to them to be entitled thereto as Informer or Informers in respect of such Penalty or Forfeiture so recovered.

XXXV. The Lord High Treasurer or the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury may order and direct to be issued and paid, out of the Fund upon which the Establishment of the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt is chargeable, any Sum or Sums of Money for the Payment of Salaries to Officers and Clerks, and for any incidental Expenses incurred by the said Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt in carrying into execution this Act, in such Manner as the said Lord High Treasurer or Commissioners of the Treasury shall from Time to Time think fit and reasonable.

Provision for defraying Expenses attending the Execution of this Act.

XXXVI. There shall be prepared and annually laid before both Houses of Parliament on or before the Twenty-fifth Day of *April* in every Year, if Parliament shall be then sitting, and if Parliament shall not be then sitting, then within Fourteen Days after the Commencement of the then next Session of Parliament, an Account, made up by the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt to the Fifth Day of *January* preceding, of the gross Amount of all Sums of Money paid to the said Commissioners, and the gross Amount of Annuities for Lives which shall have been granted for the same, and Contracts for Payment at Death which may have been made, under the Provisions of this Act, within the Year ending on the Fifth Day of *January* as aforesaid.

Account to be laid annually before Parliament of Annuities granted, and of Money paid for Annuities.

XXXVII. All Powers of Attorney which shall have been granted for the Purpose of receiving any Annuity purchased under the said recited Acts or either of them, and which shall be in force on the Tenth Day of *October* One thousand eight hundred and fifty-three, shall continue of like Validity with respect to any Payment on account of such Annuities to be thereafter made by the said Commissioners under the Authority of this Act so long as such Powers of Attorney shall continue in force.

Powers of Attorney granted under recited Acts to be available under this Act.

CAP. XLVI.

An Act to transfer *Westminster Bridge* and the Estates of "The Commissioners of *Westminster Bridge*" to the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Works and Public Buildings; and to enable such last-mentioned Commissioners to remove the present Bridge, and to build a new Bridge on or near the Site thereof.

[4th *August* 1853.]

'WHEREAS, in pursuance of the Provisions of the following Acts of Parliament, made in the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Second, namely, an Act of the Ninth Year, Chapter Twenty-nine, an Act of the Tenth Year, Chapter Sixteen, an Act of the Eleventh Year, Chapter Twenty-five, an Act of the Twelfth Year, Chapter Thirty-three, an Act of the Thirteenth Year, Chapter Sixteen, an Act of the Fourteenth Year, Chapter Forty, an Act of the Fifteenth Year, Chapter Twenty-six, an Act of the Seventeenth Year, Chapter Thirty-two, an Act of the Eighteenth Year, Chapter Twenty-nine, an Act of the Twenty-ninth Year, Chapter Thirty-eight, and an Act of the Thirtieth Year, Chapter Thirty-four, the present Bridge over the *Thames* at *Westminster* was constructed by certain Commissioners appointed for that Purpose: And whereas by an Act of Parliament of the Fifty-fourth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Third, Chapter One hundred and thirty-two, (Local,) the last-mentioned Commissioners were constituted a Body Politic and Corporate by the Name of "The Commissioners of *Westminster Bridge*:" And whereas by an Act of Parliament of the Session held in the Thirteenth and Fourteenth Years of the Reign of Her Majesty Queen *Victoria*, Chapter One hundred and twelve, (Local,) the said Commissioners of *Westminster Bridge* were empowered to construct a temporary Bridge adjoining *Westminster Bridge* aforesaid during certain Repairs thereof then contemplated, but no such temporary Bridge has been constructed, and the Plan of repairing the Bridge contemplated as aforesaid has been abandoned: And whereas, for the Purpose of constructing and maintaining the said Bridge, divers Sums

'of Money were raised by the said Commissioners of *Westminster Bridge*, under the Authority of the aforesaid Acts or some of them, by way of Lottery, and other Sums were advanced to the same Commissioners out of the Public Revenues, and the Residue of such Monies, after discharging the Cost of the Construction of the said Bridge, was invested by the said Commissioners in the Purchase of divers Lands and Hereditaments commonly called the *Westminster Bridge* Estate, and the Expenses of maintaining and repairing the said Bridge, together with certain Improvements in the Streets and Roads leading to the same Bridge, also authorized by the said Acts or some of them, have from Time to Time been defrayed by and out of the Rents, Issues, and Profits of the said Estate, or by Sale of Parts thereof by the said Commissioners: And whereas the said *Westminster Bridge*, and the Stairs, Landings, and Abutments thereof, and also all the Lands and Hereditaments now constituting the *Westminster Bridge* Estate, are now, under and by virtue of the said Acts or some of them, absolutely vested in the said Commissioners of *Westminster Bridge* and their Successors, subject only to such Leases or other Interests of or in the same as are now subsisting, and which said Hereditaments are set forth in the First Schedule to this Act: And whereas the said Bridge at *Westminster* has become insecure, and cannot be effectually repaired, and it is therefore necessary that a new Bridge should be constructed: And whereas it is expedient that the Construction of such new Bridge, and of the necessary and proper Approaches thereto, should be intrusted to the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Works and Public Buildings, and for that Purpose that the present Bridge, together with all the said *Westminster Bridge* Estate, should be transferred to and vested in the said Commissioners of Her Majesty's Works and Public Buildings: And whereas, on or before the Thirtieth Day of *November* One thousand eight hundred and fifty-two, the said Commissioners of Her Majesty's Works and Public Buildings caused to be prepared a Plan of a new Bridge and of the Approaches thereto, and also deposited Copies of such Plan at the respective Offices of the Clerks of the Peace for the Counties of *Middlesex* and *Surrey*, and at the Office of the Clerk of the Peace for the City and Liberty of *Westminster*, and with the Parish Clerks of the Parishes of *Saint Margaret Westminster* and *Saint Mary Lambeth*, and at the Parliament Office of the House of Lords, the Private Bill Office of the House of Commons, and the Office of the Board of Admiralty, and also gave Notice of the Deposit of such Plan as aforesaid to all the Owners, Lessees, and Occupiers of the Property which it would be necessary to take or affect for the Purpose of constructing a new Bridge and Approaches according to such Plan, together with Notice of their Intention to apply to Parliament for an Act to enable them to construct such new Bridge and Approaches accordingly, and the Property proposed to be taken from such Owners, Lessees, and Occupiers is set forth in the Second Schedule to this Act: And whereas since the Deposit of the said Plan as aforesaid the said Commissioners of Her Majesty's Works and Public Buildings have found it expedient to make certain Alterations in the Width and Elevation of the said intended Bridge: And whereas the said Commissioners of Her Majesty's Works and Public Buildings have caused an amended Plan to be made of the said intended Bridge and the Approaches thereto, according to such proposed Alterations as aforesaid, and have deposited Copies of the said amended Plan in the Parliament Office of the House of Lords and in the Private Bill Office of the House of Commons, but the same were not deposited until after the Thirtieth Day of *November* One thousand eight hundred and fifty-two, such proposed Alterations not having been determined on until after that Day: And whereas such proposed Alterations will not render it necessary to take or affect any Property not included within the Limits of Deviation laid down in the said original Plan:' May it therefore please Your Majesty that it may be enacted; and be it enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, as follows:

Acts repealed.

I. All and singular the Acts of Parliament herein-before mentioned shall be and hereby are absolutely repealed.

Commissioners constituted a Corporation for the Purposes of this Act.

II. The Commissioners of Her Majesty's Works and Public Buildings for the Time being shall be and they are hereby constituted a Corporation by the Name and Style of "The Commissioners of Her Majesty's Works and Public Buildings," in order to enable them to carry

carry into effect and execute the several Objects, Powers, and Purposes of this Act, and by that Name, and for the Purposes of this Act, they shall have perpetual Succession and use a Common Seal, which may be by them from Time to Time altered as they shall think fit, and shall and may sue and be sued, implead and be impleaded, and take Lands and Hereditaments to them and their Successors for ever, for the Purposes of this Act.

Bridge, &c., or so much as belonged to the Commissioners, either in trust or otherwise, before the passing of this Act, to vest without further Conveyance, in Commissioners of Works and Public Buildings.

III. The said Bridge at *Westminster*, with all and singular the Abuttals, Stairs, Streets, and Approaches thereto belonging, or so much thereof as at or immediately before the passing of this Act are or were vested in the said Commissioners of *Westminster Bridge*, and also all and singular other the Messuages, Lands, and Hereditaments, Monies, Funds, and other Real or Personal Estate, whatsoever and wheresoever, which, at or immediately before the passing of this Act, are vested or belonging, either at Law or in Equity, and either in possession, reversion, or remainder, in or to the said Commissioners of *Westminster Bridge*, or in any Persons in trust for them, or in or to which they have any Estate, Claim, or Demand whatsoever, shall, without any further Conveyance or Assignment, forthwith be and hereby are absolutely vested in the said Commissioners of Her Majesty's Works and Public Buildings for the same Estate or Interest and to the same Extent as the same at the passing of this Act were vested in the said Commissioners of *Westminster Bridge*, but not further or otherwise, and subject to all such and the same Estates, Conditions, Covenants, Exceptions, Reservations, and Liabilities as the same were subject to in the Hands of the said Commissioners of *Westminster Bridge*.

Commissioners to be entitled to the Benefit of all Covenants, &c. entered into with the Commissioners of Westminster Bridge.

IV. The said Commissioners of Her Majesty's Works and Public Buildings shall be absolutely entitled, both at Law or in Equity, to the Benefit of all Covenants, Conditions, and Reservations entered into with or made or reserved by the said Commissioners of *Westminster Bridge*, or to the Benefit whereof the same Commissioners of *Westminster Bridge* are at the passing of this Act entitled; and all Actions, Suits, Claims, and Demands which, if this Act had not been passed, might have been instituted or made by or against or upon the said Commissioners of *Westminster Bridge*, may be instituted or made by or against or upon the said Commissioners of Her Majesty's Works and Public Buildings; and Payment to the said Commissioners of Her Majesty's Works and Public Buildings of any Monies now due or which shall or otherwise would at any future Time become due to the said Commissioners of *Westminster Bridge* shall absolutely discharge the Persons making such Payment from any further Liability in respect of such Monies.

Corporation of Westminster Bridge to be dissolved

V. From and immediately after the passing of this Act the said Body Politic and Corporate of the Commissioners of *Westminster Bridge* shall cease and be dissolved.

Power to Commissioners to dispose of Hereditaments, &c. conveyed to them.

VI. It shall be lawful for the said Commissioners of Her Majesty's Works and Public Buildings and their Successors, as and when they shall think fit, to make sale and dispose of and convey the said Hereditaments and Premises hereby vested in them as aforesaid, and also all and every or any Messuages, Buildings, Pieces of Ground, and Hereditaments which shall or may hereafter be purchased by or conveyed to them and their Successors, under the Provisions of this Act, and which shall not be required for the Purposes of this Act, and the Fee Simple thereof, or other their Estate or Interest therein, including all the Materials of *Westminster Bridge* aforesaid, and of all other Buildings, so soon as they shall be empowered to pull down or remove the same, as herein-after mentioned, either entirely or in Parcels, and by Public Sale or Private Contract, unto any Person or Persons who shall be willing to become the Purchaser or Purchasers thereof, for such Price or Prices as can be reasonably obtained for the same, and upon Payment of the Monies for which the same Premises or any Part or Parts thereof shall be sold, then to convey and assure the same unto and to the Use of the Purchaser or Purchasers thereof, and his, her, or their Heirs, Executors, Administrators, and Assigns respectively, or as he, she, or they shall direct or appoint, and also to give, sign, and execute proper and effectual Receipts and Acquittances for such Monies, which shall exonerate such Purchaser or Purchasers from all Responsibility with regard to the Application of the same Monies.

Power to raise Money by Mortgage, and to grant Leases.

VII. It shall be lawful for the said Commissioners of Her Majesty's Works and Public Buildings, and their Successors, from Time to Time as they shall think fit, to raise any Sum

or Sums of Money by way of Mortgage, either in Fee or for any Term of Years, of all or any of the Hereditaments and Premises hereby vested in them, or hereafter to be purchased or acquired by or conveyed to them for the Purposes of this Act, and also to demise all or any of the same Hereditaments and Premises, or any Part thereof, to any Person or Persons, for any Term or Terms of Years, and either taking or without taking a Fine, and either upon Building Leases or for any other Purpose, and at such yearly Rent or Rents, and under and subject to such Covenants, Restrictions, Conditions, and Stipulations, as to them the said Commissioners of Her Majesty's Works and Public Buildings, or their Successors, shall appear expedient and proper, and the Hereditaments and Premises so mortgaged or demised may afterwards be sold, under the Provisions in that Behalf herein-before contained, subject to any such Mortgage or Demise.

Power to apply Monies in satisfaction of Claims.

VIII. The said Commissioners of Her Majesty's Works and Public Buildings shall apply all the Monies arising by any such Sale, Mortgage, or other Disposition as aforesaid, and also all the Rents, Issues, and Profits of the Hereditaments and Premises hereby vested or hereafter to be vested in them as aforesaid, until the same shall be sold, mortgaged, or otherwise disposed of, in the first place in paying, discharging, and satisfying all lawful Claims or Demands to which the said Commissioners of *Westminster Bridge* would have been liable if this Act had not been passed, and in the next place in or towards the Execution and Performance of the several Works and Matters which they are hereby authorized or directed to execute and perform; and the said Commissioners of Her Majesty's Works and Public Buildings shall from Time to Time lay out and invest such Monies as shall not be immediately required by them for the Purposes of this Act in the Purchase of Freehold Lands, or of Stock in the Public Funds, or at Interest upon Government or Real Securities, or in Exchequer Bills, as they shall think fit, and shall have the same Powers of selling, mortgaging, and otherwise disposing of such last-mentioned Lands, Stocks, and Securities as are hereby conferred in respect of the *Westminster Bridge* Estates so vested in them as aforesaid; and, subject as aforesaid, all the Hereditaments and Premises which shall remain unsold, and all Monies and Securities which shall remain unapplied, after the Erection of the said Bridge, and doing and executing the Matters hereby directed to be done, shall remain vested in the said Commissioners hereby incorporated, and shall be applied in keeping the said Bridge and Approaches hereby directed to be built and made in sufficient Repair, and for that Purpose the said Commissioners last mentioned shall have such and the like Powers of leasing, mortgaging, and selling the said Hereditaments and other the Powers as are herein-before contained, at their sole Discretion.

Power to construct Bridge.

IX. It shall be lawful for the said Commissioners of Her Majesty's Works and Public Buildings to construct a new Bridge across the River *Thames* on and adjoining to the Site of the present *Westminster Bridge*, together with all necessary and convenient Piers, Stairs, Hards, and Landing Places, and also the necessary and proper Streets, Roads, and Approaches to such new Bridge at both Ends thereof, as delineated and set forth in the amended Plan aforesaid, including the Lines of Deviation as shown on the same Plan, in manner herein-after mentioned, and according to such Plan as aforesaid, and for the Purposes aforesaid, or any of them, to dig and make proper Foundations in the said River, and in the Lands on each Side thereof, and make Dams in the said River, and cut and level the Banks thereof, and remove and take away all Beds of Gravel, Sand, Mud, or other Impediment whatsoever, and do and execute every other Thing necessary or convenient for the Purposes aforesaid or any of them; and for the Purpose of erecting, maintaining, and repairing the said intended Bridge, and constructing and completing the Approaches thereto, and also of keeping the present Bridge in repair, the said Commissioners shall have full Power and Authority from Time to Time to land and deposit on either Side of the said River, on any Part of the Ground which they are hereby authorized and empowered to purchase, all Materials and other Things to be used in or about the same, and there to work and use such Materials and Things as they shall think proper, before they shall have effected a Purchase of such Ground, doing as little Damage as may be, and (in case they shall not afterwards effect such Purchase) making such Satisfaction as herein after mentioned to the respective Owners and Occupiers of the Lands and Hereditaments which shall be damaged or used for the Purposes of this Act; and such Bridge, when so erected, and the Approaches thereto, shall be kept in repair by the said Commissioners

missioners of Her Majesty's Works and Public Buildings out of the Monies coming to them under this Act.

Landing Places to be constructed.

X. It shall be lawful for the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Works and Public Buildings to make and construct Piers, Stairs, and Landing Places at either End of the said intended Bridge, or at any of the Piers of the said Bridge.

Commissioners may take Places for depositing Materials.

XI. It shall be lawful for the said Commissioners of Her Majesty's Works and Public Buildings to take on Lease or to agree for the Use and Occupation of proper Places within Five hundred Yards of the Approach to the said Bridge on either Side thereof, for the Purpose of depositing and working Stone, Iron, Timber, and other Materials for building the said intended Bridge, and to dispose of the same in like Manner as is herein directed with respect to the other Lands vested in the said Commissioners.

Plans to be deposited at the Office of Works, and be open for Inspection.

XII. The amended Plan aforesaid, or a true Copy thereof, shall be deposited at the Office of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Works and Public Buildings, and shall remain at the said Office, to the end that all Persons may at all reasonable Times have Liberty to inspect and peruse the same, at their Will and Pleasure, paying the Sum of One Shilling for every such Inspection.

Applicability of certain Sections of 9 & 10 Vict. c.39. to this Act.

XIII. For the Purposes of this Act, the following Sections of the Thirty-ninth Chapter of the Statutes made in the Session of Parliament held in the Ninth and Tenth Years of the Reign of Her Majesty Queen *Victoria* (being an Act for the Construction (amongst other things) of a Bridge over the River *Thames* near *Chelsea Hospital*), namely, Section Nine, Sections Eleven to Eighteen, both inclusive, Section Twenty, Sections Twenty-three to Fifty-six, both inclusive, Section Fifty-nine, Sections Sixty-three to Sixty-seven, both inclusive, Sections Ninety to One hundred and eight, both inclusive, Section One hundred and thirteen, and Section One hundred and sixteen, shall be deemed to be herein repeated with the Alterations necessary to make the same applicable to the new Bridge and Approaches authorized by this Act, and to the said Commissioners of Her Majesty's Works and Public Buildings, and so that all Provisions in the said Act referring to or affecting any particular Commissioners of Sewers, or Persons or Bodies having the Control of any Sewers, shall be held to apply to the Commissioners or Body or Person or Persons having the Control or Management of the Sewers to which such Provisions became applicable, and so also that all the Provisions in the said Act relating to Sheriffs, Under Sheriffs, Coroners, Juries, and Justices shall be held to extend to and include Sheriffs, Under Sheriffs, Coroners, Juries, and Justices of the County of *Surrey*, as well as of the County of *Middlesex*, as the Case may require, and so as the Space of Seven Years mentioned in the said Thirty-ninth Chapter of the Statutes shall commence from the passing of this Act.

Punishment of Persons guilty of wilful Damage.

XIV. That if any Person shall wilfully or maliciously damage or injure the present Bridge, or any Pier, Stairs, Hard, or Landing Place belonging thereto, or shall wilfully or maliciously damage or injure the said intended new Bridge, or any Pier, Stairs, Hard, or Landing Place, or any Works, Matters, or Things to be constructed or provided under the Provisions of this Act, or any Part thereof respectively, or shall wilfully or maliciously, and without Authority from the said Commissioners, remove or take away any Works, Matters, or Things thereunto respectively belonging, or in any way direct or procure the same to be done, or shall be aiding or assisting therein, whereby the said Bridges or either of them, or the Piers, Stairs, Hards, or Landing Places, or the Works, Matters, or Things thereof respectively, may be damaged, any Person so offending shall be judged guilty of Felony; and every such Person so offending, and being thereof lawfully convicted, shall be subject to the like Punishments and Penalties as in Cases of Felony; and the Court by or before whom such Person shall be tried and convicted shall have Power and Authority to cause such Person to be punished in like Manner as Felons are directed to be punished by the Laws and Statutes of this Realm, or, in mitigation of such Punishments, such Court may award such Sentence as the Law directs in Cases of Petty Larceny.

Owners of Vessels liable for Damage done to the Bridges, &c.

XV. That in case any Damage or Mischief shall be done to the said Bridges, or either of them, or to any such Piers, Stairs, Hards, or Landing Places as aforesaid, or any of the Works,

Works, Matters, or Things to be constructed or provided under the Provisions of this Act, or any Part thereof respectively, by any Ship, Lighter, Barge, Boat, Float, Raft, or Vessel, through the wilful Negligence of any Person having the Command of any such Ship, Lighter, Barge, Boat, Float, Raft, or Vessel, or any of the Mariners or Persons employed therein, then and in every such Case the Owner of such Ship, Lighter, Barge, Boat, Float, Raft, or Vessel shall be and is hereby made answerable to the said Commissioners for the Amount or Value of any such Damage or Mischief; and the same, provided it shall not exceed the Sum of Twenty Pounds, if not forthwith paid and satisfied, shall and may be recovered in such Manner as the Penalties and Forfeitures hereby imposed are in and by this Act directed to be recovered.

Masters to recover from their Servants any Damages paid for their Neglect, &c.

XVI. That in case the Owner of any such Ship, Lighter, Barge, Boat, Float, Raft, or Vessel shall be compelled to pay any Penalty, or to make Satisfaction for any Damages, by reason of any Neglect or Default done or committed by his Servants or Mariners, or any of them, such Servants or Mariners and each and every of them shall be liable to pay such Penalty or Damages (with the Costs thereof) to such Owner; and in case of Nonpayment upon Demand thereof, and Oath made by such Owner of the Payment made by him of such Penalty, Satisfaction, or Damages, and that the same and the Costs thereof have not been repaid to him by such Servants or Mariners or any of them, although demanded, (such Oath to be made before any One or more Justice or Justices of the Peace of the County or Place where such Penalty or Satisfaction shall have been recovered,) the Amount thereof, provided the same shall not exceed the Sum of Twenty Pounds, shall be recovered in the same Manner as any Penalty is hereby directed to be recovered.

Penalty for Injuries, &c. or Obstructions to Passengers.

XVII. That if any Person shall wilfully break, throw down, or damage any of the Benches or Requisites erected on the present Bridge, Piers, Stairs, Hards, or Landing Places, or any Benches or Requisites to be erected on the said intended new Bridge, Piers, Stairs, Hards, or Landing Places, or any Works, Matters, or Things to be constructed or provided for the Purpose of effectually carrying out the Purposes of this Act, or for the Convenience of the Passengers on the said Bridges, Piers, Stairs, Hards, or Landing Places, or wilfully break, throw down, damage, or destroy any Lamp Posts or Lamps on the same or any of them, or any of the Approaches thereto, or the Furniture of any of the said Lamps, or extinguish any of the said Lamps when lighted, or if any Person shall occasion any Obstruction, Annoyance, or Hindrance of any Description to Passengers on or along the said Bridges, Piers, Stairs, Hards, or Landing Places, or any of them, he shall forfeit and pay for every such Offence any Sum not exceeding Five Pounds, and shall also make Satisfaction to the said Commissioners, or to any such Person or Persons as they shall appoint to receive the same, or to the Party injured, for the Damage so done as aforesaid, which Satisfaction shall be received as Part of and in the same Way as the said Penalty is by this Act authorized to be recovered; and if any such Injury as aforesaid shall be done negligently or by Accident, the Person doing or causing the same shall make Satisfaction to the Party injured, which shall and may be recovered in the same Manner as Penalties are by this Act directed to be recovered.

Ground laid into the Streets to form Part of the Roadways, and may be used by the Public.

XVIII. When the several Roadways and Approaches and Streets shown and laid down in the said Plans shall be made in pursuance of this Act, all the Ground, Land, and Hereditaments which shall be laid open into the said Roadways and Approaches and Streets shall form Part of the said Roadways, Approaches, and Streets, and shall be used by the Public accordingly, and the same, and the sole Power, Authority, and Duty of paving, repairing, cleansing, lighting, and watering thereof, and of rating the Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments situate and being within the same, or the Occupiers thereof for the Time being, shall be under the Care, Management, Control, and Jurisdiction of the Trustees or Commissioners of the Parishes or Places respectively after mentioned, that is to say, such Parts of the said Roadways, Approaches, and Streets as will be situate on the *Westminster* Side of the said intended Bridge shall be under the Care, Management, Control, and Jurisdiction of the Commissioners for paving and improving the Parishes of *Saint Margaret* and *Saint John Westminster*, and such Parts thereof as will be situate on the *Lambeth* Side of the said

said intended Bridge shall be under the Care, Management, Control, and Jurisdiction of the Trustees or Commissioners or other Persons or Bodies for the Time being having the Charge of paving the Parish of *Saint Mary Lambeth*, in like Manner in all respects as if they were included in the Acts giving Authority to the Bodies respectively; but all such Roadways, Approaches, and Streets shall in the first instance be well and sufficiently constructed and completed by and at the Costs of the said Commissioners of Her Majesty's Works and Public Buildings.

No Houses, &c. to be taken without Consent, unless mentioned in Schedule.

XIX. Provided always, That no Houses, Buildings, Lands, or Hereditaments shall be taken or made use of for the Purposes of this Act, except such as are mentioned in the said Second Schedule hereunto annexed, or as are situated within the Limits of the Line of Deviation marked on the said original Plan, without the Consent in Writing of the Owner or Owners thereof, being capacitated to sell, being first had and obtained for that Purpose.

Until new Bridge completed Commissioners to keep up a Communication between the Middlesex and Surrey Shores.

XX. Until the said intended new Bridge and the Approaches thereto shall be completed and thrown open to the Public, the said Commissioners of Her Majesty's Works and Public Buildings shall maintain and keep up the Means of a sufficient Communication between the *Middlesex* and *Surrey* Shores of the said River on or near the Site of the present Bridge at *Westminster*, and shall leave sufficient Access for the Public thereto along the Streets and Approaches leading to the same; and the said Commissioners shall as soon as conveniently may be take down and entirely remove the present Bridge, and the Stairs, Hards, and Piers thereto belonging, and shall sell or cause to be sold all the Materials thereof, and such Parts of the said Streets and Approaches not wanted for the Purposes of this Act in like Manner as is hereby provided with respect to the Sale of the Hereditaments and Materials of Houses to be pulled down by them, and hereby authorized to be sold.

So much of the present and intended Bridge as lies to the West shall be in the Parish of St. Margaret, and so much as lies to the East shall be in the Parish of Lambeth; no Part of either of the said Bridges to be liable to Land Tax, &c.; nor shall the said Bridges be deemed to be County Bridges

XXI. So much of the said intended Bridge and of the said present Bridge, until removed, as lies or shall lie to the West of the Line dividing the Counties of *Middlesex* and *Surrey*, shall be in the Parish of *Saint Margaret* in the City of *Westminster* and County of *Middlesex*, and so much as lies or shall lie to the East of the same Line shall be in the Parish of *Lambeth* in the County of *Surrey*, nevertheless no Part of either of the said Bridges shall be rated or assessed for or towards the Land Tax, the Repairs of Highways, Sewers Rate, Poor's Rate, Church Rates, or any other Parish or County Rate whatsoever; and neither of the said Bridges shall be deemed or taken to be a County Bridge, so as to subject the Counties of *Surrey* and *Middlesex*, or either of them, to the repairing or supporting the same; and on the said intended Bridge being built the said Commissioners shall mark on some conspicuous Part thereof the Boundaries of the said Two Counties, and that Mark shall be conclusive Evidence of such Boundaries; and until the said present Bridge shall be removed the said Commissioners hereby incorporated shall, as regards the present Bridge, and all the Streets, Piers, Landing Places, Hards, and Approaches, have all and every the Powers and Authorities which before the passing of this Act were vested in the *Westminster* Bridge Commissioners.

Damages, &c. in case of Dispute, to be settled by a Justice of the Peace.

XXII. In all Cases wherein Damages or Charges in respect of Acts or Offences done or committed upon or relating to the said Bridge, Piers, Stairs, Hards, or Landing Places are by this Act directed or authorized to be paid, and the Manner of ascertaining the Amount thereof is not specified or provided for, such Amount, in case of Nonpayment thereof, or of any Dispute respecting the same, shall be ascertained and determined by some Justice of the Peace for the said County of *Surrey* or the County of *Middlesex*, according to the Part of the Bridge where the Act or Offence was committed (such Justice not being interested in the Matters in question); and where by this Act any such Damages or Charges are directed to be paid, in addition to any Penalty for any Offence, the Amount of such Damages and Charges, in case of Nonpayment thereof, or of any Dispute respecting the same, shall be settled and determined by the Justice by or before whom any Offender shall be convicted of such Offence; and such Justice is hereby authorized and required, on Nonpayment of the Damages, in any of the Cases aforesaid, to levy such Damages and Charges by Distress and Sale of the Offender's Goods and Chattels, in manner by this Act directed for the levying of any Penalties or Forfeitures.

XXIII. With

Damages not otherwise provided for, Provisions of 8 & 9 Vict. c. 16. to apply.

XXIII. With respect to the Recovery of Damages and Penalties and Forfeitures not hereby otherwise specially provided for, all and singular the Clauses and Provisions in "The Companies Clauses Consolidation Act, 1845," relating to the Recovery of Damages, Penalties, and Forfeitures, and the Application thereof, shall, so far as the same are applicable to Damages, Penalties, and Forfeitures imposed or made recoverable by this Act, be considered as incorporated with this Act, and for that Purpose the said Commissioners of Her Majesty's Works and Public Buildings shall be considered to be a Company; provided nevertheless, that it shall not be necessary for the said Commissioners to publish any List or Particulars of the Penalties hereby imposed, as required by the said "Companies Clauses Consolidation Act, 1845:" And provided also, that the Share of Penalties and Forfeitures which by the said Act are directed to be applied for the Benefit of the Poor shall in lieu thereof be paid to the said Commissioners of Her Majesty's Works and Public Buildings for the Purposes of this Act.

Application of Penalties.

As to Receipts, &c.

XXIV. Receipts in Writing, signed by any Two of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Works and Public Buildings, or by the First Commissioner alone, for any Monies payable to the said Commissioners hereby incorporated, under or by virtue of this Act, shall be good and sufficient Discharges to the Person or Persons paying the same; and all Contracts in Writing made by the First Commissioner in the Execution of any of the Powers by this Act given to the said Commissioners shall be valid, and shall be binding on the said Commissioners, as if the same had been under their Corporate Seal.

Compensation to Officers by reason of Abolition of Offices.

XXV. It shall be lawful for the Commissioners for the Time being of Her Majesty's Treasury to order and direct whether any and what Compensation shall be made to the Secretary, Clerk, or other Officers of the *Westminster Bridge* Commissioners by reason of the Abolition of their Offices, or the Discontinuance of their Services, which Compensation may be made either by a Sum or Sums of Money in gross or by an annual Payment or Payments, as the Commissioners of the Treasury shall think fit to determine, and the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Works and Public Buildings are hereby authorized to pay such Compensation, pursuant to such Order, out of any of the Public Stocks or Funds, or the Dividends thereof, for the Time being belonging to the said last-mentioned Commissioners, and applicable by them to the Purposes of this Act: Provided always, that such Compensation shall not operate as, or be deemed or taken to be, any Charge or Incumbrance upon the Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments mentioned in the First Schedule to this Act, or upon any Part or Parcel thereof, nor shall any Purchaser, Mortgagee, Lessee, Tenant, or Occupier of such Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, or any Part thereof, be liable to the Payment of such Compensation, or bound to see whether any such Compensation has or has not been made or paid.

For Protection of Wharf, &c. in the Occupation of Mr. Simmonds.

XXVI. Nothing in this Act contained shall authorize or empower the said Commissioners of Her Majesty's Works and Public Buildings to erect any Structure within Twenty-five Yards on a Line drawn at a Right Angle from the Front of the Wharf and Flour Mills in the Occupation of Mr. *John Simmonds*, situate on the said River *Thames* at *Lambeth*, adjoining the Foot of the present *Westminster Bridge* on the Northern Side thereof.

Short Title.

XXVII. It shall be sufficient for all Purposes to cite this Act as the "*Westminster Bridge* Act, 1853."

The

The FIRST SCHEDULE to which this Act refers.

RENT ROLL of the COMMISSIONERS of WESTMINSTER BRIDGE at Lady Day 1853.

Houses where situated.	No. of House.	Tenants Names.	Yearly Rents. £	s.	d.	Commencement of the Leases.	Term of Years.	Expiration of the Leases.
Westminster Bridge Road, Surrey -	99, 100, 101, &102	J. Collett, Esq. -	24	0	0	Lady Day 1793 -	71	Lady Day 1864.
Abingdon Street	32	Commissioners of Her Majesty's Woods, &c. - -	50	0	0	Michaelmas 1785 -	72	Michaelmas 1857.
Charing Cross -	42	Mr. Willis - -	160	0	0	Michaelmas 1851 -	21	Michaelmas 1872.
	41	Mr. Glasier - -	160	0	0			
	40	Messrs. Ommanney -	160	0	0			
	39	Mr. Mitchell - -	160	0	0			
Spring Gardens -	15	Mr. Carlton - -	80	0	0	Lady Day 1849 -	21	Lady Day 1870.
Parliament Street East and Cannon Row -	37	Mr. Perkins - -	110	0	0	Lady Day 1851 -	21	Lady Day 1872.
	38	Mr. George Trollope -	130	0	0			
	40	R. Hughes, Esq. -	130	0	0			
	41	R. Wallace, Esq. -	120	0	0			
	42	Messrs. Bellamy and Co. - -	110	0	0	Tenants at Will.		
	43	W. G. Rose, Esq. -	120	0	0	Christmas 1828 -	31	Christmas 1859.
	44	A. M'Dougall, Esq. -	120	0	0	Lady Day 1824 -	45	Lady Day 1869.
	45	The Commissioners of Her Majesty's Woods and Forests - -	120	0	0	Michaelmas 1823 -	31	Michaelmas 1854.
Parliament Street and King Street - -	Whitehall House. 1	Do. - - -	800	0	0	Midsummer 1850 -	25	Midsummer 1875.
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	3	Western Life Office -	185	0	0	Lady Day 1823 -	31	Lady Day 1854.
	6	Messrs. Dorrington -	120	0	0			
Parliament Street West - -	7	Mr. Withall - -	80	0	0	Do. 1824 -	31	Do. 1855.
	8	Mrs. Ferguson -	80	0	0	Do. 1823 -	31	Do. 1854.
King Street -	62	Mr. Smith - -	25	0	0	Do. 1836 -	21	Do. 1857.
	61	Mr. Hill - -	25	4	0	Do. 1823 -	31	Do. 1854.
	60	Dorset's Executors -	25	0	0			
Parliament Street East and Charles Street	14	Mr. Priest - -	110	0	0			
Charles Street -	5	Mr. Anderson -	50	0	0	Do. 1852 -	21	Do. 1873.
	4	Mr. White - -	42	0	0			
King Street -	9	Mrs. Mitchell -	60	0	0			
Parliament Street West - -	17	Mr. George Trollope and Three Houses in King Street - -	200	0	0	Christmas 1852 -	21	Christmas 1873.
	19	Mr. Puncher -	70	0	0			
	18	Mr. Bain - -	75	0	0			
	20	Mr. Metchin - -	75	0	0			
	21	Dr. Crispe - -	63	0	0	Tenant at Will.		
	26	Mr. Wm. Trollope -	100	0	0	Lady Day 1852 -	21	Lady Day 1873.
	27	Mr. Burder - -	100	0	0			
East Side of King Street - -	57	Messrs. Gregory -	80	0	0	Christmas 1842 -	21	Christmas 1863.
Abingdon Street	31	Messrs. Kempson -	80	0	0	Do. 1824 -	31	Do. 1855.
	30	Mr. Banks - -	84	0	0			
	18	Mr. Hallett - -	90	0	0			
	19	Mr. Veale - -	95	0	0	Midsummer 1828 -	31	Midsummer 1859.
	20	Mr. Gwilt - -	100	0	0	Tenant at Will.		
	21	Mr. Gibbs - -	120	0	0	Christmas 1824 -	31	Christmas 1855.
	22	Messrs. Drew & Co. -	84	0	0	Michaelmas 1823 -	31	Michaelmas 1854.

Houses where situated.	No. of House.	Tenants Names.	Yearly Rents. £	s.	d.	Commencement of the Leases.	Term of Years.	Expiration of the Leases.
Abingdon Street	23	John Clementson, Esq.	-	-	-	- - -	- -	Used as the Office for the Commissioners of Westminster Bridge.
Bridge Street, Westminster -	9	Mr. Elland - -	120	0	0			
	8	Mr. Heath - -	70	0	0			
	7	Mr. Hannah - -	75	0	0			
	6	Mr. Rush - -	80	0	0	Lady Day 1824 -	31	Lady Day 1855.
	5	Mr. West - -	75	0	0			
	4	Miss Porter - -	75	0	0			
	3	Miss Collier - -	75	0	0			
	2	Mr. Potter - -	100	0	0	Tenant at Will.		
	1	Mr. Ginger - -	136	10	0	- - -	- -	Under Agreement to expire at Michaelmas in any Year on Six Months Notice.
	45	Mr. Cremer - -	105	0	0	- - -	- -	Under Agreement to expire on receiving Three Months Notice.
		Ground - -	-	-	-	- - -	- -	Used as a Stoneyard by the Commissioners of Westminster Bridge.
Bridge Road, Surrey -	95 to 98	Mr. Goldsmith -	150	0	0	Lady Day 1823 -	61	Lady Day 1884.
	85 to 90	Mr. Elliott's Executors	142	8	6	Midsummer 1825	59	Midsummer 1884.
	94	Mr. Blundell - -	17	0	0			
	93	Mr. Clarke - -	17	0	0	Do. 1825	61	Do. 1886.
	91, 92	Mr. Saunderson -	36	6	0			
	12, 13	Mr. Mackintosh -	290	0	0	Tenant at Will.		
	11	Mr. Lott - -	45	0	0			
	9 & 10	Mrs. Jane Hancock -	90	0	0			
	8	Mr. Taylor - -	45	0	0	- - -	- -	Tenants under Agreements to quit at Three Months Notice after Christmas 1853.
	7	Mr. Broadhurst -	136	10	0			
		Mr. Pitt's Acknowledgment.	0	3	0	At Will.		
		Mr. Swinburne -	-	-	-	- - -	- -	House, Yard, and Wharf used for the Dwelling, Office, and Workshops of the Resident Engineer.
		BRIDGE ROAD ESTATE.						
Westminster Bridge Road, Surrey		Mr. Clarke's Executors - - -	10	0	0	24th June 1836 -	21	24th June 1857.
	83	Late Melbourne -	-	-	-	Unlet.		
	81 & 82	Mr. Beck - -	100	0	0	24th June 1839 -	18	Do. 1857.
	80	Mr. Saunders -	40	0	0	Do. 1837 -	20	Do. 1857.
	79	Mr. J. Elliott - -	42	0	0	22d September 1846	19	29th September 1865.
	78	Mr. Wright, jun. -	20	0	0	25th March 1839 -	62	25th March 1901.
	77	Do. - -	20	0	0	24th June 1836 -	61	24th June 1897.
	76	Mr. Wright, sen. -	130	0	0	Do. do. -	21	Do. 1857.
	70 to 75	J. C. Cobbold, Esq. -	85	0	0	Do. do. -	63	Do. 1899.
	69	Mr. Leer - -	120	0	0	Do. do. -	21	Do. 1857.
	67, 68	J. C. Cobbold, Esq. -	90	0	0	Do. do. -	21	Do. do.
	66	Mr. Fitchew - -	45	0	0	Do. do. -	21	Do. do.
	65, 64	Mrs. Collinge - -	50	0	0	Do. do. -	21	Do. do.
		Mr. Cosser - -	1	0	0	Michaelmas 1836 -	87	Michaelmas 1923.
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The

The SECOND SCHEDULE to which this Act refers.

Number on Plan.	Description of Property.	Owners or reputed Owners.	Lessees or reputed Lessees.	Occupiers.
	City of Westminster, County of Middlesex, and Parish of Saint Margaret.			
1	The Public Street: Bridge Street, Foot and Carriage Way.	The Commissioners for paving and improving the Parishes of Saint Margaret and Saint John Westminster.	—	—
2	Westminster Bridge: landing and embarking Pier, and Approaches.	The Crown; Conservators, the Mayor, Commonalty, and Citizens of the City of London; the Lords of the Admiralty; and Commissioners of Westminster Bridge.	The Trustees of the Watermen's Pier Company.	The Trustees of the Watermen's Pier Company.
3	The Bed and Shore of the River Thames.	The Crown; Conservators, the Mayor, Commonalty, and Citizens of the City of London; and the Lords of the Admiralty.	—	—
4	Westminster Bridge: Foot and Carriage Way, Steps, Landings, Abutments, and Piers.	The Commissioners of Westminster Bridge.	—	—
	County of Surrey, Parish of Saint Mary Lambeth.			
1	Westminster Bridge: Foot and Carriage Way, Steps, Landings, Abutments, and Piers.	The Commissioners of Westminster Bridge.	—	—
2	The Bed and Shore of the River Thames.	The Crown; Conservators, the Mayor, Commonalty, and Citizens of the City of London; and the Lords of the Admiralty.	—	—
3	Westminster Bridge: landing and embarking Pier, and Approaches.	The Crown; Conservators, the Mayor, Commonalty, and Citizens of the City of London; the Lords of the Admiralty; and the Commissioners of Westminster Bridge.	The Trustees of the Penny Steam Boat Pier Company.	The Trustees of the Penny Steam Boat Pier Company.
4	Bridge Street and Bridge Road: the public Street, Foot and Carriage Way.	The Parish of Saint Mary Lambeth.	—	—
5	Stangate Street: public Street, Foot and Carriage Way.	The Parish of Saint Mary Lambeth.	—	—
6	Belvedere Road: public Street, Foot and Carriage Way.	The Parish of Saint Mary Lambeth.	—	—