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Cap. xlii.

An Act for providing, regulating, and maintaining a Cattle Market in the Borough of *Reading* in the County of *Berks*, and for constructing a convenient Market Place therein.

[15th *July* 1850.]

WHEREAS Her late Majesty Queen *Elizabeth*, by Her Letters Patent under the Great Seal of *England*, dated in the Second Year of Her Reign, did, for Herself, Her Heirs and Successors, grant to the Mayor and Burgesses of the aforesaid Borough of *Reading*, and their Successors, amongst other things, that for thenceforth for ever they should have and hold, and should and might be able to have and hold, One Market on every *Saturday* in every Week in the said Borough of *Reading*, to be holden throughout all that Day, and Four Marts or Fairs in the said Borough, and to be holden and kept yearly in a certain Place there called the *Forbury*, within the Limits of the same Borough, or in any other convenient Place in the said Borough or the Liberties thereof, one of the said Fairs or Marts to be holden and kept there yearly on the Feast of *Saint Philip and Saint James the Apostle* and on the Eve and the Morrow of the same Day, and another of the same Fairs or

Marts to be holden and kept there yearly on the Feast of *Saint James the Apostle* and on the Eve and Morrow of the same Feast, and the Third Fair or Mart to be holden and kept there yearly on the Feast of *Saint Matthew the Apostle* and the Eve and the Morrow of the same Feast, and the Fourth Fair or Mart to be holden and kept there yearly on the Feast of the Purification of the *Blessed Virgin Mary* and the Eve and Morrow of the same Feast, from Year to Year in every Year, to continue for ever, together with a Court of Piepowder to the aforesaid Market and to the said Fairs or Marts aforesaid belonging, during the Time of the aforesaid Market and the same Marts or Fairs, together with Stallage, Picage, Toll, Fines, Amerciaments, and all other Commodities and Emoluments whatsoever to such Markets and Marts or Fairs or Court of Piepowder appertaining, belonging, happening, and from the aforesaid Markets, Fairs or Marts, or Courts aforesaid coming, accruing, or arising, and with all other Profits, Advantages, Commodities, and Liberties, and Free Custom to Her said Majesty at such Markets, Marts, or Fairs appertaining or belonging, to the Use and Behoof and Benefit of the Commonalty of the same Borough for the Time being to be taken and converted: And whereas the Places where the Cattle Market is held under the said Charter of Incorporation are unfit for the Wants of the said Borough of *Reading* as a Cattle Market, and it would be of great Benefit and Advantage to the said Borough and the Neighbourhood thereof if a Market Place for the Sale of Cattle and Live Stock, Horses, Sheep, Lambs, and Pigs, were provided within the said Borough, and if the said Cattle Market Place were removed to and such Cattle Market held in and upon such Market Place on *Tuesday* (instead of *Saturday*) in every Week, and if the said Market were placed on a permanent Footing, and subjected to proper Rules and Regulations for the Conduct and Management thereof: And whereas the several Persons herein-after named, with others, have formed themselves into a Company for the Purposes aforesaid; but such Purposes cannot be effected without the Aid and Authority of Parliament: 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, That the several Acts of Parliament following; (that is to say,) "The Companies Clauses Consolidation Act, 1845," "The Lands Clauses Consolidation Act, 1845," and "The Markets and Fairs Clauses Act, 1847," shall be incorporated with this Act, and all the Clauses and Provisions of such Acts shall form Part of this Act, and apply to the Undertaking hereby authorized, except so far as the same shall be expressly varied by this Act.

8 & 9 Vict. cc. 16. and 18. and 10 & 11 Vict. c. 14. incorporated with this Act.

II. And

Quarter Sessions.

II. And be it enacted, That the Expression (Quarter Sessions) in this and the said Acts as incorporated with this Act shall be considered to mean the Quarter Sessions for the Borough of *Reading* holden at *Reading* in and for the said Borough.

Short Title.

III. And be it enacted, That in citing this Act in other Acts of Parliament, and in legal Instruments and Pleadings, it shall be sufficient to use the Expression "*Reading* Cattle Market Act, 1850."

Limits of Act.

IV. And be it enacted, That the Limits within which this and the said incorporated Acts shall be put in force shall be co-extensive with the Limits of the Borough of *Reading*.

Newspapers.

V. And be it enacted, That the Newspaper in which Advertisements and Notices relating to the said Cattle Market are to be inserted shall be some Newspaper published and circulating in the County of *Berks*.

Subscribers incorporated.

VI. And be it enacted, That *William Champion*, *William Hobbs*, and *James Haslam*, and all other Persons and Corporations who have already subscribed or shall hereafter subscribe to the Undertaking, and the Executors, Administrators, Successors, and Assigns of such Persons and Corporations respectively, shall be united into a Company for the Purposes of this Act and the Acts incorporated herewith, according to the Provisions of this Act and of the Acts incorporated herewith, and shall be incorporated by the Name of "The *Reading* Cattle Market Company," and by that Name shall be a Body Corporate with perpetual Succession, and shall have Power to purchase and hold Lands within the Restrictions herein and in the Acts incorporated herewith contained.

Capital.

VII. And be it enacted, That the Capital of the said Company shall be Three thousand Pounds.

Power to increase Capital by Issue of new Shares.

VIII. And be it enacted, That at any Time or Times hereafter, either before or after the whole of the Capital for the Time being of the Company (whether consisting of the original Capital of the Company, or of the said original Capital with the Increase thereof by the Issue or Sale of new Shares by the Exercise of the Power contained in this Section,) shall have been actually paid up, it shall be lawful for the Directors for the Time being of the said Company to enter into a Resolution to increase the Capital of the Company, and to raise for the Purposes of this Act, by the Issue and Sale of new Shares, any Sum to be specified in such Resolution which such Directors shall think proper: Provided nevertheless, that the Capital shall

shall never be increased so as to exceed, with the said original Capital of Three thousand Pounds, the Sum of Five thousand Pounds Sterling.

Number and Amount of Shares.

IX. And be it enacted, That the Number of Shares into which the said original Capital shall be divided shall be Six hundred, and that the Number of Shares into which such increased Capital shall be divided shall not exceed Four hundred, and the Amount of each Share shall be Five Pounds.

Calls.

X. And be it enacted, That the Amount of any Call which the Company may make on the Shareholders shall not exceed Two Pounds *per* Share, and Two Months at least shall intervene between any Two successive Calls.

Power to borrow Money on Mortgage.

XI. And be it enacted, That it shall be lawful for the Company from Time to Time to borrow and take up at Interest by way of Mortgage of the whole, or such Part or Parts as they may think fit, of the several Rates, Stallages, Rents, and Tolls by this Act granted, and of the aforesaid Market Place and other Hereditaments and Property whatsoever vested in or belonging to the said Company, any Sum or Sums of Money which they may deem necessary, but the Sum so borrowed and owing at any One Time shall not exceed in the whole One Third of the subscribed Capital of the Company; and for securing the Repayment of the Monies so to be borrowed, with Interest, the said Company may release, demise, mortgage, or assign on Security the whole, or such Part or Parts as they shall think fit, of the several Rates, Stallages, Rents, and Tolls by this Act granted, and of the Market Place or other Buildings, Hereditaments, Premises, and Property whatsoever vested in or belonging to the said Company, to the Person or Persons who shall advance or lend such Money, or his, her, or their Trustee, as a Security for the Repayment of the Money so borrowed, together with Interest for the same; but no Money shall be borrowed until the whole of the Capital of Three thousand Pounds shall have been subscribed for, and One Half thereof shall have been paid up.

Number of Directors.

XII. And be it enacted, That the Number of Directors of the Company shall be Twelve.

Power to reduce the Number of Directors.

XIII. And be it enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Company to reduce the Number of Directors, provided that such reduced Number be not less than Nine.

First Directors of the Company.

XIV. And be it enacted, That *William Aylwin*, *Thomas Clowes*, *William Champion*, *Alexander Dickson*, *John Fuller*, *William Hobbs*, *James*

James Haslam, *Richard Iremonger*, *George Henry Peel*, *Thomas Pike*, *William Pottinger*, and *Charles Poulton* shall be the first Directors of the said Company.

XV. And be it enacted, That the Quorum of a Meeting of Directors shall be Three. Quorum of Directors.

XVI. And be it enacted, That the Number of Directors annually to go out of Office shall be Three. Directors to go out by Rotation.

XVII. And be it enacted, That the first Ordinary Meeting of the said Company shall be held within Six Months after the passing of this Act. First Ordinary Meeting of the Company.

XVIII. And be it enacted, That, subject to the Provisions in this and the said incorporated Acts contained, it shall be lawful for the said Company, upon the Lands described in Schedule (A.) to this Act annexed, or on any other Lands which the said Company may purchase by Agreement, to construct a new Market Place, with all necessary Buildings and Works, Approaches, and Conveniences thereto, for the Exposure and Sale of Cattle and Live Stock usually sold in Cattle Markets, and to enter upon, purchase, take, and use such of the said Lands as shall be deemed necessary for such Purpose and for the Purposes of this Act: Provided always, that in the event of the said Company choosing any other Site for the Construction of the said Market Place than upon any of the Lands mentioned in the said Schedule, it shall not be lawful for them to purchase any other Lands by Agreement for the Use and Purposes of the said Market without the Consent of the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses first had and obtained: Provided also, that it shall not be lawful for the said Company to purchase or take by Compulsion from the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses so much of the Northern Side of the Piece of Meadow Land, of the small Piece of void Land, and of the Pound, respectively described in the Schedule (A.) to this Act annexed, as is of the Width of Thirty-eight Feet, but that it shall be lawful for the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses to grant, free from Rent or Toll, a Right of Way and Passage over the same, to enable the said Company to make and maintain a convenient Road and Approach for the Use of the Persons resorting to the said Market, as well as for the Use of the Tenants and Occupiers for the Time being of the adjoining Lands of the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses. Power to construct new Market Place.

XIX. And be it enacted, That such new Market Place shall be the only Cattle Market Place for such Cattle Market within the Limits of this Act, and when and so soon as such new Market Place Present Market to be removed to new Market Place so soon as completed.

Place shall be completed and opened for public Use the present Cattle Market shall be removed to and held in and upon such new Market Place.

Sales elsewhere than in Markets prohibited under a Penalty of 40*s*.

XX. And be it enacted, That after the said new Market Place shall be opened for public Use every Person (except an Auctioneer selling by Auction in any Place other than the public Streets) who shall sell or expose for Sale, except in his own Dwelling House, Shop, Building, or Yard, any Cattle, Horses, Sheep, Lambs, Pigs, or other Live Stock in respect of which Tolls are authorized to be taken by this Act, in any Place within the said Borough of *Reading* other than the said new Market Place, shall for every such Offence be liable to a Penalty not exceeding Forty Shillings, to be recovered in the same Manner as Penalties are recoverable under the "Markets and Fairs Clauses Act, 1847."

Market Day Tuesday in every Week.

XXI. And be it enacted, That the Day on which the said Cattle Market shall be held shall be *Tuesday* in each Week, or such other Day as the said Company shall fix under the "Markets and Fairs Clauses Act, 1847;" provided always, that such new Day shall be subject to the Approval of the Court of Quarter Sessions, and that the Hour for opening the said Market shall not be later than Nine of the Clock in the Forenoon, and for closing the same not later than Three of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Power to enlarge the Market Place from Time to Time.

XXII. And be it enacted, That if at any Time or Times hereafter the said new Market Place shall be found to be not sufficiently capacious for the Accommodation of the said Cattle Market, it shall be lawful for the said Company to enlarge the same from Time to Time, and all and singular the Powers and Provisions of this Act and the said incorporated Acts (except the Powers for the Purchase of Lands otherwise than by Agreement) shall be applicable for the Purpose of enlarging the same, and for regulating and maintaining the same when so enlarged.

Company to pay an annual Sum of 5*l*. to the Corporation of Reading.

XXIII. And whereas the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the said Borough of *Reading* are the Owners of the Market now held within the said Borough, but the Rents, Tolls, Rates, and Dues arising from their present Cattle Market are of small Amount: And whereas an Arrangement hath been entered into between the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses on the one Part, and the said Company on the other Part, that the said Company shall pay to the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses the Sum of Five Pounds annually by way of Royalty or Compensation for the Rents, Tolls, Rates, and Dues arising from their said Cattle Market: Be it therefore enacted, That the said Company shall, on the Twenty-fifth Day of

of *December* in each and every Year for ever hereafter, pay or cause to be paid to the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses the Sum of Five Pounds Sterling by way of Royalty or Compensation for such Rents, Tolls, Rates, and Dues; and if the same shall be at any Time unpaid for the Space of Seven Days next after any of the said annual Days of Payment, it shall be lawful for the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses to enter upon the said Market Place, and to levy and raise the same, together with all Costs and Expenses attending the Nonpayment thereof, by Distress upon the Goods and Chattels of the said Company: Provided always, that nothing herein contained shall be construed to affect, alter, or diminish the Right of the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses to hold the accustomed Market and Fairs granted by the aforesaid Charter within the said Borough, except the Cattle Market herein provided for, or their Right to Stallage, Picage, Toll, Fines, Amerciaments, or any other Profits, Advantages, and Emoluments belonging to such Market, except only in respect of Cattle, Horses, Sheep, Lambs, Pigs, and other Live Stock in respect of which Tolls are hereby authorized to be taken, nor to interfere in any way with the Right of the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses to hold the Fair authorized by their said Charter, and to take Stallage, Picage, Toll, Fines, Amerciaments, and the other Profits, Advantages, and Emoluments arising and belonging to them in respect of such Fairs: Provided also, that nothing herein contained shall be construed to affect the legal Right to Compensation of any Person or Persons, other than the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses, claiming at the Time of the passing of this Act any prescriptive Right to hold a Market for the Sale of Cattle within the said Borough.

Power for the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses or the Mayor of Reading to hold Fairs in the Cattle Market Place.

XXIV. And be it enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses, or for the Mayor for the Time being of the aforesaid Borough as the Clerk of the Market, at any Time or Times hereafter, if they or he shall deem it expedient for the public Convenience to do so, to hold and keep all or any or either of the aforesaid Fairs or Marts in and upon the aforesaid new Market Place, for the stalling and exposing to Sale of Cattle, or of any particular Goods, Wares, or Merchandize, and afterwards to discontinue the holding of any such Fairs or Marts in such new Market Place, as they or he in their or his Discretion shall think expedient, paying to the said Company such a Sum of Money by way of Compensation for each Fair so held in the said new Market Place, and for the Damage which may be occasioned thereby, as may from Time to Time be mutually agreed upon between the said Company and the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses, or, in case they should differ about the same, as may be settled by Arbitration under "The Companies Clauses Consolidation Act, 1845."

XXV. And

Lands for extraordinary Purposes.

XXV. And be it enacted, That the Lands to be taken and appropriated by the said Company for extraordinary Purposes shall not exceed Three Acres.

Tolls to be taken for the said Market.

XXVI. And be it enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Company from Time to Time to demand from any Person occupying or using any Stand, Stall, Station, Shed, or Place in the new Market Place to be constructed under the Provisions of this Act, or the Buildings or Ground connected therewith, or bringing into such Market Place, Buildings, or Ground any Cattle or Live Stock specified in the Schedule (B.) to this Act annexed, such Stallages, Rents, and Tolls as the Company shall from Time to Time appoint, not exceeding the several Stallages, Rents, and Tolls specified in the said Schedule (B.)

Power to lease Standings in the Market.

XXVII. And be it enacted, That it shall be lawful for the Company to let any of the Stalls, Standing Places, or other Conveniences in the said new Market Place to any Person or Persons, for any Term not exceeding Three Years, at such yearly or other Rents as they may think fit.

Power to assign Lease of Standings.

XXVIII. And be it enacted, That it shall not be lawful for the Lessee of any such Stall, Standing Place, or other Convenience, his Executors or Administrators, to assign the same without the Consent of the said Company.

Undertaking not exempt from Provisions of 11 & 12 Vict. c. 63.

XXIX. And be it enacted, That nothing herein contained shall be deemed or construed to exempt the said Company from the Provisions of the "Public Health Act, 1848," or of any general Act relating thereto or to the Subject Matter thereof which may pass during the present or any future Session of Parliament.

Public Act.

XXX. And be it further enacted, That this Act shall be deemed a Public Act, and shall be judicially taken notice of as such.

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SCHEDULE (A.)

Borough of Reading in the County of Berks.

Parish, Township, Townland, or Extra-parochial Place.	Description of Property.	Owners or reputed Owners.	Lessees or reputed Lessees.	Occupiers.
Parish of Saint Mary Reading in the County of Berks.	A Piece of Meadow Land, 3A. 2R. 16P., called the Cricket Ground.	John Weldale Knollys, Esquire.	Blackall Simonds, Henry Simonds, and George Simonds.	Charles Pettit, James Palmer, and Joseph Palmer.
The same -	A Shed and Garden, 33 Poles.	John Weldale Knollys, Esquire.	The same -	Charles Pettit.
The same -	A Piece of Meadow Land, 2A. 1R. 16P., adjoining the Cricket Ground.	The Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Reading.	- - -	The Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Reading, or Thomas Slay, Charles Pettit, James Palmer, and Joseph Palmer.
The same -	A small Piece of void Land.	The same.	—	—
The same -	The Pound - -	The same -	- - -	Peter Bren (Hayward of the Borough of Reading).

SCHEDULE (B.)

List of Tolls to be taken.

	£	s.	d.
For every covered and uncovered Shed, Stall, Bulk, Standing Place, or Station used for exposing to Sale any Cattle or Live Stock (Tolls not exceeding the following, per Day or Part of a Day, as the Case may be):			
For every Superficial Yard - - -	0	0	6
For the Exposure to Sale of Horses, Cattle, or Live Stock, as follows; (that is to say,)			
For every Horse, Mare, or Gelding - - } Colt or Filly - - - - - - }	0	0	6
Mule or Ass - - - - -	0	0	3
Bull, Ox, Cow, Heifer, or Steer - - -	0	0	6
Calf - - - - - -	0	0	3
Score of Sheep, Lambs, or Pigs - - -	0	1	8

And so in proportion for any greater or smaller Number of Sheep or Lambs, One or more, not exceeding Ten, to be paid for as a Half of a Score.

And for any greater or smaller Number of Pigs, One or more, not exceeding Five, to be paid for as a Quarter of a Score.

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