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sent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That from and after the Thirtieth Day of *June* next after the passing of this Act the said several recited Acts of the Eighth, Thirtieth, and Fifty-first Years of the Reign of His Majesty King *George* the Third shall be and the same are hereby declared to be repealed and null and void to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever.

Recited Acts repealed;

and this Act to take effect for repairing the Roads herein mentioned.

II. And be it further enacted, That this Act shall from thenceforth commence and take effect and be put in execution for and during the Term herein-after mentioned, for repairing the Roads herein-after described; (that is to say,) the Road leading from the Turnpike Road near the Dwelling House of *Robert Stone* Yeoman, through the Town of *Goudhurst* to the Turnpike Road near a House called *The Pillory*, and from the said first-mentioned Turnpike Road at the *Chequers* Inn, through the Town of *Goudhurst*, over a certain Common called *Kilndown*, to the said second-mentioned Turnpike Road near a Farm-house called *The Nursery*; the whole of which Roads lie in the Parish of *Goudhurst* in the County of *Kent*.

Trustees.

III. And be it further enacted, That all and every His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the Time being acting for the County of *Kent*, together with *John Austen* Clerk, *Samuel Beckwith*, *Anthony Brownless*, *William John Campion*, *William Campion*, *George Courthope*, *George Courthope* the younger, *William Courthope* Clerk, *John Cobb*, *John Collens*, *George Lewis Newnham Collingwood*, *Edward Jeremiah Curteis*, *Herbert Barrett Curteis*, *Charles Sneyd Edgeworth*, *John Elliott*, *William Bagshaw Harrison* Clerk, *Thomas Law Hodges*, *Thomas Twisden Hodges*, *John Bathurst Hodgskin*, *Edward Hussey*, the Honourable *James William King*, *Francis Law*, *Philip Le Geyt* Clerk, *William Marriott Smith Marriott* Clerk, *William Alexander Morland*, *Thomas Milles*, *Michael Hodsoll Miller*, *Giles Miller*, *Samuel Playsted Newington*, *John Noakes*, *Henry Noakes*, *John Butler Pomfret*, *Virgil Pomfret*, *Thomas Walton Roberts*, *John Royds*, Sir *John Wyldbore Smith* Baronet, *Richard Springett*, *Richard Wetherell* Clerk, *Stephen Walter* of *Marden*, *Stephen Walter* of *Horsmonden*, *William Walter*, *Richard White*, *Daniel West*, and *Benjamin Wickham*, and their Successors, being duly qualified to act as Trustees of Turnpike Roads in *England*, shall be the Trustees for the Purpose of putting this Act in execution.

Power to appoint new Trustees.

IV. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Trustees at their First Meeting to be holden in pursuance of this Act to elect and appoint any Number of Persons, not exceeding Three in the whole, being duly qualified, to be Trustees for the Purposes aforesaid; and such Persons, when so elected and appointed, shall have the same Powers and Authorities as if they had been appointed Trustees by this Act.

First Meeting of Trustees.

V. And be it further enacted, That the said Trustees shall hold their First Meeting at some convenient House or Place in the Parish of *Goudhurst* on the First *Monday* in the Month of *July* next after the passing of this Act, and shall then and from Time to Time adjourn to and meet at such Times and Places at, near, or upon the said Roads as they shall think proper.

VI. And

Power to take Tolls.

VI. And be it further enacted, That the following Tolls shall be demanded and taken at each Toll Gate and Side Gate on the said Roads; (that is to say,)

For every Horse, Mule, or other Beast, drawing any Carriage, the Sum of Two-pence:

For every Horse, Mule, or other Beast, laden or unladen, and not drawing, the Sum of Sixpence:

For every Ox, Cow, or other Neat Cattle, the Sum of One Penny:

For every Calf, Hog, Sheep, or Lamb, the Sum of One Halfpenny:

Which said respective Tolls or Sums of Money shall be and are hereby vested in the said Trustees, and shall be applied in the Manner herein-after directed.

Toll to be paid for Carts drawn by Dogs.

VII. And whereas it has of late become a frequent Practice upon the said Roads for low Carts or Trucks with narrow Wheels, drawn by a Dog or Dogs, and heavily laden, to pass and repass along the said Roads, to the great Injury of the same, and to the great Inconvenience and Danger of Persons travelling along the same; it is therefore reasonable and expedient that the same should be subject and liable to the Payment of the Tolls by this Act granted; be it therefore further enacted, That for every Dog drawing any low Cart, Truck, or other such like Carriage there shall be paid the Sum of Two-pence at each Gate on the said Roads.

Limiting the Number of Tolls.

VIII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That no more than Four full Tolls shall be demanded and taken in the same Day, such Day to be computed from Twelve of the Clock in one Night to Twelve of the Clock in the next succeeding Night (except as herein-after is mentioned), in respect of the passing or repassing of the same Horses, Beasts, Cattle, or Carriages, through all the Toll Gates on the said Roads.

Tolls to be paid once a Day for Horses, and every Third Time for Carriages.

IX. And be it further enacted, That when the full Tolls authorized to be taken by virtue of this Act shall have been paid for or in respect of any Horse, Beast, or other Cattle passing through any of the Toll Gates on the said Roads or at the Sides thereof, no Toll shall be demanded or taken for or in respect of the same Horse, Beast, or other Cattle (except in the Cases herein-after mentioned) on a Ticket being produced denoting such Payment; but such Horse, Beast, or other Cattle shall be permitted to pass and repass Toll-free through the same Toll Gate, and also through any other Gate or Gates (if any), as the Ticket for such Payment shall free, at any Time or Times during the same Day (to be computed as aforesaid), but no Horse or Horses, Beast or Beasts, drawing any Carriage (unless such Carriage shall be laden with Wood for Firing), shall be permitted to pass through any of the said Gates a Third Time in any One Day, to be computed as aforesaid, until another Toll shall have been paid in respect of the same, and so *toties quoties* for every Third Time that the same Horse or Horses or other Beast or Beasts drawing any Carriage shall pass through any of the said Gates on the same Day the like Toll shall be demanded and taken as if it had been the first Time that such Horse or Horses or other Beast or Beasts had passed through such Gate.

Payment by StageCoaches and Post Chaises.

X. And be it further enacted, That the Tolls hereby made payable shall be paid in respect of the Horses or Beasts drawing any Stage Coach

Coach or Caravan conveying Passengers for Hire or Reward every Time of passing or repassing through any of the said Gates; and the said Tolls shall be paid in respect of Horses or Beasts let out to Hire, and drawing any Post Chaise or other Carriage, every Time of passing or repassing through the said Gates when a new Hiring thereof has taken place.

Double Tolls.

XI. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That between the Tenth Day of *October* and the First Day of *April* in every Year Double the Tolls herein-before made payable shall be paid at each Gate in respect of every Horse or other Beast drawing any Carriage laden with Timber, Wood or Hop Poles.

Penalty on hanging Clothes near the Road.

XII. And be it further enacted, That if any Person shall hang out any Linen or other Clothes within Forty Feet from the Centre of the said Roads, or any of them, every Person so offending shall for every such Offence forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Forty Shillings.

Application of Tolls.

XIII. And be it further enacted, That as well the Monies which before the Commencement of this Act shall have been raised or produced by virtue of the Three several Acts hereby repealed, and which shall remain undisposed of, as all Monies which shall be produced under or by virtue of this Act, shall be applied, in the first place, in Payment of all Expences which shall have been incurred in applying for and obtaining and passing this Act; in the second place, in paying the Interest which shall from Time to Time become due in respect of every Sum of Money now due or hereafter to be borrowed on Security of the said Tolls; and, in the third place, in defraying the Expences of making, erecting, and keeping in repair the Toll Gates, Toll Houses, and other Buildings, and of widening, repairing, preserving, or otherwise improving the Roads included in this Act, and of the necessary Works on the same.

Tolls not to be laid out in repairing any Streets.

XIV. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That none of the Tolls authorized by this Act to be taken upon the said Road, nor any of the Monies raised by virtue of the said recited Acts or any of them, or to be raised by virtue of this Act, shall be paid, laid out, or expended in the Repair or Improvement of any Street, Highway, or Place within any of the Towns through which the said Road shall pass.

Public Act.

XV. 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.

Commencement and Continuance of this Act.

XVI. And be it further enacted, That this Act shall commence and take effect from and after the Thirtieth Day of *June* next after the passing of this Act, and shall continue in force for and during the Term of Thirty-one Years, and from thence to the End of the then next Session of Parliament.

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