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GEORGII III. REGIS.

Cap. 17.

An Act for enlarging the Term and Powers of Two Acts, passed in the Twelfth and Thirty-third Years of His present Majesty, for repairing the Road from the Parish of *Cardington* to the Great Northern Road near *Temsford Bridge* in the County of *Bedford*, and for making and maintaining a Road branching out of the same, at *Roxton Hill*, to the South End of the Turnpike Road leading from *Bedford* to *Kimbolton*, in the County of *Huntingdon*.

[4th *May* 1814.]

WHEREAS an Act was passed in the Twelfth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled *An Act for repairing and widening the Road from the Forty-eighth Milestone in the Parish* 12 G. 3. c. 107.
of Cardington, *in the present Turnpike Road between* Hitchin *and* Bedford, *to* Great Barford Bridge, *and for continuing a Road from thence to the Great Northern Road near* Temsford Bridge *in the County of* Bedford; whereby several Tolls and Duties were granted, and divers Powers and Authorities given, for repairing the said Road: And whereas an Act was passed in the Thirty-third Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled *An Act for enlarging the Term and Powers of an Act passed in the Twelfth Year* 33 G. 3. c. 178.

of the Reign of His preſent Majeſty, intituled ‘ *Act Act for repairing and* ‘ *widening the Road from the Forty-eighth Mileſtone, in the Pariſh of* Card- ‘ington, *in the preſent Turnpike Road between* Hitchin *and* Bedford, *to* ‘ Great Barford Bridge; *and for continuing a Road from thence to the* ‘ *Great Northern Road near* Temsford Bridge, *in the County of* Bedford:’ And whereas the Truſtees appointed in and by virtue of the ſaid recited Acts have proceeded in the Execution thereof, and have borrowed conſiderable Sums of Money, and contracted a large Debt, upon the Credit thereof; which cannot be paid off, nor the ſaid Roads be effectually made, amended, and kept in Repair, unleſs the Term of the ſaid Acts, which are near expiring, be further continued, and ſome of the Powers thereof altered and enlarged: And whereas the ſaid Forty-eighth Mileſtone hath been removed, and there is a Waypoſt placed on the Spot where the ſaid Forty-eighth Mileſtone lately ſtood: And whereas it will be of great Utility to the Public, if the Road leading or branching out of the preſent Turnpike Road at *Roxton Hill*, to and through the Pariſhes of *Great Barford*, *Renhold* and *Goldington* in the County of *Bedford*, and *Saint Cuthbert* in the Town of *Bedford*, to the South End of the Turnpike Road leading from *Bedford* to *Kimbolton*, were made a Public Turnpike Road, and maintained and kept in Repair, in the ſame Manner as the other Roads in the ſaid recited Acts mentioned: 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 Acts, and all and every the Tolls, Authorities, Powers, Privileges, Exemptions, Proviſions, Penalties, and Clauſes therein contained, (except ſuch as are varied, altered, or repealed,) ſhall be and continue in full Force and Effect, and be executed, for and during the Term herein-after mentioned, as fully and effectually, to all Intents and Purpoſes, as if the ſame were herein particularly inſerted and re-enacted; and the ſame ſhall extend to the ſaid Road leading or branching out of the preſent Turnpike Road at *Roxton Hill* aforeſaid to the South End of the ſaid Turnpike Road from *Bedford* to *Kimbolton*, for the Purpoſe of widening and keeping the ſame in good and ſufficient Repair, but ſubject nevertheleſs to the Alterations, Additions, and Amendments herein contained; and which ſhall commence and take Effect from the paſſing of this Act, and be in force during the Term hereby continued and granted; and this Act, and the Term hereby granted, as well as the Remainder of the ſaid former Terms, ſhall be and are hereby made ſubject and liable to the Payment of all Monies which have been borrowed and are now due and owing, or may be hereafter borrowed and become due and owing, on the Credit or on the Account of the ſaid Roads, and of all Intereſt due and to grow due thereon reſpectively.

Recited Acts continued.

II. And be it further enacted, That *William Silveſter Addington*, the Reverend *Thomas Bedford*, the Reverend *Robert Porter Beachcroft*, *John Campbell*, the Reverend *Abraham John Criſpin*, *Robert Denn*, *George Day*, *William Day*, the Reverend *Hugh Wade Gery*, *William Hugh Wade Gery*, *Charles Wade Gery*, *Hugh Wade Gery* junior, *Thomas Kidman*, *Barham Livius*, *Charles James Metcalfe*, *Theed Pearſe* junior, *William Pedley*, *John Polhill*, *Thomas Polhill*, *Frederick Polhill*, *Francis Pym*, *William Wollaſton*

Truſtees.

Wollaſton Pym, *Robert Pym*, *John Pym*, *Charles Pym*, *William Parker*, *Richard Parker*, *George William Ruſſell* commonly called *Lord George William Ruſſell*, *John Ruſſell* commonly called *Lord John Ruſſell*, *Cornelius Scarbrow*, *Godfrey Thornton*, *John Trapp*, *William Henry Whitbread*, and *Samuel Charles Whitbread*, being qualified in Manner directed by the ſaid firſt recited Act, ſhall be and are hereby added to and joined with the ſurviving Truſtees appointed in and by virtue of the ſaid recited Acts; and the ſaid Truſtees herein-before named ſhall have the ſame Power and Authority to act in the Execution of the ſaid recited Acts and this Act, in all Reſpects whatſoever, as if they had been named and appointed Truſtees in the ſaid recited Acts, or either of them.

Power to appoint additional Truſtees.

III. And be it further enacted, That it ſhall be lawful for the ſaid Truſtees, or any Five or more of them, at a Meeting to be held for that Purpoſe, (of which Meeting, and of the Purpoſe thereof, ſuch Notice ſhall be given as is directed by the ſaid recited Acts reſpecting the Appointment of future Truſtees on Vacancies,) to elect, nominate, and appoint any Number of fit and proper Perſons, not exceeding Ten, to be Truſtees, for the Purpoſes of the ſaid recited Acts and this Act, in addition to the Truſtees hereby nominated and appointed.

All Acts may be done by Five Truſtees.

IV. And be it further enacted, That all Matters and Things relative to the Execution of the ſaid recited Acts or of this Act, may be done and executed by any Five or more of the Truſtees nominated and appointed by the ſaid recited Acts or this Act, or hereafter to be elected and appointed, as therein is mentioned.

Truſtees may ſue or be ſued in the Name of their Clerk or Treaſurer.

V. And be it further enacted, That the ſaid Truſtees may ſue or be ſued, for or concerning any Thing to be done by virtue or in purſuance of the ſaid recited Acts and this Act, in the Name of their Clerk or Treaſurer for the Time being; and that no Action or Suit to be brought or commenced by the Direction of or againſt the ſaid Truſtees, in the Name of their Clerk or Treaſurer, ſhall abate or be diſcontinued by the Death, Incapacity, or Removal of any ſuch Clerk or Treaſurer, or by the Act of ſuch Clerk or Treaſurer, without the Conſent of the ſaid Truſtees, or any Five or more of them; but that the Clerk or Treaſurer for the Time being to the ſaid Truſtees, ſhall be deemed to be Plaintiff or Defendant (as the Caſe may be) in every ſuch Action or Suit: Provided always, that ſuch Clerk or Treaſurer, in whoſe Name or Names any Action or Suit ſhall be commenced, proſecuted, or defended in purſuance of the ſaid recited Acts or this Act, ſhall be fully reimburſed and paid out of the Monies ariſing by virtue of the ſaid recited Acts and this Act, all the Coſts, Charges, Damages, and Expenſes which, by the Event or in conſequence of any ſuch Action or Proceeding, he ſhall bear, pay, expend, or be put unto or become chargeable with, by reaſon of their or his being made Plaintiff or Defendant as aforeſaid.

Road to be made according to Plan.

VI. And whereas a Map or Plan, deſcribing the Line of the ſaid new Branch of Road, and the Lands through which the ſame are to be carried, has been depoſited at the Office of the Clerk of the Peace for the County of *Bedford*; be it therefore enacted, That the ſaid Map or Plan ſhall remain

remain in the Cuſtody of the Clerk of the Peace for the ſaid County, to the end that all Perſons may, at any ſeaſonable Times, have Liberty to inſpect and peruſe the ſame, and to take Copies or Extracts thereof at their Will and Pleaſure, paying to the ſaid Clerk of the Peace the Sum of One Shilling for every ſuch Inſpection, and at the Rate of Sixpence for every One hundred Words of ſuch Copies or Extracts of the ſaid Map or Plan; and that the ſaid Truſtees, in making, widening, or repairing the ſaid Road or Branch, ſhall not deviate more than One hundred Yards from the Line deſcribed in the ſaid Map or Plan, without the Conſent and Approbation in Writing of the Perſon or Perſons, Body or Bodies Politic, Corporate or Collegiate, through whoſe Lands or Grounds ſuch Deviation ſhall be made.

Notwithſtanding Miſnomers in the Plan.

VII. And be it further enacted, That it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the ſaid Truſtees, or any Five or more of them, to make the ſaid Branch of Road into, through, acroſs, or over the ſeveral Lands or Grounds of any Perſon or Perſons who is or are or may be Owner or Owners of Land over which the ſame is ſet out and deſcribed in the ſaid Map or Plan, although the Name or Names of ſuch Perſon or Perſons may happen to be erroneouſly deſcribed or omitted in the ſaid Map or Plan, in caſe it ſhall appear to any Two or more Juſtices of the Peace for the ſaid County, and be certified by Writing under their Hands, that ſuch Error or Omiſſion proceeded from Miſtake.

VIII. And whereas a ſmall Part of the ſaid Road (leading or branching out of the preſent Turnpike Road at *Roxton Hill* to the South End of the Road leading from *Bedford* to *Kimbolton*) from a Bridge near a certain Homeſtead or Farmhouſe, the Property of *John Polhill* Eſquire, in the Pariſh of *Renhold*, in the Occupation of *Robert Newman*, between or by the Side of certain old Incloſures, the Property of the ſaid *John Polhill*, to the Bridge acroſs the Brook which divides the Pariſhes of *Renhold* and *Goldington*, is in ſome reſpects inconvenient; and it would be more commodious to the ſaid *John Polhill*, and equally advantageous to the Public, if the ſaid Road was, within the Limits herein-before deſcribed, diverted from its preſent Courſe, and made to paſs from the ſaid Bridge near to the ſaid Homeſtead or Farmhouſe herein-before mentioned, through certain old Incloſures, all the Property of the ſaid *John Polhill*, in the Pariſh of *Renhold*, to the ſaid Bridge dividing the Pariſhes of *Renhold* and *Goldington*, whereby, if properly effected and completed, the ſaid Part of the ſaid preſent Road lying between or by the Side of the ſaid old Incloſures, the Property of the ſaid *John Polhill*, would become unneceſſary, and might without Inconvenience to the Public be diſcontinued: And whereas the ſaid *John Polhill* propoſes, at his own ſole Expenſe, to cauſe to be made and completed the ſaid new Road, leading from the ſaid Bridge near the ſaid Homeſtead or Farmhouſe, through certain old Incloſures, all the Property of the ſaid *John Polhill*, in the ſaid Pariſh of *Renhold*, to the ſaid Bridge dividing the Pariſhes of *Renhold* and *Goldington*, upon the expreſs Condition that when the ſaid *John Polhill*, his Heirs or Aſſigns, ſhall have cauſed to be made and completed the ſame, the ſaid Part of the ſaid preſent Road between or by the Side of the ſaid old Incloſures of the ſaid *John Polhill*, ſhall be diſcontinued and ſhut up, and veſted in him, his Heirs and Aſſigns; be it therefore

therefore enacted, That it ſhall be lawful for the ſaid *John Polhill*, his Heirs or Aſſigns, at his, her, or their own ſole Charge and Expenſe, to cauſe to be made and completed the ſaid Road ſo by him the ſaid *John Polhill* propoſed to be made, leading from the ſaid Bridge near the ſaid Homeſtead or Farmhouſe, through certain old Incloſures, all the Property of the ſaid *John Polhill*, in the Pariſh of *Renhold* aforeſaid, to the ſaid Bridge dividing the Pariſhes of *Renhold* and *Goldington* aforeſaid; and that when and as ſoon as the ſaid *John Polhill*, his Heirs or Aſſigns, ſhall have cauſed the ſaid Road, through his ſaid old Incloſures, to be made and completed to the Satisfaction of the ſaid Truſtees, or any Five or more of them, and they ſhall have certified the ſame in Writing under their Hands to the Juſtices of the Peace at the General Quarter Seſſions of the Peace for the County of *Bedford*, to be holden at the *Epiphany* following, the Completion of the ſaid Road, (which Certificate ſhall contain a Declaration that the ſaid Road has been viewed by the ſaid Truſtees ſo ſigning, and that it is in good and complete Repair for the Accommodation and Paſſage of the Public, and likely ſo to continue, and ſuch Certificate ſhall have been enrolled among the Records of the ſaid Court, which Inrolment the Clerk of the Peace for the ſaid County is hereby required to make and duly enter,) then and from thenceforth the ſaid Part of the ſaid preſent Road, between or by the Side of the old Incloſures, the Property of the ſaid *John Polhill*, leading from the ſaid Bridge near the ſaid Homeſtead or Farmhouſe to the ſaid Bridge, dividing the Pariſhes of *Renhold* and *Goldington*, ſhall be diſcontinued and ceaſe to be a Road and common Highway, and the ſame ſhall, to all Intents and Purpoſes, be veſted in and become the ſole and ſeparate Property of the ſaid *John Polhill*, his Heirs and Aſſigns; and it ſhall be lawful for him, her, or them to ſtop up and incloſe the ſame; and all Right of Way, Right of Common, or other Right or Intereſt in or over the ſame, ſhall ceaſe and be extinguiſhed; and the ſaid new Road through the ſaid old Incloſures ſhall become a Public Road and Highway to all Intents and Purpoſes, the ſame as the preſent Highway ſo ſtopped up and diſcontinued, and be under the Care and Management of the ſaid Truſtees, and be repaired and maintained in the ſame Manner as the Roads compriſed in the ſaid Acts and this Act are directed to be repaired and maintained.

Enabling John Polhill, Eſq. to divert a ſmall Part of the New Road.

IX. And be it further enacted, That from and after the paſſing of this Act, the Exemptions granted by the ſaid firſt recited Act ſhall be and the ſame are hereby repealed.

Exemptions from Tolls in the former Act repealed.

X. And be it further enacted, That no Toll ſhall be demanded or taken for any Horſe, Cattle, Beaſt, or Carriage employed in carrying or conveying, or going to carry or convey, or returning from carrying or conveying, having been employed only in carrying or conveying on the ſame Day, any Stones, Bricks, Timber, Wood, Gravel, or other Materials for repairing of the Roads within the ſaid Diſtrict, or any of the Roads in the Townſhips, Pariſhes or Hamlets, in which any Part of ſuch Roads lie; or any Mud, Sluſh, Mould, Rubbiſh or Soil, of any Part of the ſame Roads; or Hay, Straw, or Corn in the Straw only, not ſold or diſpoſed of, or conveying to be ſold, but paſſing to be laid up or placed

Other Tolls granted.

in the Outhouſes, or on the Lands of the Owners; or for any Horſe, Cattle, Beaſt, or Carriage employed in carrying or conveying, or going empty to carry or convey, or returning from carrying or conveying, having been employed only in carrying or conveying any Ploughs, Harrows, or Implements of Huſbandry, or any Dung, Lime, or other Manure; or for any Horſes or Cattle going to or returning from Paſture or Watering Places, or going to be or returned from being ſhoed and farried; or from any Perſon going to or returning from his or her proper Parochial Church, Chapel, or other Place of Religious Worſhip tolerated by Law, on a *Sunday*, or upon any other Day on which Divine Service is ordered by Authority to be celebrated, or attending the Funeral of any Perſon that ſhall die and be buried in any of the ſaid Pariſhes; or from any Clergyman going to or returning from viſiting any ſick Perſon, or upon his other Parochial or Miniſterial Duty on a *Sunday*, or on any other Day on which Divine Service is ordered by Authority to be celebrated; or for any Horſe, Cattle, or Carriage of whatever Deſcription, employed or to be employed in conveying the Mails of Letters and Expreſſes under the Authority of His Majeſty's Poſt Maſter General, either when employed in conveying, fetching, or guarding ſuch Mails or Expreſſes, or in returning back from conveying the ſame; or for any Horſe, Cattle or Beaſt, attending any Soldiers upon their March, or on Duty, or drawing any Carriage attending them with their Arms or Baggage; nor for any Waggon, Wain, Cart, or other Carriage whatſoever, or the Horſe or Horſes, or other Cattle drawing the ſame, which ſhall be employed in conveying any Ordnance, Barrack or Commiſſariat, or other Public Stores, of or belonging to His Majeſty, or for the Uſe of His Majeſty's Forces; or for any Horſe, Cart, Carriage, or Beaſt employed in the Conveyance of Vagrants ſent by legal Paſſes, or returning therefrom; or for any Horſe, Cattle or Beaſt, carrying or conveying any Perſon or Perſons going to vote, or returning from voting, at any Election of a Knight or Knights of the Shire to ſerve in Parliament for the County of *Bedford*, on the Day or Days of ſuch Election, or on the Day before or Day after ſuch Election ſhall begin or be concluded; and that no Toll ſhall be demanded or taken for any Horſe, Mare or Gelding, furniſhed by or for any Perſon or Perſons belonging to any Corps of Yeomanry or Volunteer Cavalry, and rode by him or them in going to or returning from the Place appointed for and on the Days of Exerciſe, provided that ſuch Perſons ſhall be dreſſed 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 Exemptions as aforeſaid; and if any Perſon or Perſons ſhall in any fraudulent or colluſive Manner whatever claim or take the Benefit of any of the Exemptions by this Act granted, not being entitled to the ſame, every ſuch Perſon ſhall forfeit and pay for every ſuch Offence any Sum not exceeding Ten Pounds, one Moiety whereof ſhall go to the Informer, and the other Moiety thereof ſhall be applied for the Purpoſes of the ſaid Acts and this Act.

Exemptions to Inhabitants of Willington.

XI. Provided alſo, and be it further enacted, That no Toll ſhall be demanded or taken from any of the Inhabitants, or any of the Servants of ſuch Inhabitants, of the Pariſh of *Willington*, in the County of *Bedford*, for

for the Paſſage of any Horſes, Cattle or Carriages, belonging to any of ſuch Inhabitants, through any Gate or Turnpike erected or to be erected on the South Side of *Barford Bridge*, on the preſent Line of Road leading from *Barford Bridge* to *Bedford*.

Truſtees may contract for Repairs, and take down and erect Turnpike Gates.

XII. And be it further enacted, That it ſhall and may be lawful for the ſaid Truſtees, or any Five or more of them, from Time to Time, to contract and agree with any Perſon or Perſons for repairing the ſaid Roads or any Part or Parts thereof, or for doing any other Work in purſuance or execution of the ſaid recited Acts or this Act, in ſuch Manner, and for ſuch Sum or Sums of Money, by the Piece or by the Great, or annually or otherwiſe, and for ſuch Conſiderations, as the ſaid Truſtees ſhall think proper; and that the ſaid Truſtees, or any Five or more of them, may and they are hereby authoriſed to erect or cauſe to be erected a Turnpike Gate and Toll Houſe in or upon ſuch Part of the intended Road in this Act deſcribed, leading from *Roxton Hill*, in the Pariſh of *Great Barford*, to the South End of the Road leading from *Bedford* to *Kimbolton*, as to them ſhall ſeem moſt expedient; and to alter, pull down, and remove the ſame, and to place ſuch Side Gates or Bars upon ſuch Part or Parts of ſuch Road, and at the Ends of any Lane opening into ſuch Road, or otherwiſe, as to them ſhall ſeem meet; and to collect or cauſe to be collected ſuch Tolls at the ſaid Gate or Gates, Bar or Bars, as are by the ſaid recited Acts authoriſed to be collected at the reſpective Gates by the ſaid Acts authoriſed to be erected.

Collectors of Tolls to be competent Witneſſes.

XIII. And be it further enacted, That in caſe any Diſpute, Suit, Litigation or Appeal ſhall ariſe, touching or relating to the ſaid Tolls, or any of them, the Perſon or Perſons appointed to collect the ſame, or any other Perſon or Perſons acting by or under the Authority of the ſaid Truſtees, ſhall not be diſqualified from giving Evidence in any ſuch Diſpute, Suit, Litigation or Appeal, by reaſon of his, her, or their having been appointed to collect, or being actually employed in the Collection of ſuch Tolls, or acting under ſuch Authority as aforeſaid.

For preventing Toll Collectors taking undue Tolls.

XIV. And be it further enacted, That all and every the Toll Collectors being Leſſee or Leſſees of the ſaid Tolls, or appointed by the ſaid Truſtees, or by any ſuch Leſſee or Leſſees, to collect the Tolls payable at any Turnpike or Toll Gate to be continued or erected by virtue of the ſaid recited Acts or this Act, ſhall and he is hereby required to place his Chriſtian and Surname, painted on a Board in legible Characters, in the Front or on ſome other conſpicuous Part of the Toll Houſe or Toll Gate, immediately on his beginning to collect ſuch Tolls, or coming on Duty; each of the Letters of ſuch Name or Names to be at leaſt One Inch in Length and of Breadth in proportion, and painted in Black Letters on a White Ground, and ſhall continue the ſame ſo placed during the whole Time he ſhall collect ſuch Toll or be upon Duty: And if any Collector of ſuch Tolls ſhall not place ſuch Board as aforeſaid, and keep the ſame there during the Time aforeſaid, or ſhall demand and take a Toll from any Perſon or Perſons who ſhall be exempt from the Payment thereof and claim ſuch Exemption, or ſhall refuſe to permit or ſuffer, or ſhall in any ways hinder any Perſon or Perſons from reading ſuch Chriſtian or Sur-

name, or ſhall refuſe to tell his Chriſtian or Surname to any Perſon or Perſons who ſhall demand the ſame, on having paid the ſaid Tolls, or any of them, or ſhall in anſwer to ſuch Demand give a falſe Name or Names, or ſhall refuſe or neglect to give a Ticket to denote the Payment of the Tolls when demanded, or ſhall unneceſſarily detain any Paſſenger or Paſſengers, or ſhall make uſe of any ſcurrilous or abuſive Language to any Truſtee, Treaſurer, Clerk, Surveyor, or other Officer, or any Traveller or Paſſenger, then and in every ſuch Caſe every ſuch Toll Collector ſhall forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Five Pounds for any ſuch Offence.

Toll Collectors not to make uſe of ſcurrilous Language to Travellers.

Power to declare Leaſes of Tolls void on Nonpayment of Rent.

XV. And be it further enacted, That if upon or after any Letting or Agreement for letting the ſaid Tolls, or any Part thereof, any Default ſhall be made in Payment of the Rent agreed to be paid for the ſame, or any Part thereof, on the Days appointed for Payment thereof, then and in ſuch Caſe the ſaid Truſtees ſhall and may and they are hereby empowered, at any Meeting, after Notice of the holding of ſuch Meeting ſhall have been given to the Leſſee or Leſſees of the ſaid Tolls, and ſhall have been alſo affixed upon all the Turnpike Gates then erected or ſtanding upon or acroſs the ſaid Roads, Twenty-one Days at the leaſt previous to the holding of ſuch Meeting, to declare any Leaſe of the ſaid Tolls, or any Contract or Agreement for letting the ſame, to be void; and ſuch Leaſe, Contract or Agreement, ſhall be thereupon void, to all Intents and Purpoſes, from the Time of ſuch Declaration; but the ſaid Leſſee or Leſſees, or his or their Surety or Sureties, ſhall nevertheleſs be liable for all Rent and Arrears of Rent then due and owing upon or by virtue of any ſuch Leaſe, Contract or Agreement, and for all Coſts, Charges, Damages and Expenſes, which the ſaid Truſtees, or any Five or more of them, or their Treaſurer for the Time being, ſhall or may pay, ſuſtain, or be put unto, by reaſon of the Nonperformance of any Covenant or Agreement, Covenants or Agreements, to be contained in any ſuch Leaſe, Contract or Agreement, on the Part of ſuch Leſſee or Leſſees.

For obtaining Poſſeſſion of Toll Houſes.

XVI. And be it further enacted, That if the Leſſee or Leſſees of any of the Tolls hereby granted, or any Perſon or Perſons claiming under him or them, ſhall at or any Time after the Expiration of the Term for which ſuch Toll ſhall be leaſed, or for the Space of Fourteen Days after the Demiſe of ſuch Tolls, or their having been declared void as aforeſaid, refuſe to deliver up the Poſſeſſion of the Toll Houſe or Toll Houſes, Buildings and Premiſes, which ſhall have been demiſed to him or them, with the Tolls ſo leaſed, it ſhall be lawful for any Juſtice of the Peace for the County or Place where ſuch Toll Houſe or Toll Houſes, Buildings and Premiſes, ſhall be ſituate reſpectively, by Warrant under his Hand and Seal, to order the Conſtables, or other Peace Officers of the Pariſh or Place where ſuch Toll Houſe or Toll Houſes ſhall be ſituate, or any other Perſon or Perſons to whom ſuch Warrant ſhall be ſpecially directed, with proper Aſſiſtants, to enter ſuch Toll Houſe or Toll Houſes, Buildings and Premiſes reſpectively, in the Day-time, and to remove the Perſon or Perſons who ſhall be found therein, together with his, her, or their Goods and Chattels, out of ſuch Toll Houſe or Toll Houſes, Buildings and Premiſes, and to put any Perſon or Perſons whom the ſaid Truſtees,

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or any Five or more of them, ſhall appoint in Poſſeſſion of the ſaid Toll Houſe or Toll Houſes, Buildings and Premiſes; ſo that the Tolls payable thereout may from thenceforth be received and taken for the Uſe of the ſaid Truſtees, to be applied as by the ſaid recited Acts or this Act is directed.

Application of Money when amounting to 200*l.*

XVII. And be it further enacted, That the Principal Money to ariſe from the Sale of any Lands, Tenements or Hereditaments, which ſhall be purchaſed for the Purpoſes of this Act, of any Body Corporate, Eccleſiaſtical or Civil, Corporation Aggregate or Sole, Feoffees in Truſt, Guardians, Committees, or other Truſtees, or from any Femes or Femē Covert, or other incapacitated Perſon or Perſons, ſhall, in caſe the ſame ſhall amount to or exceed the Sum of Two hundred Pounds, with all convenient Speed, be paid into the Bank of *England*, in the Name and with the Privity of the Accountant General of the High Court of Chancery, to be placed to his Account there *ex parte* the Truſtees for executing this Act, or any Five or more of them, 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 or Profits of the ſaid Lands or Hereditaments, in the Purchaſe of the Land Tax, or towards the 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 Lands or Hereditaments, or affecting other Lands 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 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 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 ſuch Purchaſe ſhall be made, the ſaid Money ſhall, by Order of the 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 or Profits of the Lands and Hereditaments ſo to be purchaſed, in caſe ſuch Purchaſe or Settlement were made.

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

XVIII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That if any Money ſo agreed or awarded to be paid for any Lands 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

amount to or exceed the Sum of Twenty Pounds, then and in all 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 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, 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 Five Trustees, to be nominated by the Person or Persons making such Option, and approved of by 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 therefrom, may be applied in Manner herein-before directed, so far as the Case be applicable, without obtaining or being required to obtain the Direction or Approbation of the Court of Chancery.

Where under 20*l.*

XIX. 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 all such Cases the same shall be applied to the Use of the Person or Persons who would for the Time being have been entitled to the Rents and Profits of the Lands and Hereditaments so purchased, taken, or used as aforesaid, 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, or if Persons cannot be found, Purchase Money to be paid into the Bank.

XX. 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 or Hereditaments to be purchased by virtue of this Act shall refuse to accept the same, or shall not be able to make a good Title to the Premises to the Satisfaction of the said Trustees; or in case such Person or Persons to whom such Sum or Sums of Money shall be so awarded as aforesaid cannot be found, or if the Person or Persons entitled to such Lands or Hereditaments, be not known or discovered, then and in every such Case it shall and may be lawful for the said Trustees to order the said Sum or Sums of Money so awarded as aforesaid to be paid into the Bank of *England*, in the Name and with the Privity of the Accountant General of the Court of Chancery, to be placed to his Account to the Credit of the Parties interested in the said Lands or Hereditaments (describing them), subject to the Order, Controul, and Disposition of the said Court of Chancery; which said Court, 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

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 Sum or Sums of Money into the Bank as aforeſaid.

Where any Queſtion ſhall ariſe as to the Title to Money.

XXI. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That where any Queſtion ſhall ariſe touching the Title of any Perſon to any Money to be paid into the Bank of *England*, in the Name and with the Privity of the Accountant General of the Court of Chancery, in purſuance of this Act, for the Purchaſe of any Lands or Hereditaments, or any Eſtate, Right or Intereſt in any Lands or Hereditaments to be purchaſed in purſuance thereof, or to any Bank Annuities to be purchaſed with any ſuch Money, or to the Dividends or Intereſt of any ſuch Bank Annuities, the Perſon or Perſons who ſhall have been in Poſſeſſion of ſuch Lands 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 or Hereditaments, according to ſuch Poſſeſſion, until the contrary ſhall be ſhown to the Satisfaction of the ſaid Court of Chancery; and the Dividends or Intereſt of the Bank Annuities to be purchaſed with ſuch Money, and alſo the Capital of ſuch 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 or Hereditaments, or to ſome Eſtate or Intereſt therein.

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

XXII. Provided alſo, and be it further enacted, That where by reaſon of any Diſability or Incapacity of the Perſon or Perſons, or Corporation, entitled to any Lands or Hereditaments to be purchaſed under the Authority of this Act, the Purchaſe Money for the ſame ſhall be required to be paid into the Court of Chancery, and to be applied in the Purchaſe of other Lands or Hereditaments, to be ſettled to the like Uſes in purſuance of this Act, it ſhall be lawful for the ſaid Court to order the Expenſes of all Purchaſes from Time to Time to be made in purſuance of this Act, or ſo much of ſuch Expenſes as the Court ſhall deem reaſonable, together with the neceſſary Coſts and Charges of obtaining ſuch Order, to be paid by the ſaid Truſtees, who ſhall from Time to Time pay ſuch Sum of Money for ſuch Purpoſes as the ſaid Court ſhall direct.

Statute Work.

XXIII. And be it further enacted, That ſo much of the ſaid recited Acts (except as herein-after is mentioned) as relates to the Performance of Statute Labour on the ſaid Road, ſhall be and the ſame is hereby repealed; and 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 ſaid Roads, or any Part or Parts thereof, ſhall ſtill remain liable thereto in like Manner as heretofore; and it ſhall be lawful for any Two or more Juſtices of the Peace for the County of *Bedford*, and they are

hereby required and empowered, upon Application made to them by the ſaid Truſtees, or any Five or more of them, or by their Clerk or Surveyor, or by their Order, yearly to adjudge and determine what Part or Proportion of Statute Work ſhall every Year be done upon the ſaid Roads by the Inhabitants of the reſpective Pariſhes, Hamlets, or Places in which the ſaid Roads may lie, and alſo what Proportion of the Money received by the Surveyor or Surveyors of the Highways of every ſuch Pariſh, Hamlet or Place reſpectively, 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 to their Treaſurer or Treaſurers; and in order thereunto, it ſhall be lawful for ſuch Juſtices from Time to Time to ſummon the Surveyor or Surveyors of the Highways for every ſuch Pariſh, Hamlet or Place, to bring in Liſts before ſuch Juſtices, at ſome Place to be expreſſed in ſuch Summons, (within Seven Days after the ſerving of ſuch Summons,) of the Names of the ſeveral Perſons who within ſuch Pariſh, Hamlet or Place reſpectively, 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 are or may be directed by any Law or Statute in Force and Effect for the Repairs 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 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, ſubject to ſuch Reſtrictions as are in the ſaid recited Acts for the Maintenance of the Public Highways contained, 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 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 the ſaid 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 or Penalties is or are by the ſaid recited Acts authorized or directed to be recovered; and each and every Perſon who ſhall refuſe or neglect 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 each and every 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 in the ſaid Roads, ſhall be found idle

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or negligent by any Surveyor to the ſaid Truſtees, ſuch Surveyor is hereby empowered to remove and diſcharge the Perſon who ſhall be ſo found idle or negligent as aforeſaid, and in that Caſe the Perſon or Perſons by whom or on whoſe Behalf the Labourer or Labourers making ſuch Default ſhall have been ſent, ſhall be ſubject and liable to the reſpective Forfeitures and Payments aforeſaid as if he, ſhe, or they had neglected or refuſed to come, or ſend ſuch Labourer or Labourers, 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 amending the ſaid Roads; and if any Surveyor of the Highways for any of the ſaid Pariſhes, Hamlets or Places, ſhall refuſe or wilfully neglect to give in ſuch Liſts as aforeſaid, or ſhall knowingly and wilfully give in falſe or imperfect Liſts, every ſuch Surveyor ſo offending ſhall for every ſuch Offence forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Forty Shillings.

Subſcribers compellable to pay their Subſcriptions.

XXIV. And be it further enacted, That if the ſeveral Perſons who have been Subſcribers towards the Expenſes of obtaining and paſſing this Act, and carrying the ſame into Execution, or any of them, or any Perſon or Perſons who ſhall hereafter become a Subſcriber or Subſcribers for the Purpoſes aforeſaid, ſhall, after Ten Days previous Notice in Writing under the Hand of the Treaſurer or Clerk to the ſaid Truſtees, for that Purpoſe to him, her, or them given, or left at his, her, or their Dwelling Houſe or uſual Place of Abode, refuſe or neglect to make Payment of the reſpective Sums of Money by him, her, or them ſo ſubſcribed or agreed to be ſubſcribed, or ſuch Part or Parts thereof as may be required on ſuch Notice, it ſhall be lawful for the ſaid Truſtees to bring or cauſe to be brought any Action of Debt, or on the Caſe, Bill, Plaint or Suit, againſt the Perſon or Perſons ſo refuſing or neglecting as aforeſaid, his, her, or their Heirs, Executors or Adminiſtrators, in any of His Majeſty's Courts of Record at *Weſtminſter*, wherein no Eſſoign, Protection, or Wager of Law, nor more than One Imparlance, ſhall be allowed; and on Proof of ſuch Perſon or Perſons having ſo ſubſcribed or agreed to ſubſcribe, and ſuch Notice being given as laſt aforeſaid, ſuch reſpective Sum or Sums ſo ſubſcribed, or agreed to be ſubſcribed, or ſo much thereof as ſhall be required to be paid by ſuch Notice, ſhall be recovered with full Coſts of Suit.

Paying the Expenſes of the Act.

XXV. And be it further enacted, That the Charges and Expenſes attending the obtaining and paſſing of this Act ſhall be paid out of any Money already received by virtue of the ſaid recited Acts, or to be received by virtue of the ſaid recited Acts and this Act.

Public Act.

XXVI. 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.

Continuance of this Act.

XXVII. And be it further enacted, That the ſaid recited Acts (ſubject to the Alterations, Additions, and Amendments in this Act contained) and this Act ſhall continue and be in force, and be executed for and during

during the Residue now to come and unexpired of the Term granted by the said recited Acts; 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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