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GEORGII III. REGIS.

Cap. 30.

An Act for continuing the Term and Powers of Two Acts, of the Third and Twenty-third Years of His preſent Majeſty, ſo far as relate to the Road leading from the Town of *Stafford* to *Sandon*, in the County of *Stafford*, and from the ſaid Town of *Stafford*, through *Bridgford* and *Eccleſhall*, to a Place called *Ireland's Croſs*, near *Woore*, in the County of *Salop*, and from *Bridgford* aforeſaid to a certain Stone which divides the Liberty of *Ranton* and *Ellenhall*, in the Road between *Bridgford* and *Newport*, being the Firſt Diſtrict of Roads in the ſaid Acts mentioned. [3d *May* 1804.]

WHEREAS an Act was made in the third Year of the Reign of His preſent Majeſty, intituled, *An Act for repairing and widening the Road leading from the Town of* Stafford *to* Sandon, *in the County of* Stafford, *and ſeveral other Roads in the Counties of* Salop *and* Stafford, whereby the ſaid Roads were divided into Three ſeparate Diſtricts, One of which being the Road leading from the Town of *Stafford* to *Sandon*, in the County of *Stafford*, and from the ſaid Town of 3 & 13 G. 3.

Stafford, through *Bridgford* and *Eccleſhall*, to a Place called *Ireland's Croſs*, near *Woore*, in the County of *Salop*, and from *Bridgford* aforeſaid to a certain Stone which divides the Liberty of *Ranton* and *Ellenhall*, in the Road between *Bridgford* and *Newport*, was called the Firſt Diſtrict of ſuch Roads, and ſeparate Truſtees were appointed for each Diſtrict: And whereas another Act was made in the Twenty-third Year of the Reign of His preſent Majeſty, for continuing and amending the ſaid recited Act: And whereas the Truſtees appointed in and by virtue of the ſaid Acts for the ſaid Firſt Diſtrict of Roads, have proceeded to put the ſame into Execution within ſuch Diſtrict, and have for that Purpoſe borrowed ſeveral conſiderable Sums of Money on the Credit of the Tolls ariſing within the ſaid Firſt Diſtrict, which ſtill remain due and cannot be repaid, and the ſaid Roads effectually amended and kept in good Repair, unleſs the Term and Powers of the ſaid recited Acts (ſo far as relate to the ſaid Firſt Diſtrict of Roads) be further continued: 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, from and immediately after the Commencement of this Act, the ſaid recited Acts, and the ſeveral Clauſes, Tolls, Powers, Proviſions, Exemptions, Penalties, Forfeitures, Matters, and Things, therein contained (except ſuch as relate to Exemption from Stamp Duties) ſo far as the ſame relate to the ſaid Firſt Diſtrict, ſhall be and remain in full Force and Effect, and together with this preſent Act ſhall be put in Execution for the ſeveral Purpoſes thereby and hereby intended, for and during the Term herein-after mentioned, as fully and effectually, in all Reſpects and to all Intents and Purpoſes whatſoever, as if the ſame were herein particularly inſerted, repeated, and re-enacted, and that this Act and the Term hereby granted ſhall be ſubject and liable to the Payment of all Monies now due and owing, or which ſhall be borrowed on the Credit of the ſaid recited Acts or either of them, and this Act, with reſpect to the ſaid Firſt Diſtrict, and of all Intereſt due or to grow due thereon reſpectively.

Acts further continued.

II. And be it further enacted, That *Thomas Anſon*, *William Anſon*, *George Anſon*, *Sambrooke Anſon*, *Ralph Aſton*, *John Delves Broughton*, *Henry Broughton* Clerk, *George Bonney* Clerk, *John Box*, *Francis Brookes* Junior, *George Brookes*, Sir *John Chetwode*, *John Chetwode* Junior, *James Cornwallis*, *George Chetwynd* Junior, *Offley Crew*, *John Murhall Crockett*, *Edward Clarke* Junior, *James Cramer*, *William Collier*, *Samuel Davis*, *Francis Eld* Junior, *John Eld*, *Richard Eld*, *Joſeph Ellerton* Clerk, Sir *Francis Ford*, *Thomas Fernyhough*, *Edward Groves*, *Henry Vernon Graham*, *William Jolland*, Sir *John Heathcote*, *William Haddersfick* Junior, *Sampſon Handley*, *William Lycett*, *Edward Monckton* junior, *George Monckton*, *John Monckton*, *Henry Monckton*, *Philip Monckton*, *Richard Marſh*, *James Maſters*, *Thomas Marſh*, *Arthur Morgan*, *John Orm*, *John Stevenſon Salt*, *John Thomas*, *John Tunnicliffe*, Sir *John Wrotteſley*, *Edward Whitby* Clerk, *William Whitby*, and *George Whitby* (being qualified according to the Directions of the ſaid firſt recited Act) ſhall be and they are hereby added to and joined with the ſurviving and remaining Truſtees appointed in or elected by virtue of the ſaid recited Acts or either of them, with reſpect to the ſaid Firſt Diſtrict of Roads; and that the ſeveral Perſons herein-before named, together with thoſe who were appointed or elected

Additional Truſtees.

elected Truſtees in or by virtue of the ſaid recited Acts, ſhall be and they are hereby appointed Truſtees to put the ſaid recited Acts and this Act into Execution with reſpect to the ſaid Firſt Diſtrict, as fully and effectually, to all Intents and Purpoſes, as if they had been appointed by the ſaid recited Acts or either of them.

For allowing certain Exemptions from Toll.

III. And be it further enacted, That no Toll ſhall be demanded or taken for any Horſe, Cattle, or Beaſt, 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 ſaid Diſtrict of Roads, or any of the Roads in the Townſhips or Pariſhes in which any Part of ſuch Roads doth lie; or Hay, Straw, or Corn in the Straw only, not ſold or diſpoſed of, but paſſing to be laid up or placed in the Outhouſes or on the Lands of the Owners thereof; or for any Horſe, Cattle, or Beaſt, 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 Mould, Dung, Compoſt, or Manure, employed in Huſbandry for manuring or improving Lands, or for any other Thing employed in the Management of any Farm or Lands; or for any Horſes or Cattle going to or returning from Paſture or Watering Places, or going to be or returning from being ſhoed; 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 on 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 other his 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 Poſtmaſter 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; or for any Horſe, Cart, Cattle, 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 or returning from any Election of a Knight or Knights of the Shire, to ſerve in Parliament for the Counties of *Stafford* and *Salop*, on the Day or Days of ſuch Election, or on the Day before or Day after ſuch Election ſhall begin or be concluded; and if any Perſon or Perſons ſhall in any fraudulent or colluſive Manner whatſoever, claim and 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 Forty Shillings, one Moiety whereof ſhall go to the Informer, and the other Moiety ſhall be applied to the Purpoſes of this Act.

Directing the Application of Money taken,

IV. And be it further enacted, That if any Money ſhall be agreed or awarded to be paid for any Lands, Grounds, or Hereditaments purchaſed,

Money paid for Compensation for Lands, &c. when amounting to 200*l.*

taken, or used, by virtue of the Powers of the said recited Acts and this Act, for the Purposes thereof, which shall belong to any Corporation, Feme Covert, Infant, Lunatick, or Person or Persons under any Disability or Incapacity, as in the said first 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 Acts 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, Grounds, or other 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, Grounds, or other Hereditaments, or affecting other Lands, Grounds, or other Hereditaments standing settled therewith, to the same or the like Uses, Trusts, 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, Grounds, or other 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, Grounds, or other 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 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, Grounds, or other Hereditaments, so hereby directed to be purchased, in case such Purchase or Settlement were made.

Application where the Money is less than 200*l.* and above 20*l.*

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

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 for executing the ſaid recited Acts and this Act (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 Court of Chancery.

Application where the Money is leſs than 20*l.*

VI. 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, Grounds, or other Hereditaments ſo purchaſed, taken, or uſed, for the Purpoſes of the ſaid Acts and this Act, in ſuch Manner as the ſaid Truſtees, or any Five or more of them, 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;

VII. 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, Grounds, or Hereditaments, to be purchaſed by virtue of the ſaid recited Acts 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 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, Grounds, 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, Grounds, 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 Publick 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.

or if Perſons cannot be found, Purchaſe Money to be paid into the Bank ſubject to the Order of the Court of Chancery, on Motion or Petition.

Reſpecting diſputed Titles.

VIII. 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 the ſaid recited Acts or this Act, for the Purchaſe of any Lands, Grounds, or Hereditaments, or of any Eſtate, Right, or Intereſt in any Lands, Grounds, or Hereditaments, to be purchaſed in purſuance of the ſaid recited Acts or this Act, 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, Grounds, 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, Grounds, 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 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, Grounds, or Hereditaments, or to ſome Eſtate or Intereſt therein.

Court of Chancery to direct the Payment of Expences.

IX. 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, Grounds, or Hereditaments, to be purchaſed under the Authority of the ſaid recited Acts or 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, Grounds, or Hereditaments, to be ſettled to the like Uſes, in purſuance of the ſaid recited Acts or this Act, it ſhall be lawful 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 Acts or this Act, or ſo much of ſuch Expences as the ſaid Court ſhall deem reaſonable, to be paid by the ſaid Truſtees or any Five or more of them, who ſhall from Time to Time pay ſuch Sums of Money for ſuch Purpoſes as the ſaid Court ſhall direct.

For paying Expences of the Act.

X. And be it further enacted, That all the Coſts, Charges, and Expences incident to and attending the obtaining and paſſing of this Act, together with lawful Intereſt for the ſame, ſhall be paid and defrayed out of the Monies now remaining in the Hands of the Treaſurer to the Truſtees for the Care of the ſaid Firſt Diſtrict of Roads, or out of the firſt Money which ſhall be collected or received from the Tolls, ariſing upon the ſaid Firſt Diſtrict, or which may be borrowed on the Credit thereof, by virtue of the ſaid recited Acts, or either of them, or of this Act.

Publick Act.

XI. And be it further enacted, That this Act ſhall be deemed, adjudged, and taken to be a Publick Act, and ſhall be judicially taken Notice of as ſuch, by all Judges, Juſtices, and other Perſons whomſoever, without ſpecially pleading the ſame.

Term of this Act.

XII. And be it further enacted, That the Term granted and continued by the ſaid recited Acts, ſhall, upon the paſſing of this Act, ceaſe and determine;

termine; and that the ſaid Acts and this Act ſhall from thenceforth continue and be in force, and be executed for and during the Term of Twenty-one Years, and from thence to the End of the then next Seſſion of Parliament.

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