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GEORGII III. REGIS.

Cap. lxxv.

An Act for paving and otherwise improving the Town of *Romford*, in the Liberty of *Havering-atte-Bower*, in the County of *Essex*. [14th *June* 1819.]

WHEREAS the Footways in the Streets and other public Passages and Places within the Town of *Romford*, in the Parish of *Romford*, within the Manor or Liberty of *Havering-atte-Bower*, in the County of *Essex*, are not properly paved, and the said Streets and other public Passages and Places are not sufficiently lighted, watched, watered and cleansed, and are subject to various Nuisances, Annoyances, and Encroachments: And whereas it would be a great Benefit and Accommodation to the Inhabitants of the said Town, as well as to all Persons resorting to and passing through the same, if the said Footways were effectually paved and kept in repair, and the said Streets and other public Passages and Places properly lighted, watched, watered and cleansed; and if all Nuisances, Annoyances, and Encroachments were removed and prevented for the future; but inasmuch as the Purposes aforesaid cannot be effected without the Aid and Authority of Parliament; may it therefore please Your Majesty that it may be enacted; and be it enacted by the 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 Rector or Incumbent for the Time being of the said Parish of *Romford*, and the Magistrates resident within the said Town, and the Surveyors of the Highways Commissioners.

Highways of the ſaid Pariſh for the Time being, together with *Rowland Stephenſon*, *Waſey Sterry*, *Thomas Townſend*, *George Watkins*, *William Weld*, *James Marſon Carruthers*, *John Delamare*, *Peter Delamare*, *James Delamare*, *John Ping*, *Edward Ind*, *Joſeph Graves*, *Benjamin Graves*, *John Tunſtall*, *Robert Surridge*, *Joſeph Sumpner Joyner*, *John Wilſon*, *William Cooper*, *Pratt Collier*, *William Smith*, *William Bulwer*, *John Mathew*, *Charles Linny*, and *Joſeph Biggs Martin*, and their Succeſſors to be elected and appointed in Manner herein-after mentioned, ſhall be and they are hereby appointed Commiſſioners for putting this Act in Execution.

For appointing new Commiſſioners.

II. And be it further enacted, That when and as often as any Commiſſioner named in or to be appointed by virtue of this Act, except the Rector or Incumbent of the ſaid Pariſh, the Juſtices of the Peace reſident within the ſaid Town, and the Surveyors of the Highways of the ſaid Pariſh for the Time being reſpectively, ſhall die, remove out of the Pariſh of *Romford*, wherein he now doth or at the Time of ſuch Appointment ſhall reſide, or ſhall refuſe to act in the Execution of this Act, or ſhall neglect to attend at ſome public Meeting of the ſaid Commiſſioners for the Space of Six Calendar Months ſucceſſively, without aſſigning a reaſonable Cauſe to be allowed by the ſaid Commiſſioners, (the Evidence of ſuch Neglect being written in the Book of the Proceedings of the Commiſſioners), and the ſame being declared at a Meeting of the ſaid Commiſſioners to be held in purſuance of this Act, it ſhall be lawful for the Perſons rated and aſſeſſed by virtue of this Act, being aſſembled at the Town Hall of *Romford* aforeſaid, within the Space of Thirty Days next after ſuch Death, Removal, Refuſal, or Neglect ſhall be declared as aforeſaid, to elect, nominate, and appoint ſome other fit Perſon or Perſons, qualified as herein-after is mentioned, to be a Commiſſioner or Commiſſioners in the Place of every Commiſſioner ſo dying, removing, or refuſing, or neglecting to act as aforeſaid; but Notice in Writing of the Time and Place for the Election of every ſuch Commiſſioner ſhall be given by the Clerk to the ſaid Commiſſioners, under the Hand of the ſaid Clerk, to be by affixing the ſame on the Door of the Pariſh Church of *Romford*, and on the Door of the Town Hall of the ſaid Town, Ten Days at leaſt before ſuch Election; and every Perſon ſo appointed is hereby veſted with the ſame Powers for putting this Act in Execution as if he had been named a Commiſſioner in and by this Act.

Qualification of Commiſſioners.

III. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That no Perſon (except the Rector or Incumbent for the Time being of the ſaid Pariſh, the Juſtices of the Peace reſident within the ſaid Town, and the Surveyors of the Highways of the ſaid Pariſh for the Time being reſpectively), ſhall be capable of acting as a Commiſſioner in the Execution of this Act, unleſs at the Time of his acting he ſhall be in his own Right, or in the Right of his Wife, in the actual Poſſeſſion and Enjoyment or Receipt of the Rents and Profits of Lands, Tenements or Hereditaments, of the clear Yearly Value of Thirty Pounds, or ſhall be Heir Apparent of ſome Perſon having an Eſtate in Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments of the clear Yearly Value of Sixty Pounds, or ſhall be poſſeſſed of a Perſonal Eſtate of the Amount or Value of Five hundred Pounds, and alſo ſhall be rated by virtue of this Act at not leſs than Thirty Pounds *per Annum* for the Houſe, Warehouſe, or Shop, or Houſes, Warehouſes, or Shops, or other Buildings, or Premiſes, which ſhall be occupied by him within the Limits of this Act, and

until such Person shall have taken and subscribed the Oath (or being One of the People called Quakers, the Affirmation) following; (that is to say),

'I *A. B.* do swear, [*or* affirm], That I am in my own Right, or in the Right of my Wife, in the actual Possession and Enjoyment or the Receipt of the Rents and Profits of Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, of the clear Yearly Value of Thirty Pounds, or Heir Apparent of some Person having an Estate in Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, of the clear Yearly Value of Sixty Pounds, or am possessed of a Personal Estate of the Amount or Value of Five hundred Pounds; and that I will truly and impartially, according to the best of my Skill and Judgment, and without Favour or Affection to any Person or Persons whomsoever, execute and perform all and every the Powers and Authorities reposed in me in pursuance of an Act, intituled [*set forth the Title.*]

'So help me GOD.' Commissioner's Oath.

And if any Person, not being qualified as aforesaid, shall presume to act as a Commissioner in the Execution of this Act, he shall for every such Offence forfeit and pay the Sum of Fifty Pounds to any Person who shall sue for the same, to be recovered in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record, by Action of Debt or on the Case, or by Bill, Suit, or Information, wherein no Essoign, Protection, or Wager of Law, or more than One Imparlance shall be allowed; and the Person so prosecuted shall prove that he is qualified as aforesaid, or otherwise shall pay the said Penalty, without any other Proof or Evidence being given on the Part of the Plaintiff than that such Person hath acted as a Commissioner in the Execution of this Act: Provided also, that no Person shall be capable of acting as a Commissioner in the Execution of this Act during the Time he shall hold any Office or Place of Profit under, or have any Share or Interest in any Contract or Work to be made or done in pursuance of this Act; but it shall be lawful for such of the said Commissioners as shall be in the Commission of the Peace for the County of *Essex*, or the Liberty of *Havering-atte-Bower* aforesaid, to act as Justices of the Peace in the Execution of this Act, notwithstanding their being Commissioners; provided nevertheless, that all Acts and Proceedings of any Person or Persons acting as a Commissioner or Commissioners in the Execution of this Act, though not duly qualified, shall, previous to his, her, or their being so convicted, be as valid and effectual as if such Person or Persons had been duly qualified as aforesaid. Penalty on acting without being qualified. No Commissioner to hold any Place of Profit. Commissioners may act as Justices.

IV. And be it further enacted, That the said Commissioners, or any Five or more of them, shall meet in the Town Hall in the said Town of *Romford*, on the Second *Thursday* next after the passing of this Act, between the Hours of Ten and One, in order to put this Act in Execution, and shall and may then and from Time to Time afterwards adjourn themselves to and meet at the Place aforesaid, or any other convenient Place within the said Town; and if it shall happen that there shall not appear at any such Meeting a sufficient Number of Commissioners to act, any One or more of the said Commissioners who shall be present may adjourn the Meeting to another Day; and in case of any Neglect or Omission to adjourn as aforesaid, any Three or more of the said Commissioners, or their Clerk, shall and may call a Meeting at the Place where the last Meeting was appointed to be held, by Notice thereof, to be affixed on some conspicuous Meetings of the Commissioners.

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Part of the ſaid Town Hall, or laſt Place of Meeting, at leaſt Seven Days before ſuch intended Meeting; and that at all Meetings to be held in purſuance of this Act, the Commiſſioners ſhall defray their own Expences.

No Act valid unleſs made at a Meeting.

V. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That no Act of the ſaid Commiſſioners ſhall be valid, unleſs made or done at ſome Meeting to be held by virtue of this Act, except the calling of a Meeting as aforeſaid.

Act to be executed by a Majority of Commiſſioners preſent at any Meeting, not being leſs than Five in Number.

VI. And be it enacted, That all the Powers and Authorities by this Act granted to or veſted in the ſaid Commiſſioners ſhall and may from Time to Time be exerciſed by the major Part of them preſent at any Meeting to be holden as aforeſaid, ſuch major Part not being leſs than Five in Number; and that a Chairman ſhall and may be appointed at every ſuch Meeting; and that in all Caſes the ſaid Commiſſioners ſhall vote by Ballot, in caſe the ſame ſhall be deſired by any Five or more of the Commiſſioners then preſent; and in caſe of an equal Number of Votes upon any Occaſion, (including the Chairman's Vote), the Chairman ſhall have the caſting and deciſive Vote.

Proceedings to be entered.

VII. And be it further enacted, That fair and regular Entries ſhall be made in a Book or Books to be provided for that Purpoſe, of all the Acts, Orders, and Proceedings of the ſaid Commiſſioners relative to the Execution of this Act, and of the Names of the Commiſſioners who ſhall be preſent at the reſpective Meetings; and the Chairman of ſuch reſpective Meetings ſhall always ſubſcribe his Name at the End of the Proceedings at the reſpective Meetings; and all ſuch Entries, being ſo ſigned, ſhall be deemed Originals, and ſhall be allowed to be read in Evidence in all Cauſes, Proſecutions, Suits, and Actions, touching any thing done or to be done in purſuance of this Act; and that ſuch Book or Books ſhall at every Meeting of the ſaid Commiſſioners, and at all other reaſonable Times, be open to the Inſpection of the ſaid Commiſſioners, and of all Perſons rated or aſſeſſed for the Purpoſes of this Act, and alſo of every Creditor by Bond or Mortgage, and Annuitant on and other Perſons intereſted in the Rates or Aſſeſſments to be made by virtue of this Act.

Commiſſioners to appoint Officers.

VIII. And be it further enacted, That it ſhall be lawful for the ſaid Commiſſioners, or any Five or more of them, from Time to Time by Writing under their Hands, to appoint a Clerk and Treaſurer, and ſuch Collector or Collectors of the Rates and Aſſeſſments, and ſuch Surveyor or Surveyors and other Officers, as they ſhall find neceſſary for the Execution of this Act and from Time to Time to remove all or any ſuch Officers at their Will and Pleaſure, and out of the Money ariſing by virtue of this Act to appoint and pay ſuch Salaries or other Allowances to the ſaid Officers, and to all other Perſons who ſhall be employed in or about the Execution of this Act, as they ſhall judge reaſonable and proper; and the ſaid Commiſſioners, or any Five or more of them, ſhall and are hereby required to take ſuch Security from their Treaſurer and Collectors as they ſhall think proper for the due Execution of their reſpective Offices; and every ſuch Officer and Perſons to be appointed as aforeſaid ſhall, under their Hands, at ſuch Time or Times, and in ſuch Manner as the ſaid Commiſſioners

Commiſſioners to take Security from their Officers.

Officers to account.

missioners or any Five or more of them shall direct, deliver to the said Commissioners, or any Five or more of them, or to such Person or Persons as they shall appoint, a true and perfect Account in Writing of all Matters and Things committed to his or their Charge by virtue of this Act, and also of all Money which shall have been by him or them received by virtue and for the Purposes of this Act, and how much thereof shall have been paid and disbursed, and for what Purposes; together with the proper Vouchers for such Payments, and shall pay all such Money as shall remain in his or their Hands to the said Commissioners, or any Five or more of them, or to such Person or Persons as they shall appoint; and if any such Officer or other Person shall not make and render, or shall neglect or refuse to make and render any such Account, or to produce or deliver up the Vouchers relating to the same, or to make Payment as aforesaid, or shall not deliver to the said Commissioners, or any Five or more of them, or to such Person or Persons as they shall appoint, within Fourteen Days next after being thereunto required, by Notice in Writing signed by the said Commissioners, or any Five or more of them, and given to or left at the last or usual Place of Abode of such Officer or Person, all Books, Papers, and Writings in his Custody or Power relating to the Execution of this Act, or give Satisfaction to the said Commissioners respecting the same, and Complaint shall be made thereof by or on the Behalf of the said Commissioners, or any Five or more of them, to any Justice of the Peace for the said Manor or Liberty of *Havering-atte-Bower*, or for the County or Place wherein such Officer or Person shall be or reside, such Justice is hereby authorized and required, by Warrant under his Hand and Seal, to cause such Officer or Person to be brought before him, and upon his appearing, or not being to be found, to hear and determine the Matter in a summary Way, and if upon the Confession of the Party, or by the Testimony of any credible Witness upon Oath (which Oath such Justice is hereby empowered to administer) it shall appear to such Justice that any of the Money that shall have been collected and raised by virtue of this Act shall be in the Hands of such Officer or other Person, such Justice is hereby authorized and required, upon Nonpayment thereof, by Warrant under his Hand and Seal, to cause such Money to be levied by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of such Officer or other Person; and if no such Goods or Chattels can be found sufficient to answer and satisfy the said Money and the Charges of distraining and selling the same; or if it shall in Manner aforesaid appear to such Justice, that any such Officer or other Person shall refuse or neglect to render and give such Account, or to produce the Vouchers relating thereto, or that any Books, Papers or Writings relating to the Execution of this Act shall be in the Custody or Power of any such Officer or other Person, and he shall have refused or neglected to deliver, or give Satisfaction respecting the same as aforesaid, then such Justice shall commit such Officer or Person to the Common Gaol or House of Correction for the County or Place where such Officer or Person shall be or reside, there to remain without Bail or Mainprize, until he shall give and make a true and perfect Account and Payment as aforesaid, or shall have compounded with the said Commissioners, or any Five or more of them, touching the same, and have paid the Composition Money, in such Manner as they shall appoint (which Composition the said Commissioners, or any Five or more of them, are hereby empowered to make and receive) and until he shall deliver up all such Books, Papers, and Writings as aforesaid, or give Satisfaction in respect thereof as aforesaid;

but no Perſon who ſhall be committed on account of his not having ſufficient Goods or Chattels as aforeſaid, ſhall be detained in Priſon by virtue of this Act for any longer Term than Six Calendar Months.

When Officers die or become inſolvent, Executors, &c. to account.

IX. And be it further enacted, That in caſe of the Death of any ſuch Officer or other Perſon to be appointed as aforeſaid, before he ſhall have paid and delivered up all the Monies he ſhall have received by virtue of this Act, or made ſuch Compoſition for the ſame as aforeſaid, then and in every ſuch Caſe the Executors or Adminiſtrators of ſuch reſpective Officer, or other Perſon, ſhall pay ſuch Monies out of the Eſtate and Effects, or as far as the ſame will extend, to the ſaid Commiſſioners, or to any Perſon appointed by them, or any Five or more of them, and alſo ſhall deliver up all Books, Papers, Writings, and other Things concerning the Office or relating to the Execution of this Act; and every Executor or Adminiſtrator may plead ſuch Payment in any Action or Suit that may be brought againſt him, her, or them on account of the ſaid Eſtate and Effects, and give the ſame in Evidence; and in caſe of Nonpayment of ſuch Monies, or Nondelivery of ſuch Books, Papers, Writings, and Things, for the Space of Fourteen Days after the ſame ſhall be demanded, it ſhall be lawful for the ſaid Commiſſioners, or any Five or more of them, to commence and proſecute any Action or Actions, Suit or Suits in any of His Majeſty's Courts of Record at *Weſtminſter*, againſt ſuch Executor or Adminiſtrator, for Recovery thereof, together with full Coſts of Suit, or for the Recovery of Damages in lieu of ſuch Books, Papers, Writings, and Things.

Officer dying or incapable, another to be appointed.

X. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That as often as any Perſon holding any Office or Place under or by virtue of this Act, ſhall die, reſign his Office, or be incapable of performing his Duty, or neglect or refuſe to perform the ſame, or ſhall miſconduct himſelf therein, it ſhall be lawful for any Five or more of the ſaid Commiſſioners, though not aſſembled at any Meeting purſuant to this Act, by Writing under their Hands, to appoint another Officer in his Place, and the Perſon ſo appointed ſhall have the ſame Power to act in the Execution of this Act as the Perſon in whoſe Place he ſhall be appointed was inveſted with, until the ſaid Commiſſioners, or any Five or more of them, ſhall at a Meeting to be held in purſuance of this Act appoint another Officer in the Room of him ſo dying, reſigning, or being incapable of performing his Duty, or neglecting or refuſing to perform the ſame, or miſconducting himſelf therein as aforeſaid; any thing herein contained to the contrary notwithſtanding.

Treaſurer to pay all Sums of Money by Order of the Commiſſioners, and make Entries.

XI. And be it further enacted, That the Treaſurer to the ſaid Commiſſioners for the Time being ſhall and may, and he is hereby authorized and required, out of the Monies to be collected and received by him under and by virtue of this Act, to pay all Sums of Money which the ſaid Commiſſioners or any Five or more of them ſhall from Time to Time draw upon him for, or order him to pay; and the ſaid Treaſurer for the Time being ſhall and he is hereby required to keep regular and clear Entries in a Book or Books to be for that Purpoſe by him provided and kept, of all and ſingular his Receipts and Payments on account or in purſuance of this Act, and ſhall once at leaſt in every Year have the ſaid Accounts audited, paſſed, and allowed by the ſaid Commiſſioners, or any Five or more of them.

XII. And be it further enacted, That the ſaid Commiſſioners ſhall, and they are hereby required to order and direct a Book or Books to be provided and kept by their Clerk for the Time being, in which Book or Books ſuch Clerk ſhall enter or cauſe to be entered true and regular Accounts of all Sums of Money received, paid, laid out, and expended, for or on account of this Act, and of the ſeveral Articles, Matters, and Things for which ſuch Sums of Money ſhall have been diſburſed, laid out, and paid; which Book or Books ſhall, at all ſeaſonable Times, be open to the Inſpection of the ſaid Commiſſioners, or any Creditor or Creditors on the Rates or Aſſeſſments by this Act granted, without Fee or Reward; and the ſaid Commiſſioners and Creditors, or any of them, ſhall or may take Copies of or Extracts from the ſaid Book or Books, or any Part or Parts thereof, without paying any thing for the ſame; and in caſe the ſaid Clerk ſhall refuſe to permit, or ſhall not permit the ſaid Commiſſioners, or ſuch Creditors to inſpect the ſame, or to take ſuch Copies or Extracts as aforeſaid, ſuch Clerk ſhall forfeit and pay any Sum of Money not exceeding Five Pounds, to be levied, recovered, and applied in Manner by this Act mentioned.

Accounts to be kept of Receipts and Diſburſements, which ſhall be open to the Inſpection of the Commiſſioners and Creditors.

XIII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That it ſhall not be lawful for the ſaid Commiſſioners to appoint the Perſon who may be appointed to act as their Clerk in the Execution of this Act, or the Partner of any ſuch Clerk, the Treaſurer for the Purpoſes of this Act, or to appoint the Perſon who may be appointed Treaſurer, or the Partner of ſuch Treaſurer, the Clerk to the ſaid Commiſſioners; and if any Perſon ſhall act in both the Capacities of Clerk and Treaſurer for the Purpoſes of this Act, or if any Perſon being the Partner of any ſuch Clerk ſhall act as Treaſurer, or being the Partner of any ſuch Treaſurer ſhall act as Clerk in the Execution of this Act, every Perſon ſo offending ſhall for every ſuch Offence forfeit and pay the Sum of Fifty Pounds, to any Perſon or Perſons who ſhall ſue for the ſame, to be recovered in any of His Majeſty's Courts of Record at *Weſtminſter*, by Action of Debt or on the Caſe, or by Bill, Suit, or Information, wherein no Eſſoign, Protection, or Wager of Law, or more than one Imparlance ſhall be allowed.

Clerk reſtrained from acting as Treaſurer, and vice verſa.

XIV. And be it further enacted, That the ſaid Commiſſioners ſhall and may ſue and be ſued for or concerning any thing to be done in purſuance of this Act, in the Name of their Clerk for the Time being; and that no Action or Suit, Indictment or Proſecution, to be brought or commenced by the Direction or againſt the ſaid Commiſſioners by virtue of this Act, in the Name of their Clerk, ſhall abate or be diſcontinued by the Death or Removal of any ſuch Clerk, nor by the Act of ſuch Clerk, without the Conſent of the ſaid Commiſſioners, but that the Clerk for the Time being to the ſaid Commiſſioners ſhall be deemed to be Plaintiff or Defendant, as the Caſe may be, in every ſuch Action or Suit: Provided always, that every ſuch Clerk, in whoſe Name any Actions or Suits ſhall be proſecuted or defended in purſuance of this Act, ſhall be fully reimburſed and paid out of the Money which ſhall ariſe from any Rates, Aſſeſſments, or Tolls to be levied under this Act, all ſuch Coſts, Damages and Expences as by the Event or in conſequence of any ſuch Action or Proceeding he ſhall pay, bear, expend, or be put unto, or become chargeable with by reaſon of his being ſo made Plaintiff or Defendant as aforeſaid.

Commiſſioners may ſue and be ſued in the Name of their Clerk.

XV. And

Pavements, &c. vested in the Commissioners.

XV. And be it further enacted, That all the present and future Pavements in the several Streets and public Passages and Places within the said Town of *Romford*, and the Stones, Gravel, and other Materials of which as well the Footways or Carriageways of such Streets and public Passages and Places do and shall consist, and all the Dirt, Dust, Dung, Ashes and Filth to be swept, gathered and collected in or from those Places or any of them, and also all Lamps, Lamp Irons, Lamp Posts, Fire Engines, and the Pipes, Buckets, and other Materials thereunto belonging, Watch Boxes, Watch Houses, Fire Engine Houses and other Houses and Buildings, and all other Matters and Things which shall hereafter be used, erected, or fixed up by virtue of this Act, and all Materials, Implements, and other Things which shall be purchased or provided by the said Commissioners for the Purposes of this Act, shall belong to and be the Property of and are hereby vested in the said Commissioners, which Commissioners shall be known by the Name of "The Commissioners for improving the Town of *Romford* in the County of *Essex*;" and the said Commissioners shall and may cause to be brought any Action or Actions, or direct the preferring any Bill or Bills of Indictment, as the Case may require, against any Person or Persons who shall steal, take or carry away, detain, spoil, injure or destroy the several Articles or Things hereby vested in them the said Commissioners as aforesaid, or any of them, or any Part or Parts thereof; and in all such Actions and Bills of Indictment respectively, it shall be deemed and taken to be sufficient to state generally that the Article or Articles, Thing or Things for or on account of which such Action or Actions shall be brought, or Bill or Bills of Indictment preferred, is or are the Property of "The Commissioners for improving the Town of *Romford*," without particularly stating or specifying the Name or Names of all or any of the said Commissioners; and the said Commissioners shall have full Power and Authority from Time to Time to sell and dispose of, for the Purposes of this Act, all or any of the said Articles and Things, or any Part or Parts of the same respectively, to such Person or Persons, and in such Manner, as they the said Commissioners shall think proper.

Commissioners to cause the Footways to be paved, &c.

XVI. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Commissioners, or any Five or more of them, and they are hereby authorized and required, from Time to Time and at such Time or Times as they or any Five or more of them shall think fit, to cause the Footways, Streets, and public Passages in the said Town of *Romford*, in the Directions and extending to and from the several Places or Limits following; that is to say, along the South Side of the High or Main Street of the said Town leading from the Turnpike at the East End of the said Town to the Messuage and Premises in the Occupation of *John Hines* inclusively, and along the North Side of the said High or Main Street, leading from the House in the Occupation of and the Estate of *Joseph Graves*, situate at the West End of the said Town, to the Lane beyond the Turnpike called *Pettit's Lane* inclusively, and on the East Side of *Hornchurch Lane*, leading from the House in the Occupation of *William Ellis*, situate at the Corner of the said Lane, to the Gate leading to the Yard and Kitchen in the Occupation of *William Tolbut* Esquire, inclusively, and on the West Side of *Collier Row Lane*, leading from the House at the Corner of the said Lane, known by the Sign of the *Golden Lion*, in the Occupation of *Samuel Samuel*, to the extreme End of the Wall of the Garden belonging to the Workhouse inclusively,

cluſively, to be new paved with Flagſtones or other Stones, in ſuch Manner and Form as they ſhall think fit; and ſuch Pavements, Croſſings, or Ways for the Uſe of Paſſengers on Foot, to be made acroſs the Carriage-ways, and alſo acroſs the Gateways and other Places, of ſuch Materials and in ſuch Manner as they ſhall think proper; and alſo to cauſe the ſeveral Streets and other public Paſſages and Places within the ſaid Town of *Romford* to be watched, watered, cleanſed, and lighted; either by means of Gas or inflammable Air, or with Oil; and ſhall alſo cauſe the Projections, and all Obſtructions, Encroachments, Nuiſances and Annoyances therein to be taken down and removed, and the preſent Drains and other Drains to be altered, and new Drains, Sinks, Gutters or Watercourſes to be made for conveying the Water off and from the ſaid Streets and other Places, in ſuch Manner as they ſhall think proper.

No Perſon to alter the Pavement without the Conſent of the Commiſſioners.

XVII. And be it further enacted, That if any Perſon ſhall at any Time hereafter, without the Conſent and Approbation of the ſaid Commiſſioners, or any Five or more of them, make or cauſe to be made any Alteration in the Form of any of the Foot Pavements to be made by virtue of this Act, within the ſaid Town, ſuch Perſon ſhall at his or her own Expence, (within Fourteen Days after Notice given for that Purpoſe by the ſaid Commiſſioners, or any Five or more of them, or their Clerk or Surveyor), put the Pavement which ſhall have been ſo altered into the ſame Form and Condition as it was in before the making ſuch Alteration; and in caſe of Neglect or Refuſal ſo to do, then the ſaid Commiſſioners, or any Five or more of them, ſhall and may cauſe the ſame to be done, and the Expence thereof ſhall be borne and defrayed by the Perſon ſo neglecting or refuſing; the ſame to be recovered, in caſe of Non-payment thereof, upon Demand, in like Manner as any Penalty is herein-after directed to be recovered.

Commiſſioners authorized to poſtpone the Paving.

XVIII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That if the ſaid Commiſſioners, or any Five or more of them, ſhall deem it expedient, they ſhall and may be at liberty and are hereby authorized to cauſe ſuch Parts of the ſaid Town as are intended to be paved, watched, lighted, watered, and cleanſed, by virtue of this Act, to be watched, lighted, watered and cleanſed, and to cauſe all other Works, Matters, and Things to be done under the Authority of this Act, to be done and completed before the ſaid Footways, Streets and public Paſſages, or any Part thereof ſhall be paved, and to poſtpone the Pavement thereof until after all the other Works, Matters, and Things to be done by virtue of this Act ſhall be completed; and that the ſaid Commiſſioners, or any Five or more of them, ſhall and may cauſe the Pavement of the ſaid Footways, Streets, and public Paſſages to be commenced and done, from Time to Time, and at ſuch Time or Times, and in ſuch Part or Parts of the ſaid Footways, Streets and Public Paſſages intended to be paved by virtue of this Act, when, where, and as the ſaid Commiſſioners, or any Five or more of them, ſhall think proper and convenient, and when and as the Funds to be produced by the Rates and Aſſeſſments, and other the Means herein-after mentioned and provided, ſhall, in the Judgment of the ſaid Commiſſioners, or any Five or more of them, be adequate thereto.

Power to get Materials.

XIX. And be it further enacted, That the ſaid Commiſſioners, or any Five or more of them, or their Surveyor, or ſuch other Perſon or Perſons as they or ſuch Surveyor from Time to Time ſhall employ and appoint, may

may and are and is hereby authorized and empowered to dig, quarry, take and carry away any Stones, Gravel, Sand or other Materials from any Common or Waſte Ground, Common River or Brook, or other Public Place or Places near the Town of *Romford* aforeſaid, for the Purpoſes of this Act, without paying any thing for the ſame; and alſo to ſearch and dig for, cut, gather, take, collect, quarry and carry away any Stone, Gravel, Sand, or other Materials as aforeſaid, out of, from, or over the Lands or Grounds of any Perſon or Perſons whomſoever within the ſaid Pariſh of *Romford* (not being Ground built on, or a Park, Yard, Garden, Orchard, Nurſery for Trees, or Land improved as Pleaſure Ground, or Land adjoining to any Dwelling Houſe), where the ſame are or may be likely to be found, ſuch Surveyor or other Perſon or Perſons filling up, or railing or fencing off the Pits, or levelling the Ground, ſo that the ſame may not remain in a dangerous State, and paying or tendering to the Owners or Occupiers of ſuch private Land, for the Damage which ſhall be done thereto, ſuch Equivalent in Money as the ſaid Commiſſioners, or any Five or more of them, ſhall deem reaſonable; and in caſe of any Difference or Diſagreement between the ſaid Commiſſioners, Surveyor or Surveyors, or other Perſon or Perſons appointed and employed as aforeſaid, and the ſaid Owners and Occupiers, any One or more Juſtices of the Peace for the ſaid Liberty of *Havering-atte-Bower*, ſhall in a ſummary Way, hear, ſettle, and determine the Matter of ſuch Payments and Damages, and the Judgment or Order of the ſaid Juſtice or Juſtices therein ſhall be final and concluſive on all Parties.

Notice to be given to Occupiers of incloſed Lands before the Materials are taken therefrom.

XX. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That it ſhall not be lawful for any Surveyor, or any other Perſon or Perſons under the Authority of this Act, to dig, gather, get, take, or carry away any Materials for the Purpoſe of this Act, out of or from any incloſed Lands or Grounds, until Fourteen Days Notice in Writing, ſigned by ſuch Surveyor, ſhall have been given to the Occupier of the Premiſes from which ſuch Materials are intended to be taken, or left for ſuch Occupier at his or her uſual Place of Reſidence, to appear before any One or more Juſtice or Juſtices of the Peace acting for the ſaid Liberty, County, or Place where ſuch Premiſes ſhall lie, to ſhew Cauſe why ſuch Materials ſhall not be had from ſuch Lands or Grounds; and in caſe ſuch Occupier, or his or her Agent, ſhall attend purſuant to ſuch Notice, but ſhall not ſhew ſufficient Cauſe to the contrary, then and in ſuch caſe it ſhall be lawful for the ſaid Juſtice or Juſtices, by his or their Order, to authorize ſuch Surveyor or other Perſon or Perſons to dig, get, gather, take, and carry away ſuch Materials at ſuch Time or Times as to ſuch Juſtice or Juſtices ſhall ſeem proper; and if ſuch Occupier ſhall refuſe or neglect to appear by himſelf or herſelf, or his or her Agent, ſuch Juſtice or Juſtices ſhall and may make ſuch Order therein as he or they ſhall think fit, as fully and effectually to all Intents and Purpoſes as if ſuch Occupier, or his or her Agent, had attended.

Penalty on taking away Materials got by the Surveyors.

XXI. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That if the Owner or Occupier of any Ground or Soil, or any Perſon whomſoever, ſhall take away any Materials which ſhall have been dug or gathered in any Ground, River, or Brook, for the Purpoſe of this Act, or ſhall get or take away any Materials out of any Pit or Quarry which ſhall have been made, dug, or opened for the Purpoſe of getting the ſaid Materials, before the

ſaid Surveyor or his Workmen ſhall have diſcontinued working therein for the Space of Forty Days, (except the Owner or Occupier of any private Ground, and the Perſon or Perſons authorized by ſuch Owner or Occupier to get Materials for his own private Uſe only, and not for Sale), every Perſon ſo offending ſhall for every ſuch Offence forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Five Pounds.

Penalty for obſtructing the Surveyor or Workmen.

XXII. And be it further enacted, That if any Perſon or Perſons ſhall at any Time obſtruct, hinder, or moleſt any Surveyor or other Officer, Workman, or other Perſon whomſoever, employed by virtue of this Act, in the Performance or Execution of his Duty, every Perſon ſo offending ſhall for every ſuch Offence forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Five Pounds.

Power to provide Lamps, &c.

XXIII. And be it further enacted, That it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the ſaid Commiſſioners, or any Five or more of them, and they are hereby empowered from Time to Time to cauſe Lamp Irons or Lamp Poſts to be put or affixed into, upon, or againſt the Walls or Paliſadoes of any of the Houſes, Tenements, or Buildings, within the ſaid Town, or in ſuch other Manner and Place as they ſhall think proper and convenient, and alſo cauſe ſuch Number of Lamps of ſuch Sizes and Sorts to be provided, and affixed or put upon ſuch Lamp Irons or Lamp Poſts, as they ſhall think proper and neceſſary for lighting all or any of the Streets and other public Paſſages and Places aforeſaid; and if any Perſon or Perſons ſhall wilfully break, throw down, take away, ſpoil or damage any of the Lamps to be put up by virtue of this Act, or any of the Irons, Poſts, or other Furniture thereof, or wilfully extinguiſh the Light of any ſuch Lamp, every Perſon ſo offending ſhall for every ſuch Offence forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Five Pounds, whereof One Moiety ſhall go to the Informer, and the other Moiety ſhall be applied to the Purpoſes of this Act, and ſuch Offender ſhall alſo pay to the ſaid Commiſſioners or their Treaſurer ſuch Sum of Money as ſhall be a full Satisfaction for the Damage ſo done; and in caſe any Perſon ſhall careleſsly, negligently or accidentally break, throw down, or otherwiſe ſpoil or damage any of the ſaid Lamps, or the Irons, Poſts, or other Furniture thereof, and ſhall not upon Demand make Satisfaction for the Damage done thereto, it ſhall be lawful for any Juſtice of the Peace for the ſaid Liberty of *Havering-atte-Bower*, upon Proof thereof made by the Oath of any credible Witneſs, or on the Confeſſion of the Party, to award ſuch Sum of Money by way of Satisfaction for ſuch Damage as ſuch Juſtice ſhall think reaſonable, and in default of Payment thereof upon Demand, to cauſe the ſame to be levied by Diſtreſs and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of the Perſon who ſhall have ſo done ſuch Damage, rendering the Overplus (if any) after deducting the Charges of proſecuting ſuch Complaint and of ſuch Diſtreſs and Sale, to the Owner of ſuch Goods and Chattels upon Demand.

Penalty on accidentally damaging Lamps, &c.

Commiſſioners may contract for Paving, &c.

XXIV. And be it further enacted, That it ſhall be lawful for the ſaid Commiſſioners, or any Five or more of them, and they are hereby authorized and empowered, from Time to Time to contract and agree for the doing and performing any of the Works by this Act authorized or directed to be done and performed; and every Contract ſo to be entered into ſhall be reduced into Writing and ſigned by the ſaid Commiſſioners, or any Five or more of them; and the Party or Parties contracting to perform ſuch Works, ſhall ſpecify the Works to be done and the Prices

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to be paid for the ſame, and the Time or Times when ſuch Works ſhall be performed and completed, and the Penalty to be ſuffered in caſe of Non-performance thereof; and if any Perſon ſhall at any Time obſtruct or hinder any Officer, Workman, or other Perſon employed under or by virtue of this Act, in the Execution of his Duty, every Perſon ſo offending ſhall for every ſuch Offence forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Forty Shillings.

Surveyors to inſpect the Works.

XXV. And be it further enacted, That it ſhall be lawful for the ſaid Commiſſioners, or any Five or more of them, and they are hereby directed to cauſe all and every the Works to be done in purſuance of all or any ſuch Contracts as ſhall be entered into in puruſance of this Act, to be inſpected by their Surveyor or Surveyors, or by ſuch other Perſon or Perſons as they ſhall from Time to Time appoint; and in caſe the ſame ſhall not be well and ſufficiently performed, according to the true Intent and Meaning of ſuch Contract or Contracts, or ſhall not be finiſhed and completed at or within the Time or Times the ſame ſhall be ſtipulated or agreed to be completed, the ſaid Commiſſioners, or any Five or more of them, ſhall and may bring or cauſe an Action to be brought in any of His Majeſty's Courts of Law at *Weſtminſter*, either in their own Names or in the Names of any Five or more of them, or in the Name of their Treaſurer or Clerk for the Time being, againſt any Perſon or Perſons, Body or Bodies Corporate, Company or Companies of Proprietors ſo contracting and neglecting to perform ſuch Contract or Contracts, for any Penalty or Penalties, Damage or Damages, which ſhall be contained in ſuch Contract or Contracts, or ſuffered or ſuſtained on account of the Non-performance thereof; and upon proving the ſigning of the ſaid Contract or Contracts, and Non-performance thereof, the ſaid Commiſſioners ſhall be entitled to and ſhall recover ſuch Penalty or Penalties, Damage or Damages, with Coſts of Suit; and ſuch Penalty or Penalties, Damage or Damages, when recovered, ſhall be applied to or for the Purpoſes of this Act.

Commiſſioners empowered to cauſe the Streets, &c. to be lighted with Oil or Gas.

XXVI. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That it ſhall be lawful for the ſaid Commiſſioners, or any Five or more of them, to cauſe ſuch Part and Parts of the ſaid Town as are intended to be lighted by virtue of this Act, to be lighted either with Oil Lamps or by means of Gas or inflammable Air, as the ſaid Commiſſioners, or any Five or more of them, ſhall think fit; and in caſe it ſhall be determined by the ſaid Commiſſioners, or any Five or more of them, to cauſe the ſaid Town to be lighted by means of Gas or inflammable Air, then it ſhall be lawful for the ſaid Commiſſioners, or any Five or more of them, from Time to Time to contract and agree with any Body or Bodies Corporate, Company or Companies of Proprietors, or other Perſon or Perſons, to light the ſame by means of Gas or inflammable Air, in ſuch Manner and upon and under ſuch Terms and Conditions, Stipulations and Agreements as the ſaid Commiſſioners, or any Five or more of them, ſhall think proper, and to cauſe to be erected Gaſometers, Pillars, and all other Apparatus, to produce, conduct, ſupply, and receive ſuch Gas or inflammable Air, in ſuch Manner as ſhall be thought expedient and neceſſary.

Power to break up the Pavement, &c.

XXVII. And be it further enacted, That it ſhall be lawful for the ſaid Commiſſioners, or any Five or more of them, in caſe it ſhall be determined to light the ſaid Town with Gas as herein-before is mentioned, to cauſe or authorize

authorize to be broken up the Soil or Pavement of any of the Footways, Streets, and public Paſſages in the ſaid Town of *Romford* aforeſaid, and to be dug and ſunk, made and conſtructed, Trenches and Pipes, and Stop-Cocks, Plugs, or Branches therefrom, and all other Works and Machinery to be laid down and made for conveying the Gas or inflammable Air for the Purpoſe of lighting the ſaid Town, and from Time to Time to permit and ſuffer ſuch Pipes, Stop Cocks, Plugs or Branches, Works and Machinery, to be altered, varied, and repaired.

Ingredients uſed in manufacturing Gas not to be conveyed into any River or Pond, &c.

XXVIII. And be it further enacted, That it ſhall not be lawful for the ſaid Commiſſioners to carry or convey, or cauſe to be carried or conveyed to or into any River, Pond, Ditch, Brook, or Canal, any Waſhings, or Liquids, or any Lime or other Ingredient, Matter, or Thing whatſoever, which ſhall ariſe or be produced in manufacturing or producing the ſaid Gas, or in or by the Proſecution of any of the Works for conveying ſuch Gas.

This Act not to prevent any Perſon from proceeding againſt the Commiſſioners for a Nuiſance, &c.

XXIX. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That nothing herein contained ſhall extend or be conſtrued to extend to prevent any Perſon or Perſons from proceeding by Indictment or otherwiſe, againſt the ſaid Commiſſioners, or againſt any of their Officers, Servants, or Workmen in reſpect of any Works of the ſaid Commiſſioners, or the Means which ſhall be by them uſed in obtaining, making, or preparing the ſaid Gas or inflammable Air, or in uſing the ſame, as a public or private Nuiſance.

Workmen in laying Pipes for Gas Lights, to make good the Pavement.

XXX. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That the Workmen employed in laying down, altering, or repairing any ſuch Pipes, Plugs, Cocks, or Branches, ſhall fill in the Trenches and make good the Pavements and Roads, and carry away the Rubbiſh occaſioned thereby, and ſhall repair any Damage ariſing from any ſuch Works as may be made, without the leaſt Delay, and ſhall in the meantime guard the Place or Places where any Ground ſhall be opened, by placing and ſetting up Lamps or Lights during the Night, and in ſuch Manner as to prevent Accidents to Paſſengers, Cattle, and Carriages, and as the ſaid Commiſſioners, or any Five or more of them, ſhall from Time to Time direct, under the Penalty of any Sum not exceeding Five Pounds, to be recovered and recoverable by ſuch Ways and Means as are by this Act provided for Recovery of the Penalties which ſhall become payable by virtue hereof.

Watchmen to be appointed.

XXXI. And be it further enacted, That from and after the paſſing of this Act it ſhall be lawful for the ſaid Commiſſioners, or any Five or more of them, to order and appoint ſuch Number of able-bodied Men as Watchmen, to watch within the ſaid Town, as they in their Diſcretion ſhall think proper, and alſo to order and appoint for what Time and at what Place or Places the ſaid Watchmen ſhall reſpectively be ſtationed, and in what Manner and how often they ſhall go their Rounds, and how they ſhall be armed, and how long they ſhall continue upon their Duty, and what Wages, Allowance, or Remuneration ſhall be paid and given to them reſpectively, and to erect, hire, or otherwiſe provide a proper Place or Places for the Reception of the Watchmen; and that ſuch Watchmen ſhall uſe their beſt Endeavours to prevent as well all Miſchiefs happening by Fires, as all Murders, Burglaries, Robberies, and other Outrages, Riots,

Breaches of the Peace, Diſturbances, and Diſorders, and ſhall and they are hereby empowered and required to arreſt and apprehend all ſuſpicious Perſons, Night-walkers, and Perſons miſbehaving themſelves in any Place or Places within the ſaid Town, and ſhall carry the Perſon or Perſons who ſhall be apprehended to the Watch Houſe, Cage, or Priſon within the ſaid Town, or to ſuch other Place of Confinement within the ſaid Town as the ſaid Commiſſioners or any Five or more of them ſhall from Time to Time under their Hands direct and appoint, to be there ſafely kept until they can be conveniently carried before One or more Juſtice or Juſtices of the Peace for the ſaid Liberty of *Havering-atte-Bower*, to be examined and dealt with according to Law; and all and every Watchmen and Watchman ſo appointed ſhall be and they and he are and is from Time to Time of their or his Appointment, and during ſo long Time as they or he ſhall continue ſuch Watchmen or Watchman, conſtituted and appointed Conſtables for the ſaid Town, and ſhall have and they are hereby reſpectively inveſted with ſuch and the ſame Powers, Authorities, Privileges, and Protections as by Law Conſtables are inveſted with and entitled unto as Conſtables of the ſaid Liberty.

Watch Boxes to be provided.

XXXII. And be it further enacted, That it ſhall be lawful for the ſaid Commiſſioners, or any Five or more of them, from Time to Time to place and fix Boxes or Stands againſt the Fronts or Sides of Houſes, Buildings, and Places in the Streets, Lanes, Alleys and Paſſages in the ſaid Town, proper for the Uſe and Accommodation of Watchmen; and in caſe any Perſon or Perſons ſhall diſplace, overturn, damage, injure, or deface any of ſuch Boxes, when ſo placed or fixed, ſuch Perſon or Perſons ſhall for every ſuch Offence forfeit and pay any Sum of Money not exceeding Five Pounds.

Rewards to be made to diſabled Watchmen, &c.

XXXIII. And be it further enacted, That it ſhall be lawful for the ſaid Commiſſioners, or any Five or more of them, to cauſe ſuch Rewards in Money to be paid to Watchmen who may be diſabled, wounded, or hurt in the Execution of their Duty, as they the ſaid Commiſſioners, or any Five or more of them, ſhall think reaſonable, to be paid out of any Monies to be raiſed for the Purpoſes of this Act.

Penalty on Perſons harbouring Watchmen.

XXXIV. And be it further enacted, That if any Victualler or Keeper of any Public Houſe, Tap, or Liquor Shop, or any other Perſon or Perſons, ſhall knowingly and willingly harbour or divert from Duty any Watchman employed by the ſaid Commiſſioners or any Five or more of them, or permit or ſuffer any ſuch Watchman to remain in ſuch his or her Public Houſe, Tap, or Shop, or Premiſes thereto belonging, or in any other Houſe, during any Part of the Time appointed for his being on Duty as aforeſaid, every ſuch Victualler or Keeper of a Public Houſe, Tap, or Liquor Shop, or other Perſon or Perſons, ſhall forfeit and pay for every ſuch Offence any Sum not exceeding Five Pounds.

Inhabitants to keep the Footways clean.

XXXV. And be it further enacted, That all Inhabitants of the ſaid Town where the ſaid intended Pavement ſhall extend, ſhall cauſe the Footways before or on the Sides of their reſpective Houſes, Buildings, and Walls to be ſwept and cleanſed before the Hour of Ten in the Morning of every Day (*Sundays* excepted), and the Dirt or Soil ariſing therefrom to be collected in a Heap, in order that the ſame may be taken or carried

away as herein-after is mentioned; and every Perſon making Default therein ſhall for every ſuch Default forfeit and pay the Sum of Ten Shillings.

Commiſſioners to appoint Scavengers.

XXXVI. And be it further enacted, That it ſhall be lawful for the ſaid Commiſſioners, or any Five or more of them, and they are hereby required to nominate and appoint any Perſon or Perſons as a Scavenger or Scavengers, and to purchaſe or hire any Cart or Carts, or other Carriage or Carriages, and alſo any Horſe or Horſes for the Purpoſe of cleanſing the ſeveral Streets, Lanes, public Paſſages and Places within the ſaid Town, and of carrying away the Duſt, Dirt, and Soil therefrom; and that it ſhall be lawful for the ſaid Commiſſioners, or any Five or more of them, to contract with any Perſon or Perſons for ſo doing, and to let, demiſe, and ſell ſuch Duſt, Dirt, Rubbiſh, Aſhes, Cinders, Soil, and other Filth to any Perſon or Perſons; and if any Perſon or Perſons whomſoever, other than the Perſon or Perſons employed by or contracting with the ſaid Commiſſioners or any Five or more of them, for cleanſing the ſeveral Streets, Lanes, Ways, public Paſſages or Places within the ſaid Town, ſhall take or carry away, or cauſe to be taken and carried away, any Dung, Soil, Aſhes, Cinders, Rubbiſh, or other Filth ariſing out of ſuch Streets, Lanes, Ways, or other public Paſſages or Places as aforeſaid, every ſuch Perſon ſo offending ſhall for every ſuch Offence forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Five Pounds: Provided always, that nothing herein contained ſhall extend or be conſtrued to extend to prevent any Perſon or Perſons from preſerving or keeping any Soil, Dirt, Duſt, Dung, Aſhes, Cinders, Manure, Muck, Filth, or Rubbiſh which ſhall have ariſen or have been made within his, her, or their Houſes, Yards, or other Premiſes, or from making uſe of the ſame for the Purpoſe of manuring any Lands in his, her, or their own Occupation, or of ſelling or diſpoſing of the ſame, ſo as ſuch Soil, Dirt, Duſt, Cinders, Dung, Aſhes, Manure, Muck, Filth or Rubbiſh be not laid or placed in any Highway, Street, Lane, Way, Paſſage, or public Place, longer than ſhall be abſolutely neceſſary for removing, loading, and carrying away the ſame, and ſo as the ſame be not ſuffered to remain after the ſame ſhall have been directed to be removed by any Surveyor, Scavenger, or Inſpector of Nuiſances to be appointed by virtue of this Act.

Signs, &c. to be regulated.

XXXVII. And be it further enacted, That the reſpective Occupiers of Houſes and other Buildings within the ſeveral Streets and other public Paſſages and Places aforeſaid, ſhall and are hereby required, at their own Coſts and Charges, within ſuch Time and in ſuch Manner as the ſaid Commiſſioners, or any Five or more of them, ſhall from Time to Time think neceſſary, or by Notice in Writing under their Hands, to be delivered to ſuch reſpective Occupiers, or left at their Dwelling Houſes, direct and appoint, to cauſe all Signs which now or hereafter ſhall belong to ſuch reſpective Houſes or other Buildings, to be removed and diſcontinued, or fixed or placed flat on the Fronts thereof, and all Sign-Irons, Sign-Poſts, and other Poſts, Penthouſes, Spouts, Steps, and Cellar Windows, Outſide Shutters, and other Encroachments, Obſtructions, Projections, Sheds, Nuiſances, and Annoyances which now or hereafter ſhall belong to ſuch reſpective Houſes or other Buildings, or to any Perſon or Perſons whomſoever, to be removed or altered, and alſo to cauſe the Water to be conveyed from the Roofs, Cornices, and Penthouſes of or belonging to ſuch reſpective Houſes or other Buildings, by proper and ſufficient

ſufficient Pipes or Trunks to be affixed to the Sides of ſuch Houſes and other Buildings reſpectively; and in caſe any ſuch Occupier, or other Perſon or Perſons ſhall neglect or refuſe ſo to do, it ſhall be lawful for the ſaid Commiſſioners, or any Five or more of them, to cauſe the ſame to be done, and to cauſe the Coſts and Charges attending the ſame to be levied by Diſtreſs and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of ſuch Occupier, by Warrant under the Hand and Seal of any Juſtice of the Peace for the ſaid Liberty of *Havering-atte-Bower*, (which Warrant ſuch Juſtice is hereby required and authorized to grant) rendering the Overplus (if any) when demanded to the Perſon whoſe Goods and Chattels ſhall be ſo diſtrained and ſold; and if the Tenant of any ſuch Houſe or other Buildings, or other Perſon or Perſons, ſhall remove or alter any ſuch Encroachment, Obſtructions, Projections, Sheds, Nuiſances, or Annoyances as aforeſaid, it ſhall be lawful for him or her to deduct and retain the Charges and Expences thereof out of his or her Rent, and the Owner, Proprietor, or Landlord of every ſuch Houſe or other Building is hereby required to allow the ſame accordingly: Provided always, that nothing herein contained ſhall extend to the ſtopping up of any Cellar Window where there ſhall be no other Way from the Street into ſuch Cellar, and the Owner and Occupier thereof ſhall always keep the ſame in good and ſufficient Repair, unleſs the ſaid Commiſſioners, or any Five or more of them, ſhall make or provide ſome other commodious and ſufficient Ways into ſuch Cellar.

Cellar Windows not to be left open in the Night.

XXXVIII. And be it further enacted, That if any Cellar Window ſhall be left open in the Evening or in the Night, without the ſame being ſufficiently lighted, to prevent Accidents happening therefrom, the Occupier of ſuch Cellar ſhall for every ſuch Offence, forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Ten Shillings.

This Act not to alter the Market and Fairs of the ſaid Town, nor to affect His Majeſty's Rights as Owner of the ſame, or his Leſſee.

XXXIX. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That nothing in this Act contained ſhall be deemed, conſtrued, or taken to give any Power or Authority to the ſaid Commiſſioners, or any other Perſon or Perſons, to alter, curtail, or abridge the Market or Fairs uſually held within the ſaid Town of *Romford*, or to hinder, obſtruct, or prevent the Leſſee of the ſaid Market, or his Agents or Servants, from ſetting up any Pens, Stalls, Booths, or Stands on Market or Fair Days, in the uſual or accuſtomed Places, or authorize or empower any Perſon or Perſons to take down, remove, or take away any ſuch Pens, Stalls, Booths, or Stands, or to alter, vary, abridge, diminiſh, or impeach the Rights, Liberties, Privileges, Tolls, Dues or Duties now due and payable, or hereafter to become due and payable to the King's moſt Excellent Majeſty, in right of His Crown, as the Owner and Proprietor of the ſaid Market and Fairs, and which have been uſually enjoyed, taken, and collected by the Leſſee of the ſaid Market, in right of and for the ſaid Market and Fairs, or to ſubject His ſaid Majeſty or his Leſſees to the Payment of any Rate to be made for any of the Purpoſes of this Act, or under or by virtue of the Authority thereof.

To prevent Nuiſances.

XL. And be it further enacted, That if any Perſon ſhall run, drive, carry, or place on any of the ſaid Footways any Wheelſledge, Wheelbarrow, Handbarrow, Truck or Carriage, or ſhall roll any Caſk for the Space of Forty Yards, or wilfully drive, leave, place, or expoſe to Sale any Horſe

Horſe or other Beaſt or Cattle on any of the ſaid Footways; or ſhall within any Street or other public Paſſage or Place within the ſaid Town, ſlaughter, ſinge, ſcald, dreſs, or cut up any Beaſt, Swine, or other Cattle; or hoop, cleanſe, or ſcald any Caſk; or hew or ſaw any Stone, Wood, or Timber; or bind, make, or repair the Wheel of any Carriage; or ſhoe, bleed, dreſs, or farry, or turn, or drive looſe any Horſe; or ſet, place, or expoſe to ſale any Goods, Wares, or Merchandizes, either in the Footways or Carriageways of any of the ſaid Streets, or other public Paſſages or Places, ſo as to obſtruct or incommode the Paſſage of any ſuch Footway or Carriageway; or ſhall make or aſſiſt in the making any Fires commonly called Bonfires; or ſhall ſet fire to or let off or throw any Squib, Rocket, Cracker, or other Firework within any of the ſaid Streets or other public Paſſages or Places; or play at Football or any other Game, to the Annoyance of any other Paſſenger or Paſſengers; every Perſon offending in any of the Caſes aforeſaid ſhall for every ſuch Offence forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Five Shillings, excluſive of all other Sums impoſed by any Act or Acts of Parliament now in force and unrepealed.

Privilege on Market Days.

XLI. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That nothing herein contained ſhall hinder or prevent the ſetting, placing or expoſing to ſale any Horſes, Beaſts, or Cattle, or any Goods, Wares or Merchandize on Market or Fair Days, upon any Part of any Carriage Way adjoining the ſaid Footways, or in any Part or Parts of the ſaid Footways and Carriage Ways or elſewhere, within the ſaid Town, in ſuch Manner as they have heretofore been ſet, placed, or expoſed to ſale.

Penalty on Perſons bathing in the Rivers, Ponds, &c. near the Town of Romford.

XLII. And whereas the Practice of Perſons bathing in the Rivers, Streams, and Ponds near the public Roads and Footpaths of or belonging to the ſaid Town of *Romford*, is a great Annoyance to the Inhabitants of the ſaid Town, and Perſons paſſing through the ſame; be it therefore enacted, That from and after the paſſing of this Act, if any Perſon ſhall bathe in any River, Brook, Stream, or Pond within the Diſtance of Two hundred Yards from any public Road or Footpath, every ſuch Perſon for each and every ſuch Offence ſhall forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Twenty Shillings.

Regulations for emptying Neceſſary Houſes.

XLIII. And be it further enacted, That if any Perſon or Perſons ſhall cauſe any Privy or Neceſſary Houſe within the ſaid Town to be emptied at any Time except between the Hours of Eleven of the Clock in the Night and Four of the Clock in the Morning, or ſhall lay or cauſe to be laid the Soil thereof in any of the ſaid Streets, Lanes, Paſſages, open Gutters, or other open Places, or ſhall wilfully or negligently ſpill or throw down any ſuch Soil in any of the ſaid Streets, Lanes, Paſſages, open Gutters, or other Places, every Perſon offending in any of the Caſes aforeſaid ſhall for every ſuch Offence forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Ten Shillings.

Penalty on Perſons injuring the Loam Pond, or drowning Dogs therein.

XLIV. And be it further enacted, That if any Perſon or Perſons ſhall at any Time, from and after the paſſing of this Act, throw any dead Animal, human Excrement, or ſpill any Soil, Dirt, Rubbiſh, or Filth of any Deſcription into, or ſhall cauſe or occaſion any Dog, or other living Animal to ſwim or bathe in, or ſhall throw any living Animal, for the Purpoſe of drowning the ſame, into the Pond at the Eaſt End of the Town, called the *Loam Pond*, each and every Perſon, in either or any of the ſaid Caſes, ſhall for

for every ſuch Offence forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Five Pounds, at the Diſcretion of any Magiſtrate for the ſaid Liberty of *Havering-atte-Bower*, whereof One Half ſhall be paid to the Informer or Informers, and the other Half to the ſaid Commiſſioners, to be applied for the Purpoſes of this Act.

Penalty on cauſing Obſtructions.

XLV. And be it further enacted, That if any Waggon, Cart, or other Carriage ſhall be left to ſtand or remain in any of the ſaid Streets or public Paſſages or Places, with or without Horſes or other Cattle, for any longer Time than ſhall be neceſſary for the loading or unloading thereof, or in caſe the ſame ſhall not, during ſuch Time, be placed on the Side of ſuch Streets, public Paſſages, or Places reſpectively, as near as conveniently may be, or if any Stage Coach, Poſt Chaiſe, or other Carriage let to hire, ſhall be left to ſtand or remain in any ſuch Street, Paſſage, or Place, with or without Horſes, for any longer Time than ſhall be neceſſary for taking up or ſetting down the Paſſengers, or for loading or unloading their Baggage; or if any Horſe or other Cattle ſhall be ſuffered to ſtand at the Door or Houſe of any Perſon, ſo as to obſtruct or incommode the Paſſage of any of the ſaid Footways; or if any Swine, Beaſt, or other Cattle ſhall be permitted to wander, or be in or about any of the ſaid Streets, public Paſſages, or Places; or if any Timber, Bricks, Stone, Dung, Wood, Goods, or other Things, ſhall be laid or placed and left to remain in any of the ſaid Streets, or other public Paſſages or Places for any longer Time than ſhall be neceſſary for moving and houſing the ſame; or if any Aſhes, Rubbiſh, Duſt, Dirt, or other Nuiſance or Annoyance ſhall be thereon caſt or laid in any of the ſaid Streets, or other public Paſſages or Places, and ſuffered to remain for any longer Time than ſhall be neceſſary for the Purpoſe of removing the ſame; then and in every ſuch Caſe the Owner or Driver of every ſuch Waggon, Cart, Chaiſe, Coach or other Carriage, and the Owner of ſuch Swine, Beaſt, or Cattle, and of ſuch Timber, Bricks, Goods or other Things, which ſhall be left or ſuffered to remain as aforeſaid, and the Perſon who ſhall throw, caſt, or lay any Aſhes, Rubbiſh, Duſt, Dirt, or other Nuiſance or Annoyance as aforeſaid, ſhall for every ſuch Offence forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Ten Shillings: Provided, nevertheleſs, that no Perſon ſhall be ſubject to any Penalty by virtue of this Act, on account of any Rubbiſh or Dirt being in any of the ſaid Streets, or other public Paſſages or Places, before the Houſe or Tenement of ſuch Perſon, occaſioned by the building, pulling down, or repairing of ſuch Houſe or Tenement, ſo as there be convenient Room left for Carriages to paſs, and a ſufficient Way kept clear for Foot Paſſengers, by the Perſon laying or occaſioning ſuch Rubbiſh or Dirt to be laid, and ſo as the Owner or Occupier of ſuch Houſe or Tenement do cauſe ſuch Rubbiſh or Dirt to be removed out of ſuch Street or Place at his own Coſts and Charges, within reaſonable Time after ſuch building, pulling down, or repairing ſhall be completed, or upon Notice to be given to him, or left at ſuch Houſe or Tenement for that Purpoſe, in Writing, ſigned by the ſaid Commiſſioners, or any Five or more of them, and ſo as that whilſt the ſame ſhall be lying in ſuch Street or Place, ſuch Owner or Occupier ſhall ſet up and maintain a ſufficient Light upon or againſt the ſame during the Night-time, to prevent Miſchief happening to Paſſengers or Cattle.

Inhabitants not to be ſubject to a Penalty on account of Rubbiſh occaſioned by building.

Stallions not to be ſhewn in the Streets.

XLVI. And whereas the Practice of ſhewing Stallions or Stone Horſes in the Streets of the ſaid Town, on Market and other Days, has been

found very inconvenient to the Inhabitants and other Persons transacting Business in the said Town; be it therefore enacted, That if any Person whomsoever shall at any Time hereafter bring and shew, or cause to be brought and shewn any Stallion or Stone Horse, in any of the Streets or public Passages or Places within the said Town, except on his Way or Road to and from the Place where such Stallion or Stone Horse shall be kept, such Person shall for every such Offence forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Twenty Shillings.

Commissioners empowered to raise Money by Rates on Occupiers of Houses.

XLVII. And for raising Money towards answering and defraying the Charges and Expences of carrying the Purposes of this Act into Execution, be it further enacted, That the said Commissioners, or any Five or more of them, shall and are hereby authorized and required to rate and assess such Sum of Money as they shall from Time to Time judge necessary, not exceeding in any one Year the Sum of Two Shillings in the Pound, in such Parts of the said Town where the Footways shall be paved or ordered to be paved and lighted by virtue of this Act, upon the respective Tenants or Occupiers of all Houses, Buildings, Gardens, Tenements, and other Hereditaments and Estates which lie within such Part and Parts of the said Town intended to be lighted and paved by virtue of this Act, of the yearly Rent or Value of Eight Pounds or upwards, and have been usually charged to the Relief of the Poor, according to the respective annual Values thereof, such annual Values to be from Time to Time settled according to the respective Rents at which such Houses, Buildings, Gardens, Tenements, and other Hereditaments shall be respectively rated for the Relief of the Poor of the said Parish of *Romford*, previous to the making of such Rate or Assessment by the said Commissioners; and the first Year for which such Rate or Assessment shall be made, shall commence at and be computed from the Twenty-fourth Day of *June* One thousand eight hundred and nineteen, and the Money so to be rated and assessed shall, from Time to Time, be paid to the Collector or Collectors to be appointed as aforesaid, at such Time or Times in every Year, and in such Manner as the said Commissioners, or any Five or more of them, shall direct, and shall be paid over by him or them into the Hands of the Treasurer to the said Commissioners; and in order to make such Rates or Assessments, the Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of *Romford* shall and are hereby required, at all seasonable Times, to permit the Treasurer, Clerk, or Collector to the said Commissioners, or any other Person to be appointed by the said Commissioners, or any Five or more of them, to peruse and inspect the Rates made for the Relief of the Poor at any Time within a Year then next preceding, and to take a Copy thereof; and if any such Overseer shall refuse or neglect to permit any such Perusal or Inspection, or the taking of any such Copy, he shall for every such Refusal or Neglect, forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Forty Shillings.

Where several Tenements, let separately at less than 4*l.* a Year, shall belong to One or more Person or Persons, the Owner to be assessed for

XLVIII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That in every case where any Person or Persons shall be the Owner or Proprietor, or Owners or Proprietors of Two or more Houses, Buildings, Gardens or Tenements, which shall be respectively and separately let at less than Four Pounds a Year for each such House, Building, Garden or Tenement, and for which the respective separate Tenants thereof shall not be liable to be rated, but the Aggregate Amount of the Rents of which Two or more Houses, Buildings, Gardens and Tenements belonging to any one Person, or to several Persons jointly, or as Tenants in common or coparcenary, shall in the

the aggregate Amount, if it exceeds 4*l.* a Year.

the whole be of the Value of Four Pounds or upwards, in every ſuch caſe the Owner or Proprietor of ſuch Two or more Houſes, Buildings, Gardens, or Tenements within the Parts of the ſaid Town intended to be lighted and paved by virtue of this Act, the ſeparate Rents of which ſhall be under Four Pounds, but the Aggregate Amount of the Rents of which ſhall be Four Pounds or upwards, ſhall be aſſeſſed and charged and chargeable with and ſubject and liable to pay the Rate or Aſſeſſment which ſhall for the Time being be rated and payable by virtue of this Act, upon and in reſpect of the whole Amount of the Rent of ſuch Houſes, Buildings, Gardens, or Tenements, belonging to each ſuch Perſon or to ſuch Perſons as aforeſaid, the ſeveral and reſpective Tenants whereof ſhall be exempted therefrom as herein-before is mentioned.

Gaols and other Buildings to be rated by Meaſure.

XLIX. And be it further enacted, That the ſaid Commiſſioners, or any Five or more of them, ſhall and they are hereby authorized and required, once in every Year, to rate and aſſeſs the ſeveral and reſpective Sums of Money herein-after mentioned upon the Chapel of *Romford*, and the ſeveral and reſpective other Buildings, Tenements, and Hereditaments, herein-after directed to be rated and aſſeſſed, by the Yard running Meaſure; and the Firſt Year for which ſuch Rate or Aſſeſſment ſhall be made ſhall commence at and be computed from the ſaid Twenty-fourth Day of *June* One thouſand eight hundred and nineteen, and the Monies ſo to be rated and aſſeſſed ſhall from Time to Time be paid by equal Half-yearly Payments to the Collector or Collectors to be appointed as aforeſaid, and be paid over by ſuch Collector or Collectors into the Hands of the Treaſurer of the ſaid Commiſſioners; (that is to ſay), the Sum of Sixpence and no more upon the ſaid Church and Town Hall, and all Meeting Houſes, Gaols, Houſes of Correction, Free Schools, Churchyards, Meeting Houſe Yards, and other public Buildings whatſoever, ſituate within any of the Places hereby directed to be paved, cleanſed, lighted or watched, for every Yard running Meaſure of the Length of the ſeveral and reſpective Places aforeſaid, which are not rated or liable to be rated for and towards the Relief of the Poor of the ſaid Pariſh.

By whom the Rates on Halls, Gaols, &c. ſhall be payable.

L. And be it further enacted, That the Rates or Aſſeſſments ſo to be made and laid upon any Hall, Town Hall, Gaol, Houſes of Correction, public or other Buildings belonging to the ſaid Town, ſhall be paid by the Treaſurer of the ſaid Liberty of *Haverıng-atte-Bower*; and the Rates or Aſſeſſments ſo to be made and laid upon the ſaid Chapel of *Romford* and Chapel Yard or Burial Ground thereto belonging, ſhall be paid by the Chapelwardens of the ſaid Chapelry; and the Rates or Aſſeſſments ſo to be made and laid upon any Meeting Houſe and Meeting Houſe Yard within the ſaid Town ſhall be paid by the reſpective Miniſter and Deacons, or other Perſons uſually officiating therein; and the Rates or Aſſeſſments to be laid upon any Free or public Schools ſhall be paid by the Treaſurer, Truſtee or Truſtees for the Time being of ſuch Schools reſpectively.

One Fourth Part of the Rates, including Paving, to be borne by Landlords, and the other Three Fourth

LI. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That One Fourth Part of the Rates or Aſſeſſments to be made by virtue of this Act for the general Purpoſes thereof, including paving, ſhall be borne and defrayed by the reſpective Owners or Landlords (ſave and except in the Caſes wherein the whole Rate is herein-before directed to be paid by the Owner or Proprietor, or Owners or Proprietors as aforeſaid), and the other Three Fourth Parts thereof by the reſpective Tenants or Occupiers of the ſeveral Houſes,

Houſes, Buildings, Gardens, Tenements, and other Hereditaments and Eſtates in reſpect whereof ſuch Rates or Aſſeſſments ſhall be made as aforeſaid, being of the Value of Four Pounds; but all ſuch Rates or Aſſeſſments ſhall from Time to Time be paid to the ſaid Collector or Collectors by ſuch reſpective Tenants or Occupiers, and ſuch Tenants ſhall and are hereby authorized and empowered to deduct and retain out of their reſpective Rents ſuch Sums of Money as they ſhall reſpectively pay as aforeſaid for or on behalf of their reſpective Landlords, and ſuch Landlords are hereby reſpectively required to allow ſuch Deduction upon the Receipt of the Remainder of their reſpective Rents. Parts by Tenants.

LII. Provided alſo, and be it further enacted, That no Perſon ſhall be ſubject to the Payment of any Rate or Aſſeſſment by virtue of this Act, for or in reſpect of any Lands or Gardens other than ſuch Gardens as are adjoining to and let or occupied with any Meſſuage or Tenement within the ſaid Town, ſubject or liable to be rated by this Act, or of any Tithes, or any Moduſes or other Payments in lieu of Tithes; and no Perſon ſhall be ſubject to or charged with any Rate or Aſſeſſment by virtue of this Act, for or in reſpect of any Houſe or Building during the Time the ſame ſhall be empty or unoccupied. Land and Tithes exempt from Rates. Houſes unoccupied not to be charged.

LIII. And be it further enacted, That where any Houſe, Building, Garden, Tenement or Hereditament, in reſpect whereof any Rate or Aſſeſſment ſhall be made as aforeſaid, ſhall be let or demiſed to more than One Tenant, any One or more of ſuch Tenants ſhall be deemed the Occupier or Occupiers thereof for the Purpoſes of this Act. Who is to pay when Houſes are let to ſeveral Tenants.

LIV. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That nothing herein contained ſhall be deemed or taken to make void any Contract, Covenant, or Agreement, between any Landlord and Tenant, touching or concerning the paving or repairing any of the Footways within the ſaid Town, or touching or concerning the Payment of any Rates or Aſſeſſments to be rated or made by virtue of this Act. Not to affect Agreements between Landlords and Tenants.

LV. Provided alſo, and be it further enacted, That in all Caſes where any Perſon ſhall move from or quit any Houſe, Building, Garden, Tenement or Hereditament which ſhall be rated or aſſeſſed by virtue of this Act, ſuch Perſon ſhall be liable to pay ſuch Rate or Aſſeſſment in proportion to the Time that he or ſhe occupied the ſame, in like Manner as if he or ſhe had not removed or quitted the ſame; and in all Caſes where any Perſon ſhall come into or occupy any Houſe, Building, Garden, Tenement or Hereditament rated or aſſeſſed as aforeſaid, out of or from which any other Perſon who ſhall have been rated and aſſeſſed for the ſame ſhall be removed, or which at the Time of making any ſuch Rate or Aſſeſſment was empty or unoccupied, the Perſon coming into or occupying the ſame ſhall be liable to pay ſuch Rate or Aſſeſſment in proportion to the Time that he or ſhe occupied the ſame, in like Manner as if he or ſhe had been originally rated or aſſeſſed for ſuch Houſe, Building, Garden, Tenement, or Hereditament; which ſaid reſpective Proportions, in caſe of Diſpute, ſhall be ſettled and aſcertained by the ſaid Commiſſioners, or any Five or more of them. Rates apportioned between Occupiers quitting and coming in any Houſe, &c.

LVI. And be it further enacted, That in caſe any Perſon or Perſons who ſhall be rated or aſſeſſed, or ſubject or liable to the Payment of any Rate Recovery of Rates.

or Assessment to be laid by virtue of this Act, shall refuse or neglect to pay any such Rate or Assessment to any Collector to be appointed as aforesaid, for the Space of Ten Days after Personal Demand thereof made, or Demand in Writing left at the usual or last Place of Abode of such Person or Persons, it shall be lawful for any Justice of the Peace for the Liberty aforesaid, upon Proof made of such Demand and Nonpayment upon Oath (which Oath such Justice is hereby empowered and required to administer without Fee or Reward), by Warrant under the Hand and Seal of such Justice (which Warrant such Justice is hereby empowered to grant), to authorize and direct the said Collector to levy such Rate or Money so in Arrear, together with the Costs and Charges attending the same, to be ascertained by such Justice, by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of the Person or Persons so refusing or neglecting to pay as aforesaid, rendering the Overplus (if any) on Demand, to the Owner or Owners of such Goods and Chattels: Provided always, that if any Person or Persons shall think himself, herself, or themselves aggrieved by any Rate or Assessment which shall be made in pursuance of this Act, he, she, or they may apply to the said Commissioners, or any Five or more of them, at their first Meeting to be holden after the Expiration of Ten Days from the demanding of such Rate or Assessment, and the said Commissioners, or any Five or more of them, are hereby authorized and empowered, if they shall think any such Person or Persons aggrieved, to give such Relief in the Premises as to them shall seem reasonable.

Persons aggrieved may apply to Commissioners.

Commissioners may borrow Money.

LVII. And for the more effectually enabling the said Commissioners to execute the Purposes of this Act, be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Commissioners, or any Five or more of them, and they are hereby empowered from Time to Time, when they shall judge necessary for the Purpose of carrying this Act into Execution, to borrow and take up at Interest such Sum or Sums of Money, as shall be necessary or requisite for the Purposes of this Act, upon the Credit of the Rates or Assessments herein-before granted, or authorized to be raised, collected or received; and by Writing or Writings under their Hands and Seals, to mortgage, demise, grant or assign over the said Rates or Assessments, or any Part or Parts thereof, to the Person or Persons who shall advance or lend such Money, or his or their Trustee or Trustees, as a Security or Securities for the Money so to be borrowed, together with Interest for the same; and every such Mortgage or Assignment shall be in the Words or to the Effect following; (that is to say),

Form of Assignment.

'BY virtue of an Act passed in the Fifty-ninth Year of the Reign of 'His Majesty King *George* the Third, intituled *An Act* [*here set* '*forth the Title of this Act*], We of the Commissioners 'appointed by and in pursuance of the said Act, in consideration of the 'Sum of advanced and lent by *A. B.* upon the Credit 'and for the Purposes of the said Act, do grant, bargain, sell, demise, and 'assign over unto the said *A. B.* his Executors, Administrators, and 'Assigns, such Proportion of the Rates or Assessments to be made and 'levied by virtue of the said Act, as the said Sum of 'doth or shall bear to the whole Sum which may at any Time be borrowed 'upon Mortgage of, or become due and owing, or charged upon the 'Credit of the said Act, to be had and holden from this 'Day of in the Year until the said Sum 'of

'of with Intereſt at *per Centum*
'*per Annum* for the ſame, ſhall be repaid and ſatisfied.'

And all Perſons to whom ſuch Mortgages and Aſſignments ſhall be made, or who ſhall be entitled to the Money thereby ſecured, ſhall be, in proportion to the Sums therein reſpectively mentioned, Creditors on the ſaid Rates and Aſſeſſments equally one with another, without any Preference in reſpect to the Priority of advancing any ſuch Money, or the Dates of any ſuch Mortgages or Aſſignments. No Preference in reſpect of Priority.

LVIII. And be it further enacted, That in caſe the ſaid Commiſſioners, or any Five or more of them, ſhall think it adviſable or more advantageous to raiſe any Part of the Money neceſſary for the Purpoſes of this Act, by the granting of Annuities on Lives, then it ſhall be lawful for the ſaid Commiſſioners, or any Five or more of them, and they are hereby authorized and empowered, by Writing under their Hands and Seals, to grant Annuities out of the Rates or Aſſeſſments to be raiſed as aforeſaid, to any Perſon or Perſons who ſhall contribute, advance and pay into the Hands of the Treaſurer to the ſaid Commiſſioners any Sum or Sums of Money for the abſolute Purchaſe of any Annuity or Annuities to be paid and payable during the natural Life of every ſuch Contributor, or of ſuch Perſon as ſhall be nominated by or on the behalf of ſuch Contributor, at the Time of the Payment of his or her Contribution or Purchaſe Money, ſo as that no ſuch Annuity do exceed the Rates herein-after mentioned, and ſo that the whole Money to be raiſed upon Mortgage, and by the granting of Annuities as aforeſaid, do not exceed the Sum of Six thouſand Pounds, and the Grant of every ſuch Annuity may be in the Words or to the Effect following; (that is to ſay), Money may be raiſed by Annuities.

'WE of the Commiſſioners appointed by or in pur-
'ſuance of an Act paſſed in the Fifty-ninth Year of the Reign of
'King *George* the Third, intituled *An Act* [*here ſet forth the Title of this*
'*Act*] in conſideration of the Sum of paid by
'to the Treaſurer appointed in purſuance of the ſaid Act,
'do hereby grant unto the ſaid Executors, Adminiſtra-
'tors and Aſſigns, an Annuity or Yearly Sum of out of
'the Rates or Aſſeſſments ariſing by virtue of the ſaid Act; which An-
'nuity or Yearly Sum of ſhall be paid to the ſaid
'Executors, Adminiſtrators, and Aſſigns, upon the Day of
'in every Year, during the natural Life of and the Firſt Pay-
'ment thereof ſhall be made upon the Day of next enſuing
'the Date of theſe Preſents. In Witneſs whereof we have hereunto ſet
'our Hands and Seals the Day of in the Year
'of our Lord :' Form of Grant.

And every ſuch Grant ſhall be good, valid, and effectual in the Law; and every Annuity ſo to be granted as aforeſaid ſhall be and is hereby charged upon, and ſhall be made payable and paid free from all Taxes and Deductions out of the ſaid Rates or Aſſeſſments, and ſhall be payable and paid at ſuch Place within the ſaid Town, and on ſuch Days every Year as ſhall be mentioned in ſuch Grant: Provided nevertheleſs, that before any Money ſhall be borrowed or Annuity granted, Twenty-one Days Notice at the leaſt ſhall be given Three Times in ſome public Newſpaper publiſhed or circulated within the ſaid Town of *Romford*, ſignifying the Intention of borrowing ſuch Money or granting ſuch Annuities. Twenty-one Days Notice to borrow Money.

LIX. And

Grants of Annuities may be transferred.

LIX. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the Persons entitled to the Securities for the Money borrowed or raised by Mortgage, and of the Annuities granted as aforesaid, and their respective Executors, Administrators, or Assigns, at any Time by Writing under their Hands and Seals, to transfer such Securities to any Person or Persons whomsoever; which Transfer may be in the Words or to the Effect following; (that is to say),

Form of Assignment.

'I being entitled to the Sum of [*or*, an Annuity of secured to Executors, Administrators and Assigns by virtue of a Mortgage or Assignment [*or*, Grant of Annuity] bearing Date the Day of under the Hands and Seals of the Commissioners acting in the Execution of an Act passed in the Fifty-ninth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty King *George* the Third, intituled An Act [*here set forth the Title of this Act*] upon the Credit of the Rates or Assessments granted by the said Act, do hereby transfer all my Right and Title in and to the same, and all Interest or other Money now due and owing thereon, unto Executors, Administrators, and Assigns. Dated the Day of :'

Transfers entered and Books examined.

And Entries or Memorials of all Mortgages or Assignments and Grants of Annuities which shall be made in pursuance of this Act, and of all Transfers thereof respectively, expressing in Words at length the Names, Surnames, Additions, Places of Abode, and other proper Descriptions of all such Persons as shall from Time to Time be entitled to such Mortgages, Assignments, or Annuities, shall be entered in a Book or Books to be kept for that Purpose by the Clerk to the said Commissioners, to which Book or Books any Person or Persons interested shall at all seasonable Times have Access, and shall have free Liberty to inspect the same without Fee or Reward; and for the Entry of every such Transfer the said Clerk shall be paid Two Shillings and Sixpence and no more; and every such Transfer, after such Entry made thereof, shall entitle the Person or Persons to whom the same shall be made, and his, her, or their Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, to the Benefit of the Security thereby transferred.

For granting Annuities under certain Restrictions.

LX. And for preventing any improvident Grants of Annuities under this Act, be it further enacted, That no Annuities shall be granted by virtue of this Act for any Single Life at any higher Rate than the following; (that is to say), where the Age of the Annuitant or Person for whose Life the Annuity shall be granted shall not exceed Thirty-five Years, the Annuity to be granted shall not exceed the Rate of Eight Pounds Three Shillings for each One Hundred Pounds of the Consideration Money paid for the Purchase thereof; where the Age of such Person shall not exceed Forty Years, the Annuity to be granted shall not exceed the Rate of Eight Pounds Ten Shillings for each One Hundred Pounds of such Consideration Money; where the Age of such Person shall not exceed Forty-five Years, the Annuity shall not exceed the Rate of Nine Pounds for each One Hundred Pounds of the Consideration Money; where the Age of such Person shall not exceed Fifty Years, the Annuity shall not exceed the Rate of Nine Pounds Twelve Shillings for each One Hundred Pounds of the Consideration Money; where the Age of such Person shall not exceed Fifty-five Years, the Annuity shall not

exceed the Rate of Ten Pounds Eight Shillings for each One Hundred Pounds of the Conſideration Money; where the Age of ſuch Perſon ſhall not exceed Sixty Years, the Annuity ſhall not exceed the Rate of Eleven Pounds Eight Shillings for each One Hundred Pounds of the Conſideration Money; where the Age of ſuch Perſon ſhall not exceed Sixty-five Years, the Annuity ſhall not exceed the Rate of Twelve Pounds Seventeen Shillings for each One Hundred Pounds of the Conſideration Money; where the Age of ſuch Perſon ſhall not exceed Seventy Years, the Annuity ſhall not exceed the Rate of Fifteen Pounds One Shilling for each One Hundred Pounds of the Conſideration Money; and where the Age of ſuch Perſon ſhall not exceed Seventy-five Years, the Annuity ſhall not exceed the Rate of Eighteen Pounds Ten Shillings for each One Hundred Pounds of the Conſideration Money.

Application of the Monies raiſed.

LXI. And be it further enacted, That all the Money to ariſe by or from the ſaid Rates or Aſſeſſments hereby authorized to be made and levied, and which may be borrowed on the Credit thereof or advanced thereupon as aforeſaid, and all ſuch and ſo much of the Penalties impoſed by this Act as are not herein-before directed to be paid to any Informer or Informers, and alſo all other Money which ſhall come to the Hands of the ſaid Commiſſioners, or any of them, or of their Treaſurer, by virtue of or for the Purpoſes of this Act, ſhall be applied and diſpoſed of, in the firſt Place, in the Payment and Diſcharge of all Charges and Expences attending the obtaining and paſſing this Act, and of all Sum and Sums of Money which ſhall be advanced by any Perſon or Perſons whomſoever for that Purpoſe, together with Intereſt for the ſame after the Rate of Five Pounds for One Hundred Pounds by the Year, to be computed from the Time or reſpective Times of paying or advancing ſuch Sum or Sums of Money up to the Period of the Payment thereof reſpectively; and afterwards from Time to Time in paying and diſcharging the Intereſt and Principal of the Monies to be borrowed, and of the Annuities to be granted as aforeſaid, and in defraying the Charges and Expences of paving and repairing ſuch of the Footways as ſhall be paved by virtue of this Act, and in lighting, watching, and cleanſing the ſeveral Streets and other public Paſſages and Places within the ſaid Town, and all other Charges and Expences of carrying this Act into Execution, in ſuch Manner as the ſaid Commiſſioners, or any Five or more of them, ſhall think proper, and to or for no other Uſe or Purpoſe whatſoever.

Penalties and Forfeitures, how to be recovered and applied.

LXII. And be it further enacted, That all Penalties and Forfeitures by this Act impoſed (for Recovery whereof the Manner is not hereby otherwiſe directed) ſhall be levied and recovered by Diſtreſs and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of the Offenders, by Warrant under the Hand and Seal of any Juſtice of the Peace for the Liberty of *Havering-atte-Bower*, or of the ſaid County in any Caſe or Caſes where the Offender or Offenders ſhall not be reſident within the Liberty aforeſaid, (which Warrant ſuch Juſtice is hereby empowered to grant upon the Confeſſion of the Party, or upon the Information of any credible Witneſs upon Oath), and ſhall (if not directed to be otherwiſe applied by this Act) be paid to the Treaſurer to the ſaid Commiſſioners for the Time being, and applied for the Purpoſes of this Act; and in caſe ſufficient Diſtreſs ſhall not be found, or ſuch Penalties and Forfeitures ſhall not be forthwith paid, ſuch Juſtice is hereby authorized and required, by Warrant under his Hand and Seal,

to cauſe the Offenders reſpectively to be committed to the Common Gaol or Houſe of Correction, there to remain without Bail or Mainprize, for any Time not exceeding Six Calendar Months unleſs ſuch Penalties and Forfeitures, and all reaſonable Charges attending the Recovery thereof, ſhall be ſooner paid and ſatisfied.

LXIII. And be it further enacted, That every Juſtice of the Peace before whom any Perſon ſhall be convicted of any Offence againſt this Act, ſhall and may cauſe the Conviction to be drawn up in the following Form or to the like Effect; (that is to ſay),

Form of Conviction.

'County of *Eſſex*, to wit,' BE it remembered, That on the Day of in the Year of the Reign of His preſent Majeſty, *A. B.* is convicted before of His Majeſty's Juſtices of the Peace for the ſaid Liberty of *Haveringatte-Bower*, or for the ſaid County, by virtue of an Act paſſed in the Fifty-ninth Year of the Reign of His Majeſty King *George* the Third, intituled [*here ſet forth the Title of this Act, and ſpecify the Offence, and the Time and Place when and where the ſame was committed as the Caſe ſhall be*]. Given under my Hand and Seal the Day and Year aforeſaid.'

Inhabitants may be Witneſſes.

LXIV. And be it further enacted, That in all Actions, Proſecutions, Informations, Cauſes and Proceedings whatſoever, relating to or concerning the Execution of this Act, no Inhabitant of the ſaid Town ſhall be deemed incompetent to give Evidence, by reaſon of ſuch Inhabitant being charged with and liable to pay any Rate or Aſſeſſment by virtue of this Act.

Diſtreſs not unlawful for want of Form.

LXV. And be it further enacted, That where any Diſtreſs ſhall be made for any Sum of Money to be levied by virtue of this Act, the Diſtreſs itſelf ſhall not be deemed unlawful, nor the Party making the ſame be deemed a Treſpaſſer, on account of any Defect or Want of Form in the Summons, Conviction, Warrant of Diſtreſs or other Proceedings relating thereunto, nor ſhall the Party diſtraining be deemed a Treſpaſſer *ab initio*, on account of any Irregularity which ſhall afterwards be done by the Party diſtraining, but the Perſon aggrieved by ſuch Irregularity ſhall and may recover full Satisfaction for the ſpecial Damage in an Action upon the Caſe: Provided always, that no Plaintiff ſhall recover in any Action for ſuch Irregularity, or for any Treſpaſs or other wrongful Proceeding, unleſs Notice in Writing of the Intention to bring ſuch Action ſhall be given to the Perſon againſt whom the ſame is to be brought Twenty-one Days before ſuch Action ſhall be commenced, ſigned by the Attorney for the Plaintiff, ſpecifying the Cauſe of ſuch Action, nor ſhall the Plaintiff recover in any ſuch Action, if Tender of ſufficient Amends hath been made to him or his Attorney by or on behalf of the Defendant before ſuch Action brought; and in caſe no ſuch Tender ſhall have been made, it ſhall be lawful for the Defendant, by Leave of the Court at any Time before Iſſue joined, to pay into Court ſuch Sum of Money as he ſhall think fit, whereupon ſuch Proceedings, Order, and Judgment ſhall be had, made, and given in and by ſuch Court as in other Actions where the Defendant is allowed to pay Money into Court; and that no Order, Verdict, Aſſeſſment, Judgment or other Proceedings made touching or concerning any of the Matters aforeſaid, or touching or concerning the Conviction of any Offender againſt this Act, ſhall be quaſhed or vacated for want of Form only, or be removed or removable by *Certiorari* or any other Writ

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or Proceſs whatſoever into any of His Majeſty's Courts of Record at *Weſtminſter*; any Law or Statute to the contrary notwithſtanding.

Appeal to the Quarter Seſſions.

LXVI. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That if any Perſon ſhall think himſelf or herſelf aggrieved by any Rate or Aſſeſſment to be made, or other Matter or Thing to be done in purſuance of this Act, ſuch Perſon may appeal to the Juſtices at any General or Quarter Seſſions of the Peace to be holden for the ſaid Liberty of *Havering-atte-Bower*, or for the ſaid County of *Eſſex*, within Six Calendar Months next after the Cauſe of Complaint ſhall have ariſen, ſuch Appellant firſt giving Fourteen Days Notice at the leaſt, in Writing, of his or her Intention to bring ſuch Appeal, and of the Matter thereof, to the Clerk or Treaſurer to the ſaid Commiſſioners, or other the Reſpondent or Reſpondents, and within Four Days next after Notice, entering into a Recognizance before ſome Juſtice of the Peace for the ſaid Liberty or County, with Two ſufficient Sureties conditioned to try ſuch Appeal, and abide the Order of, and to pay ſuch Coſts as ſhall be awarded by the Juſtices at ſuch Seſſion; and the ſaid Juſtices at ſuch Seſſion ſhall hear and finally determine the Cauſe and Matter of ſuch Appeal, in a ſummary Way, and award ſuch Coſts to the Party appealing or appealed againſt, as they ſhall think proper, and their Determination therein ſhall be final, binding, and concluſive to all Parties, and to all Intents and Purpoſes.

Limitation of Action.

LXVII. And be it further enacted, That no Action or Suit ſhall be commenced againſt any Perſon for any Thing done in purſuance of this Act, until Twenty-one Days Notice ſhall be thereof given to the Clerk or Treaſurer to the ſaid Commiſſioners, or after ſufficient Satisfaction or Tender thereof hath been made to the Party aggrieved, or after Six Calendar Months next after the Fact committed, and every ſuch Action or Suit ſhall be brought and tried in the County of *Eſſex*, and not elſewhere; and the Defendant in every ſuch Action or Suit ſhall and may plead the General Iſſue, and give this Act and the ſpecial Matter in Evidence at any Trial to be had thereupon, and that the ſame was done in purſuance and by the Authority of this Act; and if the ſame ſhall appear to be ſo done, or if ſuch Action or Suit ſhall be brought before Twenty-one Days Notice ſhall be thereof given as aforeſaid, or after a ſufficient Satisfaction made or tendered as aforeſaid, or after the Time herein-before limited for bringing the ſame, or ſhall be brought in any other County or Place than as aforeſaid, then the Jury ſhall find for the Defendant; and upon ſuch Verdict, or if the Plaintiff ſhall be nonſuited or diſcontinue his or her Action or Suit after the Defendant ſhall have appeared, or if, upon Demurrer, Judgment ſhall be given againſt the Plaintiff, then the Defendant ſhall recover Treble Coſts, and have ſuch Remedy for the ſame as any Defendant hath for Coſts of Suit in other Caſes of Law.

Not to diminiſh the Rights or Privileges of the Tenants of the Liberty;

LXVIII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That nothing herein contained ſhall extend, or be conſtrued or deemed or taken to extend, to abridge, alter, vary, diminiſh, leſſen, impeach, or determine the Rights and Privileges, Immunities and Advantages of or belonging to the Tenants of the Liberty or Manor of *Havering-atte-Bower* aforeſaid, in anywiſe howſoever.

LXIX. Pro-

nor the Rights of Lords of Manors, &c.

LXIX. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That nothing in this Act ſhall extend to take away, diminiſh, or impede the Exerciſe of any Privilege or Right whatſoever of the King's moſt Excellent Majeſty, as Lord of the Manor or Liberty of *Havering-atte-Bower*, or his Leſſee or Leſſees, or any Privilege or Right whatſoever now uſed by any Lord or Lords of any Manor, Franchiſe, or Liberty, or any other Perſon or Perſons whomſoever entitled to any Privilege or Right within the ſaid Town of *Romford*, or adjoining to the ſaid Town.

Public Act.

LXX. 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.

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