſpecting diſputed Titles.

LI. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That where any Queſtion ſhall ariſe touching the Title of any Perſon to any Money to be paid into the Bank of *England*, in the Name and with the Privity of the Accountant General of the Court of Chancery, in purſuance of this Act, for the Purchaſe of any Meſſuages, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, or of any Eſtate, Right, or Intereſt in any Meſſuages, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, to be purchaſed in purſuance of this Act, or to any Bank Annuities to be purchaſed with any ſuch Money, or the Dividends or Intereſt of any ſuch Bank Annuities, the Perſon or Perſons who ſhall have been in Poſſeſſion of ſuch Meſſuages, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, at the Time of ſuch Purchaſe, and all Perſons claiming under ſuch Perſon or Perſons, or under the Poſſeſſion of ſuch Perſon or Perſons, ſhall be deemed and taken to have been lawfully entitled to ſuch Meſſuages, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, according to ſuch Poſſeſſion, until the contrary ſhall be ſhewn to the Satisfaction of the ſaid Court of Chancery; and the Dividends and Intereſt of the Bank Annuities to be purchaſed with ſuch Money, and alſo the Capital of ſuch Bank Annuities, ſhall be paid, applied,

applied, and disposed of accordingly, unless it shall be made appear to the said Court that such Possession was a wrongful Possession, and that some other Person or Persons was or were lawfully entitled to such Messuages, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, or to some other Estate or Interest therein.

The Court of Chancery may order Expences of Purchases to be paid by Trustees.

LII. Provided also, and be it further enacted, That where by Reason of any Disability or Incapacity of the Person or Persons entitled to any Messuages, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments to be purchased under the Authority of this Act, the Purchase Money for the same shall be required to be paid into the Court of Chancery, and to be applied in the Purchase of other Messuages, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, to be settled to the like Uses, in pursuance of this Act, it shall be lawful for the said Court of Chancery to order the Expences of all Purchases from Time to Time to be made in pursuance of this Act, or so much of the Expences as the said Court shall deem reasonable, to be paid by the said Trustees out of the Monies to be received by virtue of this Act, who shall from Time to Time pay such Sums of Money for such Purposes as the said Court shall direct.

Tenants to quit the respective Premises on Six Months Notice.

LIII. And be it further enacted, That all Persons in Possession of any Messuages, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, which by the Authority of this Act, shall or may be purchased by the said Trustees, or vested in them to be made use of for any of the Purposes aforesaid, who shall have no greater or better Estate in the Premises than as Tenants at Will, or Lessees for a Year, or from Year to Year, or for a Term of Years at a Rack Rent, shall at the End of Six Calendar Months after Notice in Writing for that Purpose shall have been given to any of them respectively, or left at any of their respective Places of Abode, or at the Premises which such Notice shall concern, and all other Persons in Possession of such Messuages, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, who shall have any greater or better Estate in the Premises than as Tenants at Will, or Lessees for a Year, or from Year to Year, or for a Term of Years at Rack Rent, or who by Reason of any Erections or lasting Improvements made, or otherwise shall have any equitable Claim or Interest in the same Premises, shall also at the End of Six Calendar Months after such Notice given or left as aforesaid, and upon Payment or Tender of such Recompence or Satisfaction for their Term, Estate, or Interest in the said Premises, as shall be agreed upon and awarded or adjudged as aforesaid, quit and relinquish the Messuages, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments so in their respective Possessions, together with all such Fixtures as shall be deemed the Property of the Landlord or Landlords; and that all Leases, Demises, Contracts, or Agreements, under or by virtue whereof any such Tenants or Lessees shall hold the said Premises, shall at and from the End of the said Six Calendar Months, be absolutely void and of none Effect; and if any such Tenant or Lessee as aforesaid, shall refuse or neglect to deliver up the Premises in his or her Possession as aforesaid, it shall be lawful for the said Trustees, or any Five or more of them, to issue their Precept or Warrant to the Sheriff of the County of *Buckingham*, or his Deputy, to take and deliver such Possession to the Person or Persons to be named in such Precept or Warrant; and the said Sheriff or his Deputy is hereby required to

take and deliver or cauſe to be taken and delivered ſuch Poſſeſſion accordingly, and to levy ſuch Coſts as ſhall accrue from the iſſuing and executing ſuch Precept or Warrant, on the Perſon or Perſons ſo refuſing to deliver ſuch Poſſeſſion, by Diſtreſs and Sale of his or her Goods and Chattels, returning the Overplus (if any) to the Owner of ſuch Goods and Chattels.

Truſtees may contract for performing Works.

LIV. And be it further enacted, That the ſaid Truſtees ſhall and may and they are hereby authorized and empowered to contract and agree with any fit and proper Perſon or Perſons, Artificers, Workmen, and others, for the making and doing of all and every or any Part or Parts of the Works by this Act authorized or directed to be done and performed, or for ſupplying any of the Materials for the ſame, which Contract or Contracts ſhall ſpecify the ſeveral Works to be done, and the Prices to be paid for the ſame, and the Time or Times when the ſaid Works ſhall be completed, and the Penalties to be ſuffered in caſe of Non-performance thereof, and ſhall be ſigned by Five or more of the ſaid Truſtees, and alſo by the Perſon or Perſons contracting or agreeing to perform ſuch Works reſpectively, which Contract or Contracts, or a Copy or Copies thereof, ſhall be entered in a Book to be kept for that Purpoſe by the Clerk to the ſaid Truſtees; but previous to making any ſuch Contract or Contracts, Ten Days Notice at leaſt ſhall be given in ſome Newſpaper circulated in or near the Town of *Newport Pagnell* aforeſaid, and alſo by affixing a Notice on One of the principal Doors of the Pariſh Church of *Newport Pagnell* aforeſaid, upon a *Sunday*, during Divine Service, expreſſing the Intention of entering into ſuch Contract, in order that any Perſon or Perſons willing to undertake the ſame, may make Propoſals for that Purpoſe, to be offered and preſented to the ſaid Truſtees at a certain Time and Place in ſuch Notice to be mentioned.

Truſtees may employ Surveyors, and ſue and compound for Breach of Contracts, &c.

LV. And be it further enacted, That the ſaid Truſtees ſhall cauſe all and every the Works to be done in purſuance of this Act to be inſpected by their Surveyor or Surveyors, or by ſuch other Perſon or Perſons as they ſhall for that Purpoſe appoint, and in caſe the ſame ſhall not be well and ſufficiently performed, according to the Terms, Intent, or Meaning of ſuch Contract or Contracts, or ſhall not be finiſhed and completed at or within the Time or Times ſpecified in ſuch Contract or Contracts, then the ſaid Truſtees may bring or cauſe to be brought any Action or Actions in any of His Majeſty's Courts of Law at *Weſtminſter*, againſt any ſuch Contractor for any Penalty contained in his Contract, and on Proof of the ſigning of the ſaid Contract or Contracts, and Non-performance thereof at the Time or Times for that Purpoſe to be therein mentioned, the ſaid Truſtees ſhall be entitled to and ſhall recover the full Penalty contained in any ſuch Contract, which when recovered ſhall be applied for ſuch of the Purpoſes of this Act as the ſaid Contract or Contracts ſhall relate to: Provided always, that it ſhall be lawful for the ſaid Truſtees (if they think fit) to compound and agree with any Contractor for any Penalty incurred by him for the Breach or Non-performance of any ſuch Contract, for ſuch Sum of Money as the ſaid Truſtees ſhall think proper, not being leſs than the Injury or Damage ſuſtained by the Breach or Non-performance of ſuch Contract, and all Coſts, Charges, and Expences that ſhall be occaſioned thereby.

LVI. And

The getting Materials to repair Bridges.

LVI. And be it further enacted, That it ſhall and may be lawful for the Surveyor or Surveyors of the ſaid Bridges, and to and for all ſuch Perſons as he or they ſhall reſpectively appoint, to ſearch for, dig, get, gather, and take away, any Stone, Gravel, Sand, Earth, or other Materials for making or repairing the ſaid Bridges, or the Ways, Avenues, or Approaches leading thereto, out of or from any Common or Waſte Ground, River or Brook, within the ſaid Pariſh of *Newport Pagnell*, or in any adjacent Pariſh, Townſhip, Hamlet, or Place, without paying any Thing for the ſame, the ſaid Surveyor or Surveyors, or other Perſon or Perſons acting by his or their Appointment, filling up the Pits or Quarries, levelling the Ground, or ſloping down the Banks where and from whence ſuch Materials ſhall be taken, or railing or fencing off ſuch Pits or Quarries, ſo that the ſame may not be dangerous to Paſſengers or Cattle; and alſo that ſuch Surveyor or Surveyors, or other Perſon or Perſons as aforeſaid, may by Order of the ſaid Truſtees (ſuch Order to be made at ſome Meeting of the ſaid Truſtees to be holden in purſuance of this Act, and a Copy thereof to be given to ſuch Surveyor or Surveyors, atteſted and ſigned by the Clerk to the ſaid Truſtees), ſearch for, cut, dig, gather, and take away any ſuch Materials as aforeſaid, in, off, from, and out of the private Lands, Fields, and Grounds, of any Perſon or Perſons where the ſame may be had or found, ſuch Lands, Fields, or Grounds, not being a Yard, Garden, Orchard, Nurſery for Trees, Park, Paddock, Walk or Avenue to a Houſe, making, paying, or tendering ſuch Satisfaction, as well for the Stone or other Materials to be dug, gotten, gathered, and carried away, as for the Damages done thereby to the Owners and Occupiers of ſuch Lands or Grounds where and from whence the ſame ſhall be cut, dug, gotten, gathered, and carried away, or over which the ſame or any other Materials for making and repairing the ſaid Bridges, Avenues, or Approaches ſhall be carried, according to their reſpective Rights and Intereſts in ſuch Lands or Grounds, as the ſaid Truſtees ſhall judge reaſonable; and in caſe of any Difference between the ſaid Truſtees, Surveyor or Surveyors, or other Perſon or Perſons employed as aforeſaid and the ſaid Owners or Occupiers, or any of them, reſpecting ſuch Damages, it ſhall be lawful for any Two or more Juſtices of the Peace acting for the ſaid County of *Buckingham*, on Ten Days Notice thereof in Writing being given by either Party to the other, or left at their reſpective Places of Abode, to hear, ſettle, and determine the Matters of ſuch Payment and Damages; and the Judgement or Order of the ſaid Juſtices ſhall be final and concluſive to all Parties.

Notice to be given to Occupiers of incloſed Lands, before Materials taken.

LVII. Provided nevertheleſs, and be it enacted, That it ſhall not be lawful for any Surveyor or Surveyors, or any other Perſon or Perſons acting under the Authority of this Act, to dig, gather, get, take, or carry away Materials for making or repairing the ſaid Bridges, or the Ways, Avenues, or Approaches leading thereto, out of and from any incloſed Lands or Grounds, until Notice in Writing ſigned by the Surveyor ſhall have been given to the Occupier of the Premiſes from which ſuch Materials are intended to be taken, or left for ſuch Occupier at his uſual Place of Reſidence, to appear before the ſaid Truſtees, or any Two or more Juſtices of the Peace acting for the ſaid County of *Buckingham*, or for the County or Place where ſuch Premiſes ſhall lie, at ſuch Time and Place as ſhall be mentioned in ſuch Notice, to ſhew cauſe why ſuch Materials

terials shall not be had from such Lands or Grounds; and in case such Occupier or his Agent shall attend pursuant to such Notice, but shall not shew sufficient Cause to the contrary, then and in such Case the said Trustees or such Justices shall and may authorize such Surveyor or other Person or Persons to dig, get, gather, and carry away such Materials, at such Time or Times as the said Trustees or Justices shall deem proper; and if such Occupier shall neglect or refuse to appear pursuant to such Notice by himself or his Agent, the said Trustees or Justices shall and may make such Order therein as they respectively shall think fit, as fully and effectually to all Intents and Purposes as if such Occupier or his Agent had attended.

Penalty on obstructing Surveyors, Workmen, &c.

LVIII. And be it further enacted, That if any Person or Persons shall at any Time or Times obstruct, hinder, or molest the said Trustees or any Surveyor or other Officer, Workman, or Person whomsoever employed under or by virtue of this Act, in the Performance or Execution of their or his Duty, every such Person so offending shall for every such Offence forfeit and pay a Sum not exceeding Five Pounds.

Penalty on taking away Materials got by Surveyors.

LIX. And be it further enacted, That if any Person or Persons whomsoever shall remove or take away any Stones, Gravel, Sand, or any other Materials laid upon the said Bridges, or upon the Ways, Avenues, or Approaches thereto, or upon any Part or Parts of the same respectively, for the making or repairing thereof, without the Order of the said Trustees, or of their Surveyor or Surveyors for that Purpose, or if any Person or Persons whomsoever, shall take away any Stones, Gravel, Sand, or other Materials which shall have been dug, or gathered by, or by the Order of the said Trustees, or their Surveyor or Surveyors in any Lands, Fields, Wastes, or Grounds, Rivers or Brooks for the Purposes of this Act, or any Part or Parts thereof, or shall get or take away any Stones, Gravel, Sand, or other Materials out of any Pit or Quarry, which shall have been made for the Purpose of getting such Materials for the Purposes aforesaid, or any Part or Parts thereof, before such Surveyor or Surveyors, or his, or their Workmen shall have discontinued working therein for the Space of Six Weeks, (except the Owner or Occupier of any private Grounds, and Persons authorized by such Owner or Occupier to get Materials therein, for his or her own private Use only, and not for Sale), every Person so offending shall forfeit and pay for every such Offence any Sum not exceeding Five Pounds.

Penalty on Persons injuring the Bridges, &c.

LX. And be it further enacted, That if any Person or Persons shall wilfully blow up, pull down, or destroy, or anyways damage the present Bridges, or the said intended Bridges, or the said temporary Bridges, or either of them, or any Pier or Piers, Arch or Arches thereof, or any Part or Parts thereof, or the Toll Houses, or Toll Gates, Side Bars, or Chains erected or set up, or to be erected or set up, upon or near the said Bridges, or any of them, or any of the Works, Buildings, or Erections made in pursuance of this Act, or cause, or procure, or direct the same to be done, every Person so offending, on being convicted thereof, shall be deemed guilty of Felony, and the Court before whom such Person or Persons shall be tried and convicted shall have Power and Authority to cause such Person or Persons to be transported for the Term of Seven Years, or may in Mitigation of such Punishment pronounce such Sentence as the Law directs in Cases of Petit Larceny.

or the Posts, &c.

LXI. And be it further enacted, That if any Person or Persons shall wilfully or maliciously break down, destroy, or otherwise damage any Posts, Pales, Rails, or Fences erected or set up, upon or near the said Bridges, or the Avenues or Approaches thereto, or either of them, by or by Order of the said Trustees, or shall wilfully or maliciously break, throw down, injure, destroy, obliterate, or deface any Table of Tolls, or any of the Letters, Figures, or Marks printed or inscribed thereon, or if any Person or Persons shall negligently or wilfully break, throw down, or otherwise spoil or damage any of the said Lamps or Burners so to be affixed or set up on the said Bridges, or either of them, or the Irons or other Furniture belonging to the same, each and every Person so offending, and being thereof convicted by the Oath of One or more credible Witness or Witnesses, or on his own Confession, before any Justice of the Peace acting for the said County of *Buckingham*, shall pay the whole Damages and Expences occasioned thereby, and shall also for each and every such Offence forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Ten Pounds.

Penalty for drawing Timber or Stone on the Bridges, &c. otherwise than on Wheel Carriages.

LXII. And be it further enacted, That if any Person or Persons shall haul or draw or cause to be hauled or drawn upon any Part or Parts of the said Bridges, or the Avenues or Approaches to the same, or either of them, any Tree or Piece of Timber, or any Stone, otherwise than upon a Wheel-Carriage, or shall suffer any Part of any Tree or Piece of Timber, which shall be conveyed upon any Wheel Carriage to drag upon any Part of such Bridges, or the Avenues or Approaches thereto, to the Prejudice of the same, every such Person shall for every such Offence forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Five Pounds.

Actions to be brought in the Name of the Treasurer or Clerk, or One Trustee;

but neither of them liable to Costs.

LXIII. And be it further enacted, That whenever any Action shall be brought by the Order of the said Trustees against any Person or Persons by virtue or in pursuance of this Act, the same may be brought in the Name or Names of their Treasurer or Clerk, or in the Name of any One of the Trustees on Behalf of the said Trustees, and no such Action shall abate or be discontinued by the Death or Removal of the Person in whose Name the same shall be brought; but no such Treasurer, Clerk, or Trustee, or any or either of them, shall be subject to the Payment of any Costs or Expences on account thereof, but all such Costs and Expences shall be defrayed out of the Money arising by virtue of this Act.

For rewarding Informers.

LXIV. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Trustees from Time to Time, if they shall see Cause, to pay and apply such Part of the said Penalties and Forfeitures hereby made payable, or any of them, as they shall think proper, not exceeding One Moiety thereof respectively, to and for the Use of the Informer or Informers of any Offence or Offences against this Act, any Thing hereing contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

Inhabitants may give Evidence.

LXV. And be it further enacted, That in all Actions, Prosecutions, Informations, Causes, and Proceedings whatsoever, relating to or concerning the Execution of this Act, no Inhabitant residing within the said Town of *Newport Pagnell* shall be disqualified from giving Evidence, by reason of such Inhabitant being liable to pay any Toll or Duty by virtue of this Act.

LXVI. And

Power to detain unknown Persons guilty of Offences.

LXVI. And whereas Persons guilty of Offences against this Act may be transient Persons unknown to the Collectors, Surveyors, or other Officers employed under this Act, be it therefore enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for any Trustee, or the said Collectors, Surveyors, or other Officers respectively, to seize and detain any such unknown Person or Persons guilty of any Offence or Offences against this Act, and forthwith to convey him, her, or them before any Justice or Justices of the Peace for the said County of *Buckingham*, without any other Warrant or Authority than this Act for so doing.

Recovery and Application of Penalties, &c.

LXVII. And be it further enacted, That all Penalties or Forfeitures by virtue of this Act, or by virtue of the Powers thereof imposed, and all Damages, Costs, and Charges which may be demanded or become due by the Authority of this Act, (the Manner of levying and recovering whereof is not hereby otherwise particularly directed) shall be levied and recovered by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of the Offender or Offenders, or Persons liable or ordered to pay the same respectively, by Warrant under the Hand and Seal of any Justice of the Peace for the said County of *Buckingham*, or the County where such Offender or Offenders shall be or reside, (which Warrant such Justice is hereby empowered to grant upon the Confession of the Party, or upon the Evidence of any credible Witness upon Oath, or upon Order made by such Justice for Payment of the said Damages, Costs, or Charges, and Proof of Non-payment thereof) and, the Overplus, (if any) of the Money arising by such Distress and Sale shall be returned upon Demand to the Owner of such Goods and Chattels, after deducting the Costs and Charges of making, keeping, and selling the Distress, and such Penalties and Forfeitures, Damages, Costs, and Charges when recovered (if not herein-before directed to be otherwise applied), shall be paid to the Treasurer of the said Trustees, to be applied, towards the Purposes of this Act; and in case sufficient Distress shall not be found, or such Penalties or Forfeitures, Damages, Costs, and Charges, shall not be paid forthwith, it shall be lawful for such Justice, and he is hereby authorized and required, by Warrant under his Hand and Seal to cause the Offender or Offenders to be committed to the Common Gaol or House of Correction of the said County of *Buckingham*, or of the County or Place where such Offender shall be or reside, there to remain without Bail or Mainprize for any Time not exceeding Three Calendar Months, unless such Penalties and Forfeitures, and all reasonable Charges attending the Recovery thereof, shall be sooner fully paid and satisfied.

LXVIII. And be it further enacted, That in all Cases where any Conviction shall be had for any Offence or Offences committed against this Act, or against any Order of Sessions, or any Matter or Thing done in the Execution of this Act, the Form of Conviction shall be in the Words or to the Effect following; (that is to say),

Form of Conviction.

'BE it remembered, That on the Day of in the Year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and *A. B.* is convicted before of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the County of of having [*as the Offence shall be*] and I [*or*, We] the said do adjudge him [*her*, *or*, them] to forfeit and pay for the same the Sum of

'Given under my Hand and Seal [*or*, our Hands and Seals] the Day and 'Year aforesaid.'

Subscribers to pay their Subscription Money.

LXIX. And be it further enacted, That the several and respective Persons who have subscribed or may subscribe Money for and towards rebuilding and repairing the said Bridges and Roads respectively, or any of them, shall and are hereby required to pay the Sum or Sums so by them respectively subscribed, in such Parts and Proportions, within such Time or Times, and to such Person or Persons as the said Trustees shall from Time to Time, by any Writing under their Hands, authorize to receive the same; and if any Person or Persons shall neglect or refuse to pay the same in Manner aforesaid, it shall be lawful for the said Trustees to sue for and recover the same, either in their own Names or in the Name of the Clerk or Treasurer to such Trustees, in any of His Majesty's Courts of Law at *Westminster*, by Action of Debt or on the Case, or by Bill, Suit, or Information, wherein no Essoign, Protection, Wager of Law, or more than One Imparlance shall be allowed.

Appeal.

LXX. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That if any Person or Persons shall think himself, herself, or themselves aggrieved by any Judgement or Determination, or by any other Matter or Thing done in pursuance of this Act, every such Person or Persons may appeal to the Justices of the Peace at the first General or Quarter Sessions of the Peace to be holden in and for the said County of *Buckingham*, next after the Expiration of One Calendar Month from the Time such Matter of Appeal shall have arisen, the Person or Persons intending to appeal having first given Fourteen Days Notice at least of his, her, or their Intention to bring such Appeal, and of the Matter thereof, to the Treasurer or Clerk to the said Trustees, and within Four Days after such Notice entering into a Recognizance before some Justice of the Peace for the said County of *Buckingham*, with Two sufficient Sureties conditioned to try such Appeal, and abide the Order and Award of the said Court thereon; and the said Justices at such Sessions, upon due Proof of such Notice and Recognizance having been given and entered into, are hereby authorized and required to hear and determine the Matter of such Appeal in a summary Way, and to make such Determination therein, and to award such Costs to either of the Parties, or otherwise, as they shall judge proper; and the said Justices may also order such further Satisfaction and Amends to be made to the Party injured, as they shall judge reasonable; and all such Determinations of the said Justices shall be final, binding, and conclusive to all Parties, to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever.

Distress not unlawful for want of Form.

LXXI. And be it further enacted, That when any Distress shall be made for any Sum of Money to be levied by virtue of this Act, the Distress itself shall not be deemed unlawful, nor the Party or Parties making the same be deemed a Trespasser or Trespassers on account of any Defect or Want of Form in the Information, Summons, Conviction, Warrant of Distress, or in any Proceedings relating thereto, nor shall the Party or Parties distraining be deemed a Trespasser or Trespassers *ab initio* on account of any Irregularity which shall afterwards be done by the Party or Parties so distraining, but the Person or Persons aggrieved by such Irregularity shall and may recover full Satisfaction for the special Damage in an Action upon the Case.

LXXII. And

LXXII. And be it further enacted, That no Order, Verdict, Aſſeſſment, Judgement, or other Proceedings, had and made touching or concerning the Conviction of any Offender or Offenders againſt this Act, ſhall be quaſhed or vacated for Want of Form only, or be removed or removable by *Certiorari*, or by any other Writ or Proceſs whatſoever in any of His Majeſty's Courts of Record at *Weſtminſter*; any Law or Statute to the contrary thereof in anywiſe notwithſtanding. Proceedings not to be quaſhed for Want of Form, or removed by Certiorari.

LXXIII. And be it further enacted, That no Plaintiff or Plaintiffs ſhall recover in any Action to be commenced againſt any Perſon or Perſons for any Thing done in purſuance of this Act, unleſs Notice in Writing ſhall have been given to the Defendant or Defendants Fourteen Days before ſuch Action ſhall be commenced, of ſuch intended Action, ſigned by the Attorney for the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs, ſpecifying the Cauſe of ſuch Action, nor ſhall the Plaintiffs recover in any ſuch Action if Tender of ſufficient Amends hath been made to him, her, or them, or to his, her, or their Attorney or Attornies, by or on the Behalf of the Defendant or Defendants before ſuch Action brought; and in caſe no ſuch Tender ſhall have been made, it ſhall be lawful for the Defendant or Defendants in any ſuch Action, by Leave of the Court, after ſuch Action ſhall have been brought, at any Time before Iſſue joined to pay into Court ſuch Sum of Money as he, ſhe, or they ſhall think fit, whereupon ſuch Proceedings, Order, and Judgement ſhall be made and given in and by ſuch Court as in other Actions where the Defendant is allowed to pay Money into Court. Plaintiff not to recover without Notice, nor after Tender of Amends.

LXXIV. Provided always, and be it enacted, That no Action or Suit ſhall be commenced againſt any Perſon or Perſons for any Thing done in purſuance of this Act, after the Expiration of Six Calendar Months next after the Fact committed; and every ſuch Action or Suit ſhall be brought and tried in the ſaid County of *Buckingham*, and not elſewhere; and the Defendant in every ſuch Action or Suit ſhall and may plead the General Iſſue, and give this Act, and the Special Matter, in Evidence at any Trial to be had thereupon, and that the ſame was done in purſuance and by the Authority of this Act; and if any ſuch Action or Suit ſhall be brought before Thirty Days Notice thereof ſhall have been given, or after ſufficient Satisfaction made or tendered as aforeſaid, or after the Time herein-before limited for bringing the ſame, or ſhall be brought in any other County than as aforeſaid, then and in every ſuch Caſe the Jury ſhall find for the Defendant or Defendants, and upon ſuch Verdict, or if the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs ſhall become Non-ſuited, or diſcontinue his, her, or their Action or Suit, after the Defendant or Defendants ſhall have appeared, or if upon Demurrer Judgement ſhall be given againſt the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs, then and in every ſuch Caſe the Defendant or Defendants ſhall recover Treble Coſts, and ſhall have ſuch Remedy for recovering the ſame as any Defendant hath for Coſts of Suit in other Caſes by Law. Limitation of Actions.

LXXV. And be it further enacted, That if any Perſon or Perſons ſhall be ſummoned as a Witneſs or Witneſſes to give Evidence before the ſaid Truſtees, or any Juſtice or Juſtices of the Peace, in and for any County, Riding, Diſtrict, Liberty, Diviſion, or Place whatſoever, touching any Matter of Fact contained in any Information or Complaint for any Offence againſt this Act, whether on the Part of the Proſecutors, or of the Perſon or For compelling the Attendance of Witneſſes.

or Perſons complained of, and which Summons the ſaid Truſtees, and ſuch Juſtices as aforeſaid, are hereby authorized to iſſue, where and in ſuch Caſes only as the ſaid Truſtees, or ſuch Juſtice or Juſtices as aforeſaid, (as the Caſe may be), are made competent by this Act to hear and determine the ſame; or if any Perſon or Perſons ſhall be ſummoned as a Witneſs or Witneſſes to give Evidence at any General Quarter Seſſions of the Peace for the ſaid County of *Buckingham*, or Adjournment thereof, upon any Appeal by virtue of this Act, whether upon the Part of the Appellant or of the Reſpondent, and any ſuch Perſon or Perſons ſo ſummoned as aforeſaid, ſhall refuſe or neglect to appear at the Time and Place to be for that Purpoſe appointed, without a reaſonable Excuſe for ſuch his, her, or their Refuſal or Neglect, to be approved of by ſuch Juſtice or Juſtices or Truſtees reſpectively, or appearing, ſhall refuſe to be examined on Oath, and to give Evidence before ſuch Juſtice or Juſtices of the Peace, or Truſtees as aforeſaid, or at any ſuch Seſſions or Adjournment thereof, then and in either of the ſaid Caſes, every ſuch Perſon ſhall forfeit for every ſuch Offence any Sum not exceeding Five Pounds.

Saving Clauſe to the Lord of the Manor.

LXXVI. And be it further enacted, That nothing in this Act contained ſhall prejudice or leſſen the Rights, or tend or be conſtrued to defeat or abridge the Lord of the Manor of *Newport Pagnell* aforeſaid, of any Tolls, Cuſtoms, or Duties, which he is entitled unto by Charter, Preſcription, or otherwiſe.

Publick Act.

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

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