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GEORGII III. REGIS.

Cap. 41.

An Act for continuing the Term, and altering the Powers of an Act made in the Thirty-first Year of His present Majesty, for repairing the Roads leading from *Haverfordwest*, through *Fishguard*, to *Newport*, in the County of *Pembroke*, and from *Fishguard*, to the City of *Saint David's*, in the said County. [25th *March* 1812.]

WHEREAS an Act was passed in the Thirty-first Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled *An Act for amending, widening, and keeping in Repair the Road leading from the Town of* Haverfordwest, *through the Town of* Fishguard, *to the Town of* Newport, *in the County of* Pembroke; *and also from the Town of* Fishguard, *to the City of* Saint David's *in the said County of* Pembroke: And whereas the Trustees appointed to put the said Act into Execution have borrowed several Sums of Money on the Credit of the Tolls thereby granted, which still remain due; and which Money cannot be paid, and the said Roads kept in good Repair, unless the Term of the said Act be further continued, and the Powers thereof altered and amended: 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 the said recited Act, and all Clauses, Powers, Provisoes, Authorities, Privileges, Matters and Things therein respectively contained, (except such as are hereby varied or repealed), shall continue and be in full Force and Effect, and shall be put in Execution for and during the Term hereinafter mentioned, as fully and effectually to all Intents and Purposes as if the same were repeated and re-enacted in the Body of this Act; which said Act, and the additional Term hereby granted, shall be subject and liable to the Payment as well of all Sums of Money now due and owing upon the

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Act further continued.

the Credit of the ſaid Act, as of ſuch other Sum or Sums of Money, which ſhall or may hereafter be borrowed and become due on the Credit of this Act, and of all Intereſt now due, and to grow due for the ſame reſpectively.

For diſcontinuing the Tolls, and granting new ones.

II. And whereas the Tolls granted by the ſaid recited Act, have been found inſufficient effectually to maintain and repair the ſaid Road, and pay the Intereſt of the Money borrowed on the Credit of the ſaid Tolls; be it therefore further enacted, That the ſeveral Tolls now payable by virtue of the ſaid recited Act upon the ſaid Road, ſhall ceaſe, determine, and be no longer payable, and that inſtead thereof, the following Tolls ſhall be demanded and taken; (that is to ſay),

For every Horſe, or other Beaſt, drawing any Coach, Berlin, Landau, Chariot, Chaiſe, Caravan, Chair, Hearſe, or Litter, the Sum of Sixpence:

For every Waggon, Wain, Cart, or other ſuch like Carriage, drawn by not more than Two Horſes, or other Beaſts, the Sum of Three-pence for each Horſe or Beaſt; and for every Horſe or Beaſt above Two, the Sum of Two-pence:

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

For every Drove of Oxen, Cows, or Neat Cattle, the Sum of Twenty-pence *per* Score, and ſo in Proportion for any greater or leſs Number; and for every Drove of Calves, Sheep, Lambs, Hogs, or Swine, the Sum of Ten-pence *per* Score, and ſo in Proportion for any greater or leſſer Number.

Tolls veſted in Truſtees.

Which ſaid ſeveral and reſpective Tolls are hereby veſted in the ſaid Truſtees; and the ſaid Tolls, and every Part thereof, ſhall and may be demanded, collected, recovered, applied, and diſpoſed of in ſuch Manner, and for ſuch Uſes, Intents, and Purpoſes, as are directed by the ſaid recited Act, with reſpect to the Tolls thereby authorized to be taken; but ſubject, nevertheleſs, to the Proviſions and Directions of this Act.

Double Toll on Sunday.

III. And be it further enacted, That on every *Sunday* there ſhall be demanded and taken, at every and all of the Turnpikes and Toll Gates, erected or to be erected by virtue of the ſaid Act, or this Act, before any Horſe, Cattle, or other Beaſt, ſhall be permitted to paſs through the ſame, Double the Tolls before directed to be taken on any other Day of the Week.

Tolls to be paid between Haverford-weſt and Fiſhguard or between Fiſhguard and Saint David's.

IV. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That no Carriage, or Horſe, or other Cattle, ſhall be ſubject to, or charged with, the Payment of any of the Tolls by this Act granted, more than Twice in any one Day (to be computed from Twelve of the Clock at Night to Twelve of the Clock in the ſucceeding Night) upon the ſaid Road, leading from *Haverfordweſt* to *Fiſhguard*; or more than once in any one Day upon the ſaid Road, leading from *Fiſhguard* to *Newport*; or more than Twice in any one Day, upon the ſaid Road leading from *Fiſhguard* to *Saint David's* aforeſaid; the reſpective Perſons who ſhall have paid the ſaid Tolls producing Tickets to the Collectors of the Tolls denoting ſuch reſpective Payments; which Tickets the Collectors are hereby required to give *gratis*, on the Receipt of the Tolls, any Thing in the ſaid recited Act contained to the contrary notwithſtanding.

V. And

Exemption from Tolls.

V. And be it further enacted, That from after the Twenty-fourth Day of *June* One thouſand eight hundred and twelve, the Exemptions granted by the ſaid Act ſhall be repealed, and that from thenceforth no Tolls ſhall be demanded or taken for any Horſe or Carriage, paſſing through any of the Toll Gates or Turnpikes, erected, or to be erected upon, or on the Sides of the ſaid Roads, carrying or conveying Stone, Bricks, Lime, Timber, Wood, Gravel, or other Materials, to be uſed on or about the ſaid Roads, or for repairing any other Roads or Highways, in the Pariſhes in which the ſaid Roads lie, nor going or returning empty when ſo employed; nor carrying or conveying Hay, or Corn in the Straw only, not to be ſold or diſpoſed of, but going to be laid up in the Houſes, Out-houſes, Barns, or Yards of the Owners thereof, nor returning empty, after having been ſo employed; nor any Ploughs, Harrows, or other Implements of Huſbandry, to be uſed in the Cultivation of Lands, nor any Mould, Dung, Compoſt (except Lime) for the manuring of Lands, nor returning empty when ſo employed; nor ſhall any Toll be paid by any Rector, Vicar, or Curate, going to, or returning from any Church, Chapel, or other Place of Religious Worſhip, or viſiting his ſick Pariſhioners, or any other his Parochial or Miniſterial Duty, nor by any other Perſon or Perſons reſiding in the ſaid Pariſhes, who ſhall paſs through the ſaid Toll Gates or Turnpikes, to, or from Church, Chapel, or other Place of Religious Worſhip, or who ſhall attend the Funeral of any Perſon or Perſons who ſhall die and be buried in any of the ſaid Pariſhes; nor for any Horſes, Mares, Geldings, Mules, Aſſes, or Cattle, which are kept within ſuch Pariſhes, going to, or returning from Work, in cultivating Lands; nor for any Horſes, Mares, Geldings, Mules, Aſſes, Cattle, Sheep, Lambs, Goats, or Hogs, kept within the ſaid Pariſhes, going to, or returning from Water or Paſture, or for the Purpoſe of being ſhoed; nor for any Horſes or Carriages, of whatſoever 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 the ſame, or in returning back from conveying the ſame; or for the Horſes of Soldiers on their March, or on Duty, or Carriages, or Horſes, or other Beaſts, employed in carrying the Arms or Baggage of ſuch Soldiers, or for any Horſe, Mare, or Gelding, furniſhed by, or for any Perſon belonging to any Corps of Yeomanry, or Volunteer Cavalry, and rode by him in going to or returning from the Place appointed for and on the Days of their Exerciſe, provided ſuch Perſons are in the Uniform of their reſpective Corps, and have their Arms, Furniture, and Accoutrements, according to the Regulations provided for ſuch Corps reſpectively, at the Time of claiming ſuch Exemption; 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, Commiſſariat, or other public Stores of or belonging to His Majeſty, or for the Uſe of His Majeſty's Forces; or for any Carriage, Horſe, or other Beaſt employed in the Conveyance of Vagrants travelling with legal Paſſes, or travelling with Vagrants ſent by legal Paſſes; nor for any Horſe or Carriage going to or returning from any Election of a Knight or Knights of the Shire to ſerve in Parliament for the County of *Pembroke*, the Borough of *Pembroke*, or the Town and County of *Haverfordweſt*, on the Days of ſuch Elections, or on the Day before or Day after ſuch Elections ſhall begin or be concluded;

nor for any Carriage, Horſe, or other Beaſt or Cattle, unleſs the ſame ſhall paſs for the Space of One Hundred Yards upon ſome Part of the ſaid Roads: Provided always, that if any Perſon ſhall claim and take the Benefit of any of the Exemptions aforeſaid, not being entitled thereto, every ſuch Perſon ſhall, for every ſuch Offence, forfeit and pay a Sum not exceeding Forty Shillings.

Carriages employed in His Majeſty's Service, not ſubject to Regulations for Overweight.

VI. 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, 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 Overweight, nor ſhall any Waggon, Wain, Cart, or other Carriage, be ſtopped 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 the ſaid recited Act or this Act contained to the contrary notwithſtanding.

Vacating Leaſes.

VII. And be it further enacted, That from and after the Twenty-fourth Day of *June* One thouſand eight hundred and twelve, all Demiſes, Leaſes and Agreements for the Tolls heretofore granted, ſhall ceaſe and be void; and the ſaid Truſtees, or any Five or more of them, ſhall and may, and they are hereby required to make a fair and juſt Compenſation and Satisfaction to the preſent Leſſee or Leſſees, Occupier or Occupiers of the ſaid Tolls, for the Loſs or Damage which he, ſhe, or they ſhall ſuſtain thereby; and ſuch Compenſation and Satisfaction ſhall and may be recovered by ſuch Leſſee or Leſſees, Occupier or Occupiers, from the ſaid Truſtees, in caſe of Neglect or Refuſal to make the ſame on Demand made to their Clerk or Treaſurer, by Action of Debt or on the Caſe, in any of His Majeſty's Courts of Record at *Weſtminſter*.

Re-inveſting Purchaſe Monies when amounting to 200l.

VIII. And be it further enacted, That if any Money ſhall be agreed or awarded to be paid for any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments purchaſed, taken, or uſed by virtue of the Powers of the ſaid recited Act and this Act, for the Purpoſes thereof, which ſhall belong to any Corporation, Feme Covert, Infant, Lunatic, or Perſon or Perſons under any other Diſability or Incapacity, as in the ſaid recited Act particularly mentioned, 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 *ex parte* the Truſtees for executing the ſaid recited Act and 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 Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, in the Purchaſe of the Land Tax, or Diſcharge of any Debt or Debts, or ſuch other Incumbrances, or Part thereof, as the ſaid Court ſhall authorize to be paid, affecting the ſame

ſame Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, or affecting other 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 Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, which ſhall be conveyed and ſettled to, for, and upon ſuch and the like Uſes, Truſts, Intents, and Purpoſes, and in the ſame Manner as the 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 and Settlement ſhall be exiſting, undetermined, and capable of taking Effect; and in the mean Time, and until the ſame ſhall be made, the ſaid Money ſhall, by Order of the ſaid Court of Chancery, 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 and 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 Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments ſo hereby directed to be purchaſed, in caſe ſuch Purchaſe or Settlement were made.

Where leſs than 200*l.* and above 20*l.*

IX. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That if any Money ſo agreed or awarded to be paid for any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments purchaſed, taken, or uſed for the Purpoſes aforeſaid, and belonging to any Corporation, or to any Perſon or Perſons under Diſability or Incapacity as aforeſaid, ſhall be leſs than the Sum of Two Hundred Pounds, and ſhall amount to 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 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 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 be 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 Five or more of the ſaid Truſtees, (ſuch Nomination and 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 or Approbation of the ſaid Court of Chancery.

under 20*l.*

X. Provided alſo, and be it further 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 Caſe 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 Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, ſo purchaſed, taken, or uſed, for the Purpoſes of the ſaid recited Act and this Act, in ſuch Manner as the ſaid Truſtees ſhall think

fit, or in case of Infancy or Lunacy, then 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, &c.

XI. 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 Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments to be purchased by virtue of the said recited Act and 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 any Five or more of them, 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 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, or any Five or more of them, 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 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 same Court shall seem meet, to order the same to be laid out and invested in the Public Funds, and to order Distribution thereof or Payment of the Dividends thereof, according to the respective Estate or Estates, 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 as shall pay any such Sum or Sums of Money into the Bank as aforesaid.

Where any Question shall arise touching the Title, the Person in Possession to be deemed the Owner.

XII. Provided always, and be it 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 Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, or of any Estate, Right, or Interest in any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, to be purchased in pursuance of the said recited Act and this Act, or 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 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 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 or Interests of the said Bank Annuities shall be paid, 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 Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, or to some Estate or Interest therein.

XIII. Provided

Court may order reasonable Expences to be paid by the Trustees.

XIII. Provided also, and be it enacted, That where by reason of any Disability or Incapacity of the Person or Persons, or Corporation, entitled to any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, to be purchased under the Authority of the said recited Act and 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 Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, to be settled to the like Uses in pursuance of the said recited Act and this Act, it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Court of Chancery to order the Expences of all Purchases from Time to Time to be made in pursuance of the said recited Act and this Act, or so much of the Expences as the said Court shall deem reasonable, to be paid by the said Trustees, or any Five or more of them, out of the Monies to be received by virtue of the said recited Act and this Act, who shall from Time to Time pay such Sums of Money for such Purposes as the said Court shall direct.

Statute Labour.

XIV. And be it further enacted, That all Persons who by Law are or shall be liable to do Statute Work, or are or shall be chargeable towards repairing and amending the Roads by the said recited Act and this Act, or any of them, directed to be made, widened, and repaired, or any Part thereof, shall still remain liable thereto, in like Manner as heretofore; and it shall and may be lawful to and for any Two or more Justices of the Peace for the said County of *Pembroke*, and they are hereby required and empowered, upon Application made to them by the said Trustees, or by their Clerk or Surveyor by their Order, yearly to adjudge and determine what Part or Proportion of the Statute Work shall every Year be done upon the said Roads by the Inhabitants of the respective Parishes or Places in which the said Roads do lie, and also what Proportion of the Money received by the Surveyor or Surveyors of the Highways of every such Parish or Place, in lieu of or as a Composition for such Statute Work as aforesaid, shall be by him, her, or them paid to the said Trustees, or their Treasurer; and in order thereunto, it shall and may be lawful to and for such Justices, from Time to Time, to summon the Surveyor or Surveyors of the Highways of every such Parish or Place to bring in Lists before such Justices (at some Place to be expressed in such Summons) within Five Days after the serving of such Summons, of the Names of the several Persons who within such Parish or Place are by Law subject and liable to do Statute Work for that Year, or to the Payment of any Money in lieu of or as a Composition for such Statute Work, distinguishing the Nature of the Work to be done, whether with Teams or Draughts, or otherwise, and also the Amount of the respective Sums to be paid; which Lists of Names shall be made in such Manner, and under such Regulations and Restrictions, as is, are, or may be directed by any Law or Statute in Force and Effect for the Repair of the public Highways; and out of such Lists the said Justices shall and may allot, appoint, and order such and so many of the Persons who shall appear to be subject and liable to do Statute Work as aforesaid, to do such Number of Days Statute Work in every Year upon the said Roads as the said Justices shall think reasonable; and the same shall be done on such Days and at such Times (not being Hay Time or Harvest), and in such Parts of the said Roads as the said Trustees, or their Surveyor or Surveyors, shall from Time to Time order, direct, and appoint; and the said Justices shall and may also order and direct the Persons who by such Lists shall appear to be subject and liable to the Payment of any such Money, in lieu of or as a Composition for Statute Work as aforesaid, to pay such Proportion thereof as the said Justices shall think proper, to the said Trustees or their Treasurer, at such Time or Times as they the said

Justices

Justices shall direct; and in Default of Payment thereof the same shall and may be recovered by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of the respective Persons liable to the Payment thereof, in like Manner as any Penalty is by the said recited Act authorized or directed to be recovered; and each and every Person who shall neglect or refuse to do Statute Work as aforesaid, after Notice in Writing given to or left for him, her, or them, at his, her, or their last or usual Place or Places of Abode for that Purpose, by any Surveyor of the said Trustees, shall, for every Day of his, her, or their Default, or the Default of any Labourer or Labourers, Team or Teams, Draught or Draughts, Horse or Horses, Beast or Beasts, to be provided by him, her or them, be subject and liable to such Pains, Penalties, and Forfeitures, as such Person or Persons may be subject or liable to by any Law or Statute in Force and Effect for the Repair of the public Highways; and if any Person who shall come to work as a Labourer, or shall be sent with any Team or Draught to work on the said Roads, shall be found idle or negligent by any Surveyor to the said Trustees, such Surveyor is hereby empowered to remove and turn off the Person who shall be found idle or negligent as aforesaid, and in that Case every such Person shall be subject and liable to the respective Forfeitures and Payments as aforesaid, as if he had neglected or refused to come, or such Team or Draught had not been sent to work on any Part of the said Roads; all which Forfeitures shall be paid to the Treasurer to the said Trustees, and applied towards the amending of the said Roads; and in case the Surveyor or Surveyors of the Highways for any of the said Parishes or Places, shall refuse or wilfully neglect to give in such Lists as aforesaid, or shall knowingly or wilfully give in false or imperfect Lists, every such Surveyor so offending shall, for every such Offence, forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Five Pounds.

For paying the Expences of this Act.

XV. And be it further enacted, That all the Costs, Charges, and Expences incident to and attending the obtaining and passing of this Act, shall be paid and discharged out of any Money already collected or received by virtue of the said recited Act, or out of the first Monies to arise by virtue of the said recited Act and this Act; and after Payment thereof, then the said Trustees shall pay and discharge such Sum or Sums of Money as are now due and owing under the said recited Act, in preference to all other Payments whatsoever.

Public Act.

XVI. 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.

Commencement and Duration of this Act.

XVII. And be it further enacted, That this Act shall commence upon the Twenty-fourth Day of *June* One thousand eight hundred and twelve, and shall continue and be in Force, and be executed for and during the Residue now to come and unexpired of the Term granted and continued by the said recited Act, and from the Expiration thereof, for and during the further Term of Twenty-one Years, and from thence to the End of the then next Session of Parliament.

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