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An Act to amend the several Acts passed for making Wet Docks, Basons, Cuts, and other Works, for the greater Accommodation and Security of Shipping, Commerce, and Revenue, within the Port of *London*; and for raising a further Sum of Money for the Completion of the said Works.

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WHEREAS an Act was passed in the Fortieth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled *An Act for making Wet Docks, Basons, Cuts, and other Works, for the greater Accommodation and Security of Shipping, Commerce, and Revenue, within the Port of* London: 40 G. 3. c. 47.
And whereas another Act was passed in the Forty-fourth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled *An Act for raising a further Sum of Money for carrying into Execution an Act passed in the Fortieth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, for making Wet Docks, Basons, Cuts, and other Works, for the greater Accommodation and Security of Shipping, Commerce, and Revenue, within the Port of* London: 44 G. 3. c. 2.
And whereas another Act was passed in the Forty-fourth Year of His said present Majesty's Reign, intituled *An Act for warehousing Goods within the Limits of certain Docks made under an Act passed in the Thirty-ninth and Fortieth Years of His present Majesty, intituled 'An Act for making 'Wet Docks, Basons, Cuts, and other Works, for the greater Accommodation* 44 G. 4. c. 100.

'*and Security of Shipping, Commerce, and Revenue, within the Port of* 'London,' *and to make Regulations relating to the said Docks:* And whereas another Act was passed in the Forty-fifth Year of the Reign of
45 G. 3. c. 58. His present Majesty, intituled *An Act to alter and amend an Act, passed in the Fortieth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, for making Wet Docks, Basons, Cuts, and other Works, for the greater Accommodation and Security of Shipping, Commerce, and Revenue, within the Port of* London, *and for extending the Powers and Provisions of the said Act:* And whereas another Act was passed in the Forty-sixth Year of His present Majesty's
46 G. 3. c. 59. Reign, intituled *An Act to alter and amend several Acts passed in the Fortieth, Forty-fourth, and Forty-fifth Years of His present Majesty, for making Wet Docks, Basons, Cuts, and other Works, for the greater Accommodation and Security of Shipping, Commerce, and Revenue, within the Port of* London, *and for other the Purposes in the said Acts mentioned, and for enlarging the Powers thereby granted to* The London Dock Company: And whereas another Act was passed in the Forty-seventh Year of His said
47 G. 3. c. 5. present Majesty's Reign, intituled *An Act to enable* The London Dock Company *to purchase certain Waterworks in the Parishes of* Stratford, Westham, Bow, Bromley, Mile End, *and* Stepney, *and other Parishes adjacent, and to amend the several Acts for making Wet Docks and other Works for the Accommodation of Shipping, Commerce, and Revenue, within the Port of* London: And whereas another Act was passed in the Forty-
49 G. 3. c. 156. ninth Year of His said present Majesty's Reign, intituled *An Act to alter and amend several Acts passed in the Fortieth, Forty-fourth, Forty-fifth, Forty-sixth, and Forty-seventh Years of His present Majesty, for making Wet Docks, Basons, Cuts, and other Works, for the greater Accommodation and Security of Shipping, Commerce, and Revenue, within the Port of* London, *and for other the Purposes therein mentioned relating thereto; and to enlarge the Powers and Authorities by the said Acts granted to* The London Dock Company: And whereas another Act was passed in the Fiftieth Year of
50 G. 3. c. 151. His present Majesty's Reign, intituled *An Act for raising a further Sum of Money for carrying into Execution the several Acts passed for making Wet Docks, Basons, Cuts, and other Works, for the greater Accommodation and Security of Shipping, Commerce, and Revenue, within the Port of* London: And whereas another Act was passed in the Fifty-first Year of
51 G. 3. c. 49. the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled *An Act for regulating the Rates and Charges to be received by* The London Dock Company, *upon Wines and Spirits landed and warehoused in the* London *Docks:* And whereas another Act was passed in the Fifty-second Year of the Reign of His pre-
52 G. 3. c. 114. sent Majesty, intituled *An Act for allowing further Time for the Completion of the Docks, Entrances, and other Works and Buildings belonging to* The London Dock Company: And whereas another Act was passed in
54 G. 3. c. 40. the Fifty-fourth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled *An Act for enlarging and amending the Powers and Provisions of the several Acts for making the* London *Docks:* And whereas it is necessary to make more effectual Provision against the Hazard and Danger of Fire in the said Docks; and also in relation to certain Premises purchased by the said Company for the Use of the Officers of Customs and Excise, and for other Purposes in relation to the said Docks: And whereas certain Parts of the Entrances to the said Docks and Works cannot be completed without further Powers, and an additional Sum of Money raised for that Purpose; and it is necessary, for the Security of the said Docks and the Completion of the said Entrances and Works, that the said Acts should be altered and amended:

but the Purpoſes aforeſaid cannot be accompliſhed without the Aid of Parliament: May it therefore pleaſe Your Majeſty that it may be enacted; and be it enacted by the King's moſt Excellent Majeſty, by and with the Advice and Conſent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this preſent Parliament aſſembled, and by the Authority of the ſame, That for further preventing the Hazard and Danger of Fire within the ſaid Docks, and on board Ships and other Veſſels therein, no Perſon whoſoever ſhall, from and after the paſſing of this Act, at any Time or Times after the Hour of Four in the Evening, or before the Hour of Seven in the Morning, between the Twenty-ninth Day of *September* and the Twenty-ſixth Day of *March* in every Year, or before the Hour of Five in the Morning, between the Twenty-fifth Day of *March* and the Thirtieth Day of *September* in every Year, ſmoak any Tobacco, or other Material uſed for ſmoaking, either within the ſaid Docks, or on board of any Ship or Veſſel in or within the ſaid Docks, upon Pain of forfeiting for every ſuch Offence any Sum not exceeding Ten Pounds, to be recovered and applied as any Penalty, not exceeding that Amount, may be recovered and applied under the ſaid recited Act firſt herein-before mentioned or referred to.

For preventing Accidents by Fire.

II. And whereas the Directors of the ſaid Company have found it neceſſary for and towards the Improvement and Completion of the ſaid Docks and Works, and the Entrances thereto, and for providing Accommodation for the Officers of Cuſtoms and Exciſe attending at the ſaid Docks, to make ſundry Contracts for, and divers Purchaſes of Houſes, Lands, Tenements, Buildings, and Hereditaments, ſituate near the ſaid Docks, but the ſame not being within the Limits preſcribed by the ſaid recited Acts, ſuch Contracts and Purchaſes cannot be made effectual without the Aid of Parliament; be it therefore further enacted, That all Contracts which have been or ſhall be made by or on the Behalf of the ſaid Company, for the Purchaſe of all or any of the ſeveral Houſes, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments herein-after mentioned, (that is to ſay) a Freehold Houſe and Premiſes with the Appurtenances, being Number Four, in *Wapping Street*; Four Freehold Houſes, with the Appurtenances, being Number One, Two, Three, and Four, on the Weſtern Side of *Half Moon Court* in *Wapping*; a Freehold Houſe, with the Appurtenances, being Number Five, on the North Side of *Half-Moon Court* aforeſaid; a Freehold Houſe with the Appurtenances, being Number Six, in *Half-Moon Court* aforeſaid; a Freehold Houſe with the Appurtenances, being Number Seven, in *Half-Moon Court* aforeſaid; a Leaſehold Public Houſe, with the Appurtenances, called *The Duke of Argyle*, being Number Five, in *Wapping Street*; and a Freehold Houſe, Warehouſe, and Premiſes, with the Appurtenances, ſituate at the North-Weſt Corner of *Little Hermitage Street* in *Wapping*; alſo a Leaſehold Brewery, with ſundry Meſſuages and other Buildings, Wharfs, and other Premiſes, with the Appurtenances, held by Two ſeveral Leaſes heretofore granted and made by the Governors of *Bridewell Hoſpital* to Meſſieurs *Pickard* and *Maitland*, likewiſe ſituate in and near *Wapping Street*; all which ſaid Meſſuages, Hereditaments, and Premiſes, are ſituate in the Pariſh of *Saint John of Wapping*, in the ſaid County of *Middleſex*; alſo Six Freehold Houſes, with the Appurtenances, being Numbers One hundred and twenty-eight, One hundred and twenty-nine, One hundred and thirty, One hundred and thirty-one, One hundred and thirty-two, and One hundred and thirty-three, with a Tenement and Sheds behind the ſame, ſituate on the North Side of *Pennington Street*, and One

Confirming Contracts for certain Premiſes.

One Freehold Houſe on the Weſt Side of *Chigwell Hill*, and a Piece or Parcel of Freehold Land, with the ſeveral Houſes, Sheds, and Buildings thereon, abutting South on *Pearl Street*, Weſt on *Silver Street*, and North and Eaſt on Premiſes the Property of *The London Dock Company*; all which ſaid laſt mentioned Meſſuages, Hereditaments, and Premiſes, are ſituate in the Pariſh of *Saint George Middleſex*, commonly called *Saint George in the Eaſt*, in the County of *Middleſex*; and all Bargains, Sales, Feoffments, Releaſes, Tranſfers, Leaſes, Aſſignments and other Conveyances, which have been or ſhall be made of or in relation to the ſame Hereditaments and Premiſes, or any of them, or any Part or Parts thereof reſpectively, by or to or in Truſt for or to or for the Uſe or Benefit of the ſaid Company, ſhall be and the ſame are hereby declared and enacted to be as good, valid, and effectual to all Intents and Purpoſes, and to have the ſame Effect, as if ſuch Houſes, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments reſpectively had been within the Limits preſcribed by the ſaid recited Acts or any of them, any Thing in the ſaid Acts, or any or either of them, or any other Law or Statute whatſoever to the contrary thereof in anywiſe notwithſtanding.

How Debts may be proved, in Caſes of Bankruptcy.

III. And be it further enacted, That in all Caſes under any Commiſſion or Commiſſions of Bankrupt awarded or to be awarded againſt any Perſon or Perſons, who is or are or ſhall be indebted to the ſaid Company, or againſt whom the ſaid Company ſhall or may have any Claims or Demands, it ſhall and may be lawful to and for any Perſon or Perſons in the Employ of the ſaid Company, who ſhall from Time to Time be in that Behalf nominated and appointed by Writing under the Hand of the Treaſurer of the ſaid Company for the Time being, to appear, and he and they is and are hereby authorized and empowered to appear and act on Behalf of the ſaid Company, in reſpect of any ſuch Debt, Claim, or Demand, before the Commiſſioners under any Commiſſion of Bankrupt, either perſonally, or by his or their Affidavit, to be duly ſworn and exhibited in the uſual Manner in order to prove and eſtabliſh any ſuch Debt, Claim, or Demand, under ſuch Commiſſion; and every ſuch Perſon or Perſons ſo to be nominated and appointed, ſhall in all ſuch Caſes be admitted and allowed to make Proof, or tender a Claim under any ſuch Commiſſion of Bankruptcy, on Behalf and for the Benefit of the ſaid Company, in reſpect of the Debt or Debts or other Demands of the ſaid Company againſt ſuch Bankrupt or Bankrupts, in like Manner as any other Perſon or Perſons being a Creditor or Creditors of ſuch Bankrupt or Bankrupts, in his or their own Right might or could do in reſpect of his or their Debt or Debts; and any Perſon or Perſons to be nominated or appointed in Manner aforeſaid, ſhall have full Power and Authority to appear on Behalf of the ſaid Company at any Meeting of the Creditors of any ſuch Bankrupt or Bankrupts, and to vote thereat, in reſpect of any Debt or Debts which ſhall be admitted and allowed to be proved on Behalf of the ſaid Company, under any ſuch Commiſſion of Bankrupt as aforeſaid, in like Manner as any other Creditor or Creditors of ſuch Bankrupt or Bankrupts could or might do in reſpect of the Debt or Debts by him or them proved under ſuch Commiſſion or Commiſſions of Bankrupt.

For augmenting the Capital Stock of the Company.

IV. And in order the better to enable the ſaid Company to complete the ſaid Docks and Works and the Entrances thereto, be it further enacted, That it ſhall and may be lawful for the ſaid Company, at any Meeting or Meetings to be ſpecially called for that Purpoſe in the Manner directed by the

the ſaid recited Acts, or any or either of them now in force in that Behalf, by ſuch Ways and Means and upon ſuch Terms as at ſuch Meeting or Meetings ſo called ſhall be thought expedient, and be directed to augment the preſent Capital Stock of the ſaid Company by any further Sum or Sums of Money, not exceeding in the whole the Sum of Three hundred thouſand Pounds, in caſe ſuch Meeting or the Majority of Votes of the Proprietors preſent and entitled to vote thereat ſhall declare it to be neceſſary and expedient ſo to augment the ſaid Capital Stock; and that all ſuch further and additional Capital Stock, not exceeding the additional and further Sum aforeſaid, as ſhall be ſo raiſed, ſhall be conſidered as Part of the general Capital Stock of the ſaid Company, and be under and ſubject to the ſame Proviſions, Regulations, Directions, and Management, in all Reſpects and to all Intents and Purpoſes, as if the ſame had been Part of the ſaid original Capital Stock of the ſaid Company (except as to the Time or Times of making Calls for the ſaid additional Capital Stock and the Amount of ſuch Calls; which Time and Times, and the Amount of ſuch Calls reſpectively, ſhall from Time to Time be appointed by the Directors of the ſaid Company or any Thirteen or more of them): Provided always, that no more than Twenty-five Pounds *per Centum* of ſuch additional Sum or Sums ſhall be ſo called for or appointed to be paid within One Month: Provided alſo, that all the Regulations, Proviſions, and Clauſes contained in the ſaid firſt recited Act, in relation to the Calls for the original Capital of the ſaid Company therein mentioned, and to the Recovery thereof, or of any Arrear thereof, and to the Forfeiture of any Sums advanced by reaſon of any Neglect or Refuſal to comply with ſuch Calls ſhall be applicable to the Calls for the ſaid further and additional Sum hereby authorized to be raiſed or borrowed as aforeſaid, or ſuch Part or Parts thereof as ſhall be required to be raiſed by way of additional Capital Stock as aforeſaid, and the Refuſal or Neglect to comply with ſuch Calls laſt mentioned.

Power for the Company to borrow Money, with Power to aſſign the Rates as a Security.

V. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That in caſe the Majority of Proprietors preſent and entitled to vote at any ſuch Meeting or Meetings to be called as aforeſaid, ſhall think it adviſable to borrow the ſaid further and additional Sum at Intereſt, in Manner herein-after mentioned, or ſhall deem it expedient to raiſe only a Part of the ſaid further and additional Sum by way of Augmentation of their Capital Stock, and to borrow the Remainder thereof at Intereſt, then and in either of the ſaid Caſes, it ſhall be lawful for the ſaid Company to borrow and take up at Intereſt, on the Security or Securities herein-after mentioned, any Sum or Sums of Money, ſo as the whole Sum to be raiſed under the Authority of this Act ſhall not exceed ſuch further and additional Sum as aforeſaid; and in order to the raiſing of the ſame, or any Part or Parts thereof, in the Manner laſt aforeſaid, the ſaid Company, or the Directors of the ſaid Company for the Time being, or any Thirteen or more of them, ſhall and may, at the Coſts and Charges of the ſaid Company, aſſign over the Rates and Duties ariſing by virtue of the ſaid firſt recited Act, or a competent Part thereof; and alſo ſhall and may, if they ſhall think it proper, charge and ſubject all the Lands, Tenements and Hereditaments of or belonging to the ſaid Company, or a competent Part thereof, as a Security or Securities for the Repayment of any ſuch Sum or Sums of Money ſo to be borrowed, together with Intereſt, to ſuch Perſon or Perſons, or his, her, or their Truſtee or Truſtees, Nominee or Nominees, Executors or Adminiſtrators; and all ſuch Aſſignments and Securities ſhall be made and

entered, and ſhall be transferrable from Time to Time in the ſame Manner (*mutatis mutandis*); and the ſame, and the Monies which may be ſo borrowed as aforeſaid, and the Intereſt thereof, ſhall be under and ſubject to ſuch and the ſame Proviſions, Regulations, Directions, and Management in all reſpects, as are in and by the ſaid firſt recited Act preſcribed and directed, concerning the Aſſignments and Securities to be made and given for the Monies thereby authorized to be borrowed by the ſaid Company, and concerning ſuch laſt mentioned Monies and the Intereſt thereof.

Option to the Perſons advancing the Money to become Proprietors, or to be repaid in Money.

VI. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That it ſhall be lawful to inſert in any Securities to be made as aforeſaid, (if the Majority of the ſaid Proprietors preſent, and entitled to vote at any ſuch Meeting, ſhall think fit,) an Agreement, by which a Right ſhall be given to the reſpective Perſons who ſhall advance and lend the ſaid Money, or any Part thereof, or to the Perſons who for the Time being ſhall be entitled thereto, to have an Option of having their ſeveral and reſpective Loans repaid in Money, or of being admitted to have ſuch a Share of the Capital Stock of the ſaid Company, in lieu thereof, at ſuch Time or Times, and upon ſuch Terms and Conditions as ſhall be agreed upon by the Directors of the ſaid Company, or any Thirteen or more of them, under the Authority of any ſuch Meeting or Meetings of the ſaid Company as aforeſaid, on the One Part, and the Perſons from whom ſuch Monies ſhall be borrowed from Time to Time on the other Part; ſo nevertheleſs that the reſpective Shares of the ſaid Capital Stock, and the Time or Times, and the Terms or Conditions to be agreed upon as aforeſaid, in relation to ſuch Option, ſhall be expreſſed in the reſpective Securities for ſuch Principal Monies, otherwiſe the Agreement or Agreements for ſuch Option ſhall be void and have no Effect.

Company not reſtrained from raiſing Money in Manner by the ſaid firſt Act directed.

VII. And be it further enacted, That it ſhall be lawful for the ſaid Company to borrow all or any Part of the Sum of Three hundred thouſand Pounds mentioned in the ſaid recited Act paſſed in the Fortieth Year of His preſent Majeſty, in the Manner directed by that Act, as well as the ſaid additional and further Sum by this Act authorized to be raiſed or borrowed as aforeſaid, any Thing in the Acts of Parliament paſſed in relation to the ſaid Company, or any of them, to the contrary notwithſtanding.

No Preference to be given to Securities on account of Priority.

VIII. And be it further enacted, That none of ſuch Aſſignments and Securities, to be made by the ſaid Company or by the ſaid Directors, or any Thirteen or more of them, purſuant to any of the Acts of Parliament paſſed in relation to the ſaid Company, or purſuant to this Act, ſhall, on account of prior Date or Execution, be entitled to any Priority of Payment or other Preference before any other or others of ſuch Securities of later Date or Execution; except the Preference which from Time to Time may be agreed to be given in relation to the Option of converting Loans into Capital Stock, under the Authority of this Act, and alſo except the Security hereby authorized to be given upon the ſaid Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments of the ſaid Company, or ſuch Part thereof as aforeſaid, in relation to the ſaid further and additional Sum by this Act authorized to be raiſed or borrowed, or ſuch Part or Parts thereof as ſhall or may be charged on the ſaid Lands, Tenements or Hereditaments, or any Part thereof as aforeſaid.

IX. And

For paying the Interest of the Money to be borrowed.

IX. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Company, and they are hereby authorized and required to pay the Interest of the said further and additional Sum, or so much and such Part and Parts thereof as shall be raised by way of Loan, in Manner aforesaid (and whether with or without such Option as aforesaid) of the Person or Persons entitled thereto, out of any Monies which shall from Time to Time be in the Hands or Power of the said Company, applicable to the Purposes of the said recited Acts or of this Act.

Such Interest to be paid Half-yearly.

X. And be it further enacted, That the Interest of the Money which shall be borrowed on Assignment or Mortgage under the Authority of this Act shall, from the Time the said Money or any Part thereof shall be advanced, be payable Half-yearly to the several Parties entitled thereto, in Preference to any Interest or Dividend due and payable to the said Company or any of them, and shall from Time to Time be fully paid and discharged or provided for, before any Interest or Dividends due to the said Company, or any of them, shall be paid.

Extending the Powers of the Acts aforesaid to this Act.

XI. And be it further enacted, That all the Powers, Authorities, Provisions, Regulations, and Privileges, as to voting or otherwise, and all Penalties, Forfeitures, Clauses, Matters and Things contained in the said recited Acts (so far as the same are not hereby varied, altered, or repealed), shall extend and be construed to extend to this Act, and to the said Company and the Directors thereof and others carrying this Act into Execution; and also to all Proprietors or Persons, Bodies Politic or Corporate, Corporations Aggregate or Sole, possessed of any Capital Stock advanced under any of the Provisions of this Act, or lending any Sums of Money to the said Company under the same, their respective Executors, Administrators or Assigns, and also to the Transfer, Assignment, or Forfeiture of any such Capital Stock, and to the Securities for any Money so lent; and also as to the prosecuting or defending any Actions or Suits in the Name of or against the Treasurer of the said Company, and shall operate and be in force as to all such additional Capital Stock or Money lent, and the Application of the Money to be raised by virtue of this Act, as fully and effectually to all Intents and Purposes as if the same were severally and particularly repeated and re-enacted in the Body of this Act, and made Part thereof.

Public Act.

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

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