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Cap. xix.

An Act for more effectually repairing and improving the Road from *Shillingford* in the County of *Oxford*, through *Wallingford* and *Pangborne*, to *Reading* in the County of *Berks;* and for repairing and maintaining a Bridge over the River *Thames* at or near *Shillingford Ferry.*

[2d *April* 1827.]

WHEREAS an Act was passed in the Fourth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Third, intituled *An Act for repairing and widening the Road from* Shilling- 4 G. 3. c. 42.
ford *in the County of* Oxford, *through* Wallingford *and* Pangborne, *to* Reading *in the County of* Berks; *and for building a Bridge over the River* Thames *at or near* Shillingford Ferry: And whereas an Act was passed in the Twenty-fourth Year of the Reign of His said late Majesty, intituled *An Act for enlarging the Term and Powers of an* 24 G. 3. c. 22.
Act passed in the Fourth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, for repairing and widening the Road from Shillingford *in the County of* Oxford, *through* Wallingford *and* Pangborne, *to* Reading *in the County of* Berks; *and for building a Bridge over the River* Thames *at or near* Shillingford Ferry: And whereas an Act was passed in the Forty-fifth Year of the Reign of His said late Majesty, intituled *An Act for continuing the Term and altering and enlarging the Powers* 45 G. 3. c. 25.
of Two Acts, passed in the Fourth and Twenty-fourth Years of His present

present Majesty, for repairing the Road from Shillingford *in the County of* Oxford, *through* Wallingford *and* Pangbourne, *to* Reading *in the County of* Berks; *and for building a Bridge over the River* Thames *at or near* Shillingford Ferry; And whereas the Trustees for executing the said recited Acts have proceeded in the Execution thereof, and caused to be built a Bridge over the River *Thames* at or near *Shillingford Ferry* aforesaid, which Bridge being ruinous has been since in part taken down, and the Trustees have contracted for the building of a new Stone Bridge on the Site of the one so taken down, and which new Bridge is nearly completed; and the said Trustees have borrowed and taken up at Interest several considerable Sums of Money upon the Credit of the Tolls granted by the said Acts, which Money cannot be paid off, nor can the said Road and Bridge be kept in sufficient Repair, unless the Term granted and continued by the said recited Acts be further continued; and it would be more convenient if the said Acts were repealed, and further, better, and more effectual Powers and Provisions granted instead thereof, and the Tolls increased or altered; but the beneficial Purposes aforesaid cannot be effected without the Aid and Authority of Parliament: And whereas an Act was passed in the Third Year of the Reign
3 G. 4. c. 126. of His present Majesty King *George* the Fourth, intituled *An Act to amend the General Laws now in being for regulating Turnpike Roads in that Part of* Great Britain *called* England: And whereas an Act was passed in the Fourth Year of the Reign of His said present
4 G. 4. c. 95. Majesty, intituled *An Act to explain and amend an Act passed in the Third Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, to amend the General Laws now in being for regulating Turnpike Roads in that Part of* Great Britain *called* England: And whereas an Act was passed in
5 G. 4. c. 69. the Fifth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled *An Act to enable Justices of the Peace for Ridings, Divisions, or Sokes, to act as Trustees for repairing and maintaining Turnpike Roads:* 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

Recited Acts 4, 24, and 45 G. 3. repealed, and this Act to take place instead thereof.

of the same, That upon the Third *Wednesday* next after the passing of this Act, the said recited Acts respectively passed in the Fourth, Twenty-fourth, and Forty-fifth Years of the Reign of His said late Majesty King *George* the Third, shall be and the same are hereby declared to be repealed, and null and void to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever; and instead thereof this Act shall from thenceforth commence and take effect, and shall be put in execution, for and during the Term herein-after mentioned, for the Purpose of more effectually amending, repairing, widening, altering, and from Time to Time improving and keeping in repair the Road and Bridge herein-after described; (that is to say,) the present Turnpike Road leading from the *Henley* and *Dorchester* Turnpike Road at, near, or adjoining to the North-eastward Corner of a certain Public House and Premises called *The Old Bell*, situate at *Shillingford* in the Parish of *Warborough* in the County of *Oxford*, to and over the said Bridge across the River *Thames* at *Shillingford Ferry*, and from thence to, through, into, or from the several Parishes, Townships, Liberties, Hamlets, Streets, or Places of *Clapcot*, *Castle Street* in the Parish of *All Hallows* in

Description of the Road, &c. to be repaired, &c. under this Act.

Wallingford, *Saint Martin's Street* in the several Parishes of *Saint Peter* and *Saint Mary-the-More*, or in one of them, in *Wallingford*; the Market Place in the said Parish of *Saint Mary-the-More*, *Fish Street* in the same Parish, and also in the Parish of *Saint Leonard* in *Wallingford*; *Cholsey*, *Moulsford*, *Streatley*, *Basildon*, and *Pangborne*, all in the County of *Berks*; *Whitchurch*, in the Counties of *Oxford* and *Berks*, or one of them; and *Purley*, *Tilehurst*, and *Saint Mary* in *Reading*, all in the said County of *Berks*; to the North-westward Corner of *Prospect Street* in the same Parish of *Saint Mary*, being the Commencement of the first Street in the Town of *Reading* aforesaid contiguous to the said Line of Road; which said Road and Bridge shall be and the same are hereby respectively vested in the Trustees for executing this Act.

Powers of General Turnpike Acts extended to this Act.

II. And be it further enacted, That the said recited Act passed in the Third Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, and all and every the Powers, Provisions, Exemptions, Penalties, Forfeitures, Payments, Remedies, Matters, and Things therein contained, (save and except such Parts thereof as are expressly varied, altered, or repealed by the said recited Act of the Fourth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, and also save and except such Parts thereof as are expressly varied, altered, or otherwise provided for by this Act,) and also the said recited Act passed in the Fourth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, and all and every the Powers, Provisions, Exemptions, Penalties, Forfeitures, Payments, Remedies, Matters, and Things therein contained, (save and except such Parts thereof as are expressly varied, altered, or otherwise provided for by this Act,) and also the said recited Act passed in the Fifth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, and the Power or Provision therein contained, shall respectively be as good, valid, and effectual for carrying this Act and the several and respective Purposes thereof into Execution, as if the same had respectively been repeated and re-enacted in the Body of this Act.

New Term and Tolls liable to Debts, &c.

III. And be it further enacted, That this Act and the Term and Tolls hereby granted shall be and they are hereby made subject and liable to the Payment of all Monies which have been borrowed and are now due and owing on the Credit of the Tolls authorized to be taken by the said recited Acts hereby repealed, or any or either of them, and of all Interest due and to grow due thereon respectively, as fully and effectually to all Intents and Purposes as if such Monies had been borrowed or become due and owing on the Credit or Security of the Tolls granted by this Act; and all and every Person and Persons who may owe or be subject or liable to the Payment of any Sum or Sums of Money to the Trustees for executing the said recited Acts hereby repealed, or any or either of them, or to any Person or Persons for the Benefit of the said Road and Bridge, or either of them, shall be liable to the Payment of all such Sum and Sums of Money to the Trustees for executing this Act.

Bonds, &c. under the former Acts to remain in force.

IV. And be it further enacted, That all Deeds, Bonds, Covenants, and Agreements, Contracts and Securities, Conveyances and Assurances, entered into by any Person or Persons to or with the Trustees for

for carrying the said recited Acts hereby repealed into Execution, or to or with the Clerk or Treasurer, or any other Person or Persons on behalf of the said Trustees, according to the Provisions of the said recited Acts or any of them, shall remain in full Force and Effect, and be and continue available in all Courts of Law and Equity, until the same are fully satisfied and performed on account and for the Benefit of the Trust created by this Act; and all Contracts or Agreements, Demises, Mortgages, or Securities, Conveyances, Assurances, Bargains, and Notices, duly made, entered into, or given by the said Trustees, shall, so far as the same are not altered or avoided by this Act, remain in full Force and Effect, and be observed and kept by the Trustees for executing this Act, according to the Terms and Stipulations and Tenor thereof respectively, notwithstanding the Repeal of the said first Three recited Acts; any Law, Statute, Usage, or Custom to the contrary thereof in anywise notwithstanding.

Former Books to be Evidence.

V. And be it further enacted, That all and every the Books and Book of Proceedings, or of Accounts of Receipts and Disbursements, which may have been kept by the Trustees acting in the Execution of the Acts hereby repealed, or of any Act then in force, or by their Clerk or Treasurer under their Direction, according to the Provisions of such Acts, and made Evidence thereby, shall be admitted as Evidence in all Courts, and by all Judges, Justices, and others, notwithstanding the Repeal of the said Acts.

Books used under former Acts to be delivered to the Trustees under this Act, and Officers to account to them.

VI. And be it further enacted, That all Persons who are or who have been employed, or who have received any Tolls or other Money on account of the said Road and Bridge or Ferry comprized in the said first Three recited Acts, or any or either of them, or who have or shall have in their Custody or Possession any Money, Books, Papers, Writings, or other Things relating to the said Road, Bridge, and Ferry, or any or either of them, shall account for and pay and deliver over the same in like Manner and under the like Penalties as the several Collectors and other Persons receiving any Money by virtue of the said recited Acts of the Third and Fourth Years of the Reign of His said present Majesty, and this Act, are required to pay or account for the same.

Trustees.

VII. And be it further enacted, That all His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the Time being acting for the respective Counties of *Berks* and *Oxford*, together with *Isaac Richard Arding* Clerk, *Lancelot Austwick*, *Charles Atherton Allnatt*, *William Andrews* the younger, *John Adams*, *James Blackstone*, *Michael Henry Blount*, *John Bayley*, *Robert Baker*, *John Symonds Breedon*, *Richard Benyon de Beauvoir*, *John Buckland* Clerk, *William Butler*, *Benjamin Bennett*, *Henry Bredon* Clerk, *Edward Button*, *John Blagrave*, *John Bradford* Clerk, *John Jackson Blandy*, *Richard Allen Burney* Clerk, *James Bennett*, *John Boult*, *Richard Bancombe*, *Wyatt Cottle* Clerk, *Robert Clarke*, *John Cooper*, *William Champion* the elder, *Robert Mayne Clarke*, *William Shaw Clarke*, *Charles Dundas*, *Henry Robert Dukinfield* Clerk, *David Durell* Clerk, *John Thomas*, *Robert Dalzell*, *William Davey*, *John Dodd*, *Samuel Dick*, *Henry Deane*, *John Fuller*, *Thomas Fuller*, *Henry Fludger*, *Robert Bailey Fisher* Clerk, *Thomas Humphrey Fuller*, *Thomas*

Thomas Fuller the younger, *David Fenton*, *Samuel Gardiner*, *Edward Golding*, *Charles Greenwood*, *Charles Greenwood* the younger, *Thomas Greenwood* of *High Street Wallingford*, *Thomas Greenwood* of the Market Place *Wallingford*, *Thomas Greenwood* of *Castle Street Wallingford*, *Robert Green*, *Thomas Garnier* Clerk, *Charles Wrighte Gardiner*, *Rawson Bodham Gardiner*, *Robert Hopkins*, *Robert Hopkins* the younger, *John Hopkins*, *William Hazel*, *James Hazel*, *John Hooper*, *George Higgs*, *Robert Harris*, *John Harris*, *John Allnatt Hedges*, *Joseph Hopkins*, *Adolphus William Hume*, *William Andrew Hammond* Clerk, *Frederick Joseph Hilliard* Clerk, *William Toovey Hopkins* Clerk, *William Henry Hall*, *George Jackson*, *George Jones*, *John Kirby*, *John Kirby* the younger, *John King*, *Robert Keate*, *George Engleberts Liebenrood*, *Herbert Lewis*, *Edward Law*, *Edward Law* the younger, *Ebenezer Fuller Maitland*, *John Berkeley Monck*, *Charles Morrell*, *Charles Morrell* the younger, *Charles Manesty* Clerk, *Henry Hart Milman* Clerk, *William May*, *Alexander Macdonald*, *Henry Marsh*, *Baker Morrell*, *John Marshall*, *Deacon Morrell* Clerk, *Robert Morrell*, *Peter Matthews*, *Robert Maddock*, *Thomas Newton*, *Thomas Newton* the younger, *Francis Kirby Ormond*, *Robert Palmer* of *Holme Park*, *Robert Palmer* the elder, *Uvedale Price*, *Philip Lybbe Powys*, *James Parker*, *James Parker* the younger, *Charles Pittman*, *Charles Pittman* the younger, *Robert Pigou*, *Henry Powys*, *John Reade*, *Thomas Rickford*, *David Robertson* Doctor of Medicine, Sir *Francis Sykes* Baronet, *Henry Stevens* Clerk, *Henry Stevens* the younger, Clerk, *Thomas Stokes Salmon* Doctor of Medicine, *Thomas Stokes Salmon* the younger, *William Stone*, *William Stone* the younger, *Henry Selwood*, *William Blackall Simonds*, *William Stephens*, *William Stephens* the younger, *William Henry Stone*, *Blackall Simonds*, *Henry Simonds*, *Edward Simeon*, *John Slade*, *Thomas Sowdon*, *John Sherwood*, *Richard Sherwood*, *John Stephens*, *Thomas Toovey*, *William Toovey*, *Charles Taylor*, *Jonathan Tannor*, *Richard Valpy* Doctor in Divinity, *Anthony Blagrave Valpy*, *Edward Vines*, *Edward Vines* the younger, *William Wise* Doctor in Divinity, *Lovelace Bigg Wither*, *William Henry Wright* Clerk, *Robert Wintle* Clerk, *Thomas Wintle* Clerk, *Edward Wells* of *Wallingford*, *Edward Wells* of *Slade End*, *John Witherall* Doctor of Laws, *Job Wells*, *John Wilder*, *James Wells*, *John Wells*, *Henry Watson Wilder* Clerk, *William Butler Webb*, *Humphry Francis Walcot*, *Thomas Gilbert White*, and *William Winkworth*, and their Successors, being duly qualified according to the Directions of the said recited Acts passed in the Third, Fourth, and Fifth Years of the Reign of His said present Majesty, shall be and they are hereby appointed the Trustees for amending, widening, improving, maintaining, and keeping in repair the said Road and Bridge, and for otherwise carrying the said recited Acts of the Third and Fourth Years of the Reign of His said present Majesty and this Act into Execution.

Power of appointing additional Trustees.

VIII. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Trustees, and they are hereby authorized and empowered from Time to Time, at any of their Meetings, to elect and appoint any Number of Persons, being duly qualified as directed by the said recited Acts of the Third and Fourth Years of the Reign of His present Majesty (not exceeding Five in the whole, in addition to the

the Number of Trustees herein named and appointed), to be Trustees for the Purposes of the said recited Acts of the Third and Fourth Years of the Reign of His said present Majesty and this Act; and such Persons so elected and appointed, being duly qualified, shall be Trustees for the Purposes of the said last-mentioned Acts and this Act, and are hereby invested with the same Powers and Authorities for executing the said last-mentioned Acts and this Act, as if they had been herein named and appointed.

First Meeting of Trustees.

IX. And be it further enacted, That the said Trustees shall hold their First Meeting at the House known by the Sign of *The Lamb* in *Wallingford* aforesaid, or at some other convenient House or Place in *Wallingford* aforesaid, on the Third *Wednesday* next after the passing of this Act, or as soon after as conveniently may be, between the Hours of Ten in the Forenoon and Two in the Afternoon, and shall then and there proceed to put the said recited Acts of the Third and Fourth Years of the Reign of His said present Majesty and this Act into Execution; and shall and may then and from Time to Time afterwards adjourn to and meet at such Time and Place or Places, on or near to the said Road, as the said Trustees or the major Part of them present at any such Meetings shall think proper and appoint.

Quarterly Meetings.

X. And be it further enacted, That Meetings of the Trustees of the said Road and Bridge shall be held annually at *Wallingford*, on the First *Monday* in each of the Months of *January* and *July*, and at *Reading* on the First *Monday* in each of the Months of *April* and *October*; any thing herein or in the said recited Acts of the Third and Fourth Years of the Reign of His present Majesty contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

Old Officers to continue.

XI. And be it further enacted, That each and every Treasurer who shall have been appointed consistently with the Provisions of the said recited Acts passed in the Third and Fourth Years of the Reign of His present Majesty, and not contrary to the Provisions or Directions of this Act, and each and every Clerk, Receiver, Collector, Surveyor, and other Officer appointed under or by virtue of the said recited Acts hereby repealed, or under any or either of them, shall hold and enjoy such their several and respective Offices and Employments until removed therefrom respectively by the Trustees for executing this Act; and each and every such Clerk, Receiver, Collector, Surveyor, and other Officer, shall have the like Powers and Authorities for the Purposes of this Act, and for carrying the same into Execution, and shall be subject and liable to such Pains and Penalties, and to the like Powers of Removal, and to the like Rules and Regulations, in all respects whatsoever, as if he or they had been appointed under or by virtue of the said recited Acts of the Third and Fourth Years of the Reign of His present Majesty or this Act.

Treasurer and Clerk not to be the same Person.

XII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That it shall not be lawful for the said Trustees to continue or appoint the Person who hath been or may be appointed to act as their Clerk in the Execution of this Act, or his Partner, or the Clerk or any other Person

in the Service or Employ of any such Clerk or his Partner, to be the Treasurer for the Purposes of this Act, or to continue or appoint the Person who hath been or may be appointed Treasurer, or his Partner, or the Clerk or any other Person in the Service or Employ of any such Treasurer or his Partner, to be the Clerk to the said Trustees; 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, or being the Clerk, or in the Service or Employ of any such Clerk or his Partner, shall act as Treasurer, or being the Partner of any such Treasurer, or being the Clerk or in the Service or Employ of any such Treasurer or his Partner, shall act as Clerk in the Execution of this Act, or if any such Treasurer shall hold any Place or Office of Profit or Trust under the said Trustees other than that of Treasurer, every such Person so offending shall for every such Offence forfeit and pay the Sum of One hundred Pounds to any Person who shall sue for the same, to be recovered, with full Costs of Suit, in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster*, by Action of Debt or on the Case, or by Bill, Plaint, Suit, or Information, wherein no Essoign, Protection, or Wager of Law, nor more than One Imparlance, shall be allowed.

Power to continue or alter the present Gates, and to erect Toll Gates, Weighing Machines, &c.

XIII. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Trustees, if they think proper, to continue or remove all and every or any of the Toll Gates or Turnpikes or Toll Houses now standing and being in, upon, across, or on the Sides of the said Road, and at, near, or upon the said Bridge, and also to erect and set up or build, or cause to be erected, set up, and built, upon, in, or across the said Road, or on the Sides thereof respectively, or any Part thereof respectively, or at, near, or upon the said Bridge, when, where, and as they shall judge necessary, any Gate or Gates, Turnpike or Turnpikes, Side Gate or Side Gates, Side Bar or Side Bars, Chain or Chains, Weighing Machine or Weighing Machines, and also One or more Toll House or Toll Houses, with Outhouses and Conveniences suitable thereto, at or near each Gate, Bar, Chain, or Weighing Machine, and to take in and inclose from any Grounds adjoining thereto, on the Sides of the said Road, suitable Garden Plots for the same Toll Houses respectively, not exceeding One Eighth Part of a Statute Acre for each such Toll House, as they shall think necessary; and at any Time and from Time to Time to take down and remove, and afterwards rebuild and set up again, the said Gate or Gates, Turnpike or Turnpikes, Side Gate or Side Gates, Side Bar or Side Bars, Chain or Chains, Weighing Machine or Weighing Machines, Toll House or Toll Houses, Outhouses and Conveniences, or any of them, in such other Situations upon, across, or on the Sides of the said Road, or at, near, or upon the said Bridge, as they the said Trustees shall think proper, and direct or appoint: Provided always, that no Toll Gate or Turnpike, Side Gate, Side Bar, Chain, Weighing Machine, Toll House, Outhouse, or Convenience, shall be taken down or removed by Order of such Trustees, unless such Order be made by a Majority of the Trustees present at a Meeting at which Nine Trustees at the least shall be present, and unless Notice of such Meeting, and of the Intention of taking down or removing the same respectively, signed by the Clerk or Clerks to the said Trustees, be affixed on all the Toll Gates or Turnpikes then erected on the said Road, and also unless Notice of

of such Meeting and Intention be inserted in some Newspaper circulated in the Neighbourhood of the said Road, One Calendar Month at the least before the Day of holding the Meeting at which such Order shall be made.

Power to take Tolls upon the Road.

XIV. And be it further enacted, That the several Tolls following shall and may be demanded and taken at each and every of the Turnpikes, Gates, Bars, or Chains now erected or hereafter to be erected upon, in, across, or on the Sides of the said Road, (excepting at, near, or upon the said Bridge,) by such Person or Persons as shall from Time to Time be authorized or appointed to receive the same, before any Horse, Beast, Cattle, Coach, Waggon, Cart, or other Carriage shall be permitted to pass through the same respectively; (that is to say,)

Tolls.

For every Horse or other Beast drawing any Coach, Chariot, Landau, Berlin, Chaise, Calash, Chair, Hearse, Litter, Waggon, Wain, Cart, or other Carriage whatsoever, with Four Wheels, the Sum of Sixpence; and with less than Four Wheels, the Sum of Sixpence:

For every Horse, Mule, Ass, or other Beast, laden or unladen, and not drawing, the Sum of Three-pence:

For every Drove of Oxen, Cows, or other Neat Cattle, the Sum of One Shilling *per* Score, and so in proportion for any greater or less Number:

And for every Drove of Calves, Swine, Sheep, or Lambs, the Sum of Sixpence *per* Score, and so in proportion for any greater or less Number.

Tolls to be taken at Shillingford Bridge.

XV. And be it further enacted, That the several Tolls following shall and may be demanded and taken at the Gate or Gates, Turnpike or Turnpikes, Side Bar or Side Bars, now erected or hereafter to be erected at, near, or upon the said Bridge, by such Person or Persons as shall from Time to Time be authorized or appointed to receive the same, before any Person or Persons, Horse, Beast, Cattle, Coach, Waggon, Cart, or other Carriage shall be permitted to pass through the same; (that is to say,)

Bridge Tolls.

For every Horse or other Beast drawing any Coach, Chariot, Landau, Berlin, Chaise, Calash, Chair, Hearse, Litter, Waggon, Wain, Cart, or other Carriage whatsoever, with Four Wheels, the Sum of Sixpence, and with less than Four Wheels, the Sum of Sixpence:

For every Horse, Mule, Ass, or other Beast, laden or unladen, and not drawing, the Sum of Three-pence:

For every Drove of Oxen, Cows, or other Neat Cattle, Calves, or Swine, the Sum of One Shilling *per* Score, and so in proportion for any greater or less Number:

For every Drove of Sheep or Lambs the Sum of Sixpence *per* Score, and so in proportion for any greater or less Number:

And for every Foot Passenger (other than such as shall *bonâ fide* belong to any Carriage, Beast, or Cattle chargeable with any Toll or Tolls hereby made payable at, near, or upon the said Bridge,) the Sum of One Penny:

Which

Which said several and respective Tolls hereby granted, and all Tolls authorized to be taken under or by virtue of the said recited Acts of the Third and Fourth Years of the Reign of His said present Majesty, shall be and the same are hereby vested in the said Trustees; and the same and every Part thereof respectively shall and may be demanded, taken, levied, recovered, paid, and applied in such and the same Manner as by the said recited Acts of the Third and Fourth Years of the Reign of His said present Majesty, and this Act, are directed to be demanded, taken, levied, recovered, paid, and applied.

Tolls vested in the Trustees.

XVI. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That it shall not be lawful for the said Trustees to apply, expend, or appropriate, or cause to be applied, expended, or appropriated, the said Tolls, or any Part or Parts thereof, in or towards the Repairs of any of the Streets in the said Town of *Wallingford* or Town of *Reading*.

Tolls not to be applied in the Repair of Streets.

XVII. And be it further enacted, That in all Cases where there shall be a fractional Part of a Halfpenny in the Calculation or Amount of the Tolls hereby granted and authorized, or any of them, the Sum of One Halfpenny shall be demanded and taken in lieu of such fractional Part.

Fractional Part of a Halfpenny in Tolls.

XVIII. And whereas considerable Quantities of Peat Ashes are carried upon the said Road, and from the great Injury which the said Road sustains by the constant Draught thereon of Carts and Waggons laden therewith, it has become expedient that such Carts and Waggons should be made to contribute to the Support of the said Road; be it therefore further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Trustees, if they shall think proper, from Time to Time to demand and take, or cause to be demanded and taken, for or in respect of the Horse or Horses, Beast or Beasts drawing any Cart or Carts, Waggon or Waggons loaded with Peat Ashes (notwithstanding the same may be to be made use of as Manure), the like Tolls which the said Carts or Waggons, or the Horse or Horses or Beast or Beasts drawing the same, would severally be subject or liable to if loaded with any other Goods or Commodities; any Exemption granted by any Law or Statute now in force to the contrary notwithstanding.

Peat Ashes to pay Toll.

XIX. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Trustees from Time to Time to order and direct One or more Lamp or Lamps to be placed and erected on or against or in Front of each and every of the Toll Houses to be continued or erected by virtue of this Act, as they the said Trustees shall think proper, and also to order and direct at what Times of the Year and during what Hours such Lamp or Lamps, or any of them, shall be kept lighted; and all and every Collectors and Collector of the Tolls authorized by this Act to be taken and collected, appointed by the said Trustees, and also all and every Lessee and Lessees thereof, and all and every Person and Persons appointed by any such Lessee or Lessees, who shall neglect or omit to observe and fulfil the Orders of the said Trustees in respect to the keeping and lighting of such Lamp or Lamps, shall forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Forty Shillings for such

Lamps to be lighted at Toll Houses; and Penalty for damaging or extinguishing the Lights therein.

Neglect or Omission; and in case any Person or Persons shall damage or injure any Lamp or Lamps to be set up as aforesaid, or extinguish the Light therein, such Person or Persons shall forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Forty Shillings, to be recovered, paid, and applied in such and the same Manner as Penalties for Offences against the said recited Acts of the Third and Fourth Years of the Reign of His present Majesty are by such Acts directed to be recovered, paid, and applied.

Tolls to be taken but Once at the same Gate in One Day.

XX. And be it further enacted, That when the Toll hereby authorized to be taken shall have been paid for or in respect of any Horse, Cattle, Beast, or Carriage passing through any one of the said Toll Gates or Turnpikes or Side Gates, continued or to be erected by virtue of this Act upon the said Road, such Horse, Cattle, Beast, or Carriage shall, upon a Ticket denoting such Payment for that Day (such Day to be computed from Twelve of the Clock in One Night to Twelve of the Clock in the next succeeding Night) being produced, be permitted to pass Toll-free through the same Toll Gate, Turnpike, or Side Gate, and also through such other Gate or Gates as the Ticket for such Payment shall free, at any Time or Times during the same Day, to be computed as aforesaid; but save and except as herein-after is mentioned or provided.

No more than Three full Tolls to be paid for the same Horses, &c. for passing along the Road in the same Day.

XXI. And be it further enacted, That no more than Three full Tolls shall be demanded or taken on the same Day (to be computed as aforesaid,) for or in respect of the same Horses, Cattle, Beasts, or Carriages (except as herein-after mentioned, and also except the Tolls payable at, near, or upon the said Bridge,) for passing and repassing through all the Turnpikes or Toll Gates maintained and supported upon the said Road by virtue of the said recited Acts of the Third and Fourth Years of the Reign of His said present Majesty and this Act; but all and every Person and Persons, producing a Note or Ticket or Notes or Tickets denoting the Payment of such Three full Tolls, shall afterwards pass, with the same Horses, Beasts, and Carriages, Toll-free during such Day (to be computed as aforesaid) through all and every the Gate and Gates, Turnpike and Turnpikes erected upon the said Road, or across any Road, Lane, or Way leading into or out of the same (except as aforesaid, and also except as herein-after mentioned); and all the respective Collectors of the said Tolls are hereby required to deliver such Notes or Tickets *gratis*, on Receipt of the Toll, in manner aforesaid.

Stage Coaches, &c. to pay each Time of passing and repassing:

Post Chaises, &c. on every new Hiring.

XXII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That for or in respect of all Horses or other Beasts drawing any Stage Coach, or any Stage Waggon, Van, Caravan, or other Stage Carriage carrying or conveying Passengers or Goods for Payment, Hire, or Reward, the Tolls by this Act made payable shall be paid for every Time of passing and repassing along the said Road and over the said Bridge, in like Manner as if no Toll had been before paid on the said Road and Bridge; and the Tolls hereby made payable shall be paid for or in respect of all Horses or other Beasts drawing any Post Chaise or other Carriage travelling for Hire, for every Time of passing and repassing along the said Road and over the said Bridge, on the same

Day (to be computed as aforesaid), as often as a fresh Hiring thereof shall take place.

Tolls to be taken at Shillingford Bridge Gate for every Time of passing.

XXIII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall extend or be construed to extend to limit the Payment of Tolls at any Turnpike or Toll Gate or Toll House or Side Bar for the Time being erected at, near, upon, or across the Road or Bridge at or near *Shillingford Ferry* aforesaid, to Once only in any one Day; but it is hereby declared that the Tolls or Duties herein-before directed to be there demanded and taken shall be taken for the passing of Horses, Cattle, Beasts, Carriages, and Persons, for each and every Time and as often as they shall respectively pass through the same.

Exemptions from Toll in the General Acts not to extend to Shillingford Bridge or Ferry.

XXIV. Provided nevertheless, and be it further enacted, That nothing herein or in the said recited Acts of the Third and Fourth Years of the Reign of His present Majesty, or either of them, contained, shall extend or be construed to extend to exempt any Person or Persons, Cattle or Carriages whatsoever, from paying the said Tolls herein-before directed to be paid for passing and repassing over *Shillingford Ferry*, or through any Gate or Turnpike continued, or that shall be erected or set up in pursuance of this Act, at, near, or upon the said Bridge, except as herein-after mentioned.

Exemptions from Toll for passing over Shillingford Bridge.

XXV. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That no Toll shall be demanded or taken under or by virtue of this Act for passing over the said Bridge, for any Horses or Carriages attending or going to attend, or returning from having attended His Majesty or any of the Royal Family; nor for any Horses, Carts, or Waggons employed only in carrying or conveying any Vagrant sent by a legal Pass, or any Prisoner sent by any legal Warrant, or returning empty after having been so employed; or for any Horses or Carriages, of whatever Description, employed or to be employed in conveying the Mails of Letters and Expresses under the Authority of His Majesty's Postmaster General, either when employed in conveying, fetching, or guarding such Mails or Expresses, or in returning back from conveying or guarding the same; or for the Horse or Horses of any Officers or Soldiers on their March or on Duty; or for any Horse or Horses or other Beast, or any Cart, Carriage, or Waggon employed in carrying or conveying, or returning empty from carrying or conveying, having been employed only in carrying or conveying the Arms or Baggage of any such Officers or Soldiers, or employed in carrying or conveying, or returning empty from having been employed only in carrying or conveying any wounded or disabled Officers or Soldiers; or for any Waggon, Wain, Cart, or other Carriage whatsoever, or the Horse or Horses or other Cattle drawing the same, employed in conveying any Ordnance or Barrack or Commissariat or other public Stores of or belonging to His Majesty, or for the Use of His Majesty's Forces, or returning empty after having been so employed; or for any Carriage conveying Volunteer Infantry; or for any Horse furnished by or for any Person belonging to any Corps of Yeomanry or Volunteer Cavalry or Infantry, and rode by him in going to or returning from any Place appointed for and on the

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Days of Exercise, Inspection, or Review, or on other public Duty, provided that such Person shall be dressed in the Uniform of his Corps, and shall have his Arms, Furniture, and Accoutrements according to the Regulations of such Corps at the Time of claiming the Exemption; and if any Person or Persons shall, by any fraudulent or collusive Means whatsoever, claim or take the Benefit of any of the Exemptions aforesaid, every such Person shall for every such Offence forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Five Pounds; and in all Cases the Proof of Exemption shall be upon the Person or Persons claiming the same.

Manner of recovering Tolls from Foot Passengers.

XXVI. And for better securing the Payment of the Tolls by Foot Passengers at the Gate or Gates, Turnpike or Turnpikes erected or to be erected at, nearly adjoining to, or upon the said Bridge, be it further enacted, That if any Person or Persons on Foot, subject to the Payment of the Tolls by this Act granted, shall, after Demand thereof made, neglect or refuse to pay the same or any Part thereof, it shall be lawful for the Person or Persons appointed to collect the same Tolls, by himself, herself, or themselves, or taking such Assistance as he, she, or they shall think necessary, to stop and prevent the Passage of the Person or Persons so neglecting or refusing to pay such Toll, and to take him, her, or them before any one of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the County where the Offence shall be committed, who is hereby empowered and required immediately to inquire into the said Offence, and on the Offence being proved, to the Satisfaction of such Justice, to impose on the Party offending a Fine not exceeding Forty Shillings over and above the Toll for passing over the said Bridge, to be paid (in the Presence of the said Justice) to the Person or Persons collecting the said Tolls, and on Nonpayment thereof to commit such Person or Persons to the Common Gaol or House of Correction of the said County, there to remain for any Time not exceeding Twenty-one Days, unless the said Penalty and Toll shall be sooner paid and satisfied.

To prevent Evasion of the Tolls at Shillingford.

XXVII. And be it further enacted, That if any Person or Persons shall ford over the said River *Thames*, either with or without any Horse, Beast, or Carriage, or shall use any Boat to convey himself or herself, or any other Person or Persons over the said River, for Hire or Reward, (or with Intent to evade the Payment of the said Tolls,) within Half a Mile of the said Bridge, or shall get up or down the Side or Sides of any Part of the said Bridge, or over any Gate erected or to be erected at, near, or upon the same, or do any other Act in order or with Intent to evade the Payment of the said Tolls or any of them, such Person or Persons and every of them, and also every Person who shall permit and suffer himself or herself so to be conveyed or ferried over the said River as aforesaid, shall for every such Offence forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Forty Shillings.

When Shillingford Bridge impassable, a Ferry to be provided.

XXVIII. And be it further enacted, That in case the said Bridge at *Shillingford Ferry* shall at any Time become impassable or unsafe for Travellers or Carriages, the said Trustees, or any Seven or more of them, shall and they are hereby required to cause the same to be forthwith

forthwith rebuilt or repaired, and made safe and commodious for the Passage of Travellers and Carriages; and it shall be lawful for the said Trustees, or any Seven or more of them, and they are hereby required, during all such Time as the said Bridge shall be impassable or unsafe as aforesaid, to provide a proper and convenient Ferry for the Passage of Travellers, Cattle, and Carriages over the said River, as near to the said Bridge as conveniently may be, and to make and maintain convenient temporary Roads leading to and from such Ferry, over the Lands and Grounds contiguous thereto, making such Satisfaction to the Owners or Occupiers of such Lands and Grounds for the Damage done thereto, as the said Trustees shall judge reasonable; and in case of any Difference between the said Owners or Occupiers and Trustees touching such Damage, the same shall be finally settled by any Two or more Justices of the Peace for the County in which such Lands and Grounds shall respectively lie or be situate; and it shall be lawful for such Person or Persons as the said Trustees shall appoint for that Purpose, to demand, collect, and receive, for the Passage of such Travellers, Cattle, and Carriages in and over the Ferry, either before or after they shall respectively be permitted to pass, the like Tolls as are hereby authorized to be taken at, near, or upon the said Bridge; any thing in this Act contained to the contrary thereof notwithstanding.

Power for the Trustees to reduce the Tolls at their First Meeting, if necessary.

XXIX. And whereas it may be deemed by the said Trustees more for the Advantage of the said Road and Bridge not to demand or receive at the Commencement of this Act the full or whole Amount of Tolls hereby authorized to be taken, but to reduce the same for some convenient Period; but inasmuch as by the said recited Acts of the Third and Fourth Years of the Reign of His said present Majesty, Trustees of Roads are required to give One Calendar Month's Notice in manner therein directed of a Meeting for the Purpose of reducing Tolls, and to obtain such Consent as in the said Acts are directed; be it therefore further enacted, That notwithstanding any thing in the said recited Acts or either of them or in this Act contained to the contrary, it shall be lawful for the said Trustees, at their said First Meeting to be held on the Third *Wednesday* next after the passing of this Act, of their own Authority, should they deem it expedient, to lessen and reduce all or any of the Tolls by this Act authorized to be demanded and taken, for and during such Period (not exceeding Six Weeks) next following the said First Meeting of the said Trustees, as they may think necessary, in order to enable them to comply with the Directions for reducing Tolls contained in the said recited Acts of the Third and Fourth Years of the Reign of His present Majesty.

One Horse Carts may be weighed.

XXX. And whereas it frequently happens that Carts drawn by One Horse passing along the said Road carry a greater Weight than is by Law allowed for Carts drawn by Two or more Horses; be it therefore further enacted, That all Carts passing along the said Road, drawn by One Horse only, shall and may be weighed at any Weighing Machine to be erected on the said Road, and the like additional Tolls demanded, received, and recovered for the Overweight thereof, as are by Law payable in respect of the Overweight of Carts drawn by Two or more Horses; and all Powers, Regulations, and Penalties

now in force relating to the weighing of Waggons, Carts, and other Carriages drawn by more than One Horse, shall be applicable to Carts passing on the said Road drawn by One Horse only, and to the Drivers, Masters, and Owners thereof.

Application of the Tolls and Money borrowed.

XXXI. And be it further enacted, That out of the Monies already received by virtue of the said recited Acts hereby repealed, and now in the Treasurer's Hands, or out of the first and other Monies which shall arise or be received from the Tolls by this Act granted or otherwise, the said Trustees shall, in the first place, pay and discharge all the Costs, Charges, and Expences relative to the obtaining and passing of this Act, with Interest for the same; and the Remainder of all such Monies shall from Time to Time be applied in keeping down the Interest of the Principal Money due and owing on the Credit of the Tolls arising on or at the said Road, Bridge, and Ferry, or any or either of them, by virtue of the said recited Acts hereby repealed, and which may be borrowed on the Credit of this Act, and in erecting Turnpikes, Toll Houses, Side Gates, Side Bars, Chains, and Weighing Machines, and in amending, making, altering, turning, widening, improving, completing, rebuilding, and keeping in repair the said Road and Bridge respectively, and in otherwise putting this Act into Execution, and in repaying the Principal Monies now due and owing or hereafter to be borrowed on the Credit of the Tolls by this Act granted, and to and for no other Use or Purpose whatsoever.

As to present Leases of Tolls.

XXXII. And be it further enacted, That all Demises or Leases of the Tolls arising on the said Road and Bridge, and all Bonds or other Securities which shall have been given for Payment of the Rents reserved by such Leases respectively, and for the Performance of the Covenants and Agreements in such Leases contained on the respective Lessee's Part, shall respectively cease and determine on the Commencement of this Act, in the same Manner as if such Leases, Bonds, or other Securities had expired by Effluxion of Time, notwithstanding any thing herein-before contained to the contrary, (save as to the Obligations, Covenants, or Agreements for Payment of Rent and Performance of Covenants in such Leases, Bonds, or Securities, on the respective Lessee's or Obligor's Part to be observed and performed during the Continuance of such Leases, Bonds, or Securities, by virtue of this Act.)

How Differences in vacating Leases are to be be settled.

XXXIII. And be it further enacted, That in case any of the Lessees of the said Tolls shall claim to be entitled to any Compensation or Satisfaction for or on account of such Determination of his or their Lease or Leases as aforesaid, then if the said Trustees and such Lessee or Lessees cannot agree as to the Amount of such Compensation or Satisfaction, such Lessee or Lessees may sue for and recover the same by Action of Debt or on the Case in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster*.

Mortgages.

XXXIV. And be it further enacted, That the said Trustees may, if they shall think proper, receive in and cancel all or any of the Mortgages

Mortgages now standing out, and give and execute another Mortgage or other Mortgages instead and in lieu thereof respectively.

No Person to exercise Three Horses at once abreast; or hang Clothes on any Fence adjoining the Road.

XXXV. And be it further enacted, That if any Person shall exercise Three Horses at the same Time upon any Part of the said Road, by riding one of them and leading the others abreast; or if any Person or Persons shall hang out any Linen or other Clothes on any Bank, Rail, or Fence adjoining the said Road; every Person so offending shall for every such Offence forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Forty Shillings, to be levied, recovered, and applied (together with the necessary Costs and Charges of levying the same) by the same Ways and Means and in the like Manner as Penalties for Offences against the said recited Acts of the Third and Fourth Years of the Reign of His present Majesty are therein directed to be recovered, levied, and applied.

Application of Compensation Money when amounting to or exceeding 200*l.*

XXXVI. And be it further enacted, That if any Money shall be paid or agreed or awarded to be paid for the Purchase of any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments to be purchased, taken, or used for the Purposes of the said Road, Bridge, and Ferry, or any or either of them, which shall belong to any Body Politic, Corporate, or Collegiate, Ecclesiastical or Civil, Corporation Aggregate or Sole, Tenant for Life or in Tail, or to any Feoffee in Trust, Executor, Administrator, Husband, Guardian, Committee, or other Trustee for or on behalf of any Infant, Idiot, Lunatic, Feme Covert, or other Cestuique Trust, or to any Person or Persons whose Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments are limited in strict or other Settlement, or to any Person or Persons under any other Disability or Incapacity whatsoever, such Money shall, in case the same shall amount to or exceed the Sum of Two hundred Pounds, with all convenient Speed be paid into the Bank of *England*, in the Name and with the Privity of the Accountant General of the Court of Exchequer, to be placed to his Account there *ex parte* the Trustees for executing this Act, pursuant to the Method prescribed by an Act passed in the First Year of the Reign of His present Majesty King *George* the Fourth, intituled *An Act for the better securing Monies and Effects paid into the Court of Exchequer at* Westminster *on account of the Suitors of the said Court, and for the Appointment of an Accountant General and Two Masters of the said Court, and for other Purposes*, and the General Orders of the said Court, and without Fee or Reward; and shall, when so paid in, there remain, until the same shall, by Order of the said Court, made upon a Petition to be preferred to the said Court in a summary Way by the Person or Persons who would have been entitled to the Rents and Profits of the said Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, be applied either in the Purchase or Redemption of the Land Tax, or in or towards the Payment or Discharge of any Debt or Debts, or other Incumbrances, affecting the same Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, or affecting other Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments standing settled therewith, or to the same or the like Uses, Trusts, Intents, or Purposes, as the said Court of Exchequer shall authorize to be purchased, redeemed, paid, or discharged, or such Part thereof as shall be necessary; or until the same shall, upon the like

1 G. 4. c. 35.

like Application, be laid out in a summary Way, by Order of the said Court, in the Purchase of other Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, which shall be conveyed, limited, and settled to, for, and upon such and the like Uses, Trusts, Intents, and Purposes, and in the same Manner as the Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments which shall be so purchased, taken, or used as aforesaid stood settled or limited, or such of them as at the Time of making such Conveyance and Settlement shall be existing undetermined or capable of taking effect; and in the meantime, and until such Order can be made, the said Money may, by Order of the Court, upon Application thereto, be invested by the said Accountant General in his Name in the Purchase of Three Pounds *per Centum* Consolidated or Three Pounds *per Centum* Reduced Bank Annuities, or in Government or Real Securities; and in the meantime, and until the said Bank Annuities or Government or Real Securities shall be ordered by the said Court to be sold for the Purposes aforesaid, the Dividends or Interest and Annual Produce of the said Consolidated or Reduced Bank Annuities, or Government or Real Securities, shall from Time to Time be paid, by Order of the said Court, to the Person or Persons who would for the Time being have been entitled to the Rents and Profits of such Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments so to be purchased, conveyed, and settled.

When less than 200*l.* and amounting to 20*l.*

XXXVII. And be it further enacted, That if any Money so agreed or awarded to be paid for any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments to be purchased, taken, or used for the Purposes of the said Road, Bridge, and Ferry, or any or either of them, and belonging to any Corporation, or to any Person or Persons under Disability or Incapacity as aforesaid, shall be less than the Sum of Two hundred Pounds, and shall exceed or amount to the Sum of Twenty Pounds, then and in all such Cases the same shall, at the Option of the Person or Persons for the Time being entitled to the Rents and Profits of the Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments so purchased, taken, or used, or of his, her, or their Guardian or Guardians, Committee or Committees, in case of Infancy, Idiotcy, Lunacy, or other Incapacity, with the Approbation of the said Trustees, or any Three or more of them, to be signified in Writing under their respective Hands, be paid into the Bank of *England* in the Name and with the Privity of the said Accountant General of the Court of Exchequer, and be placed to his Account as aforesaid, in order to be applied in manner herein-before directed; or otherwise the same may be paid, at the like Option and with the like Approbation, to Two Trustees, to be nominated by the Person or Persons who for the Time being would be entitled to the Rents and Profits of the Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments so to be purchased and settled, such Nomination to be approved of by Three or more of the Trustees for executing this Act, and such Nomination and Approbation to be signified in Writing under the Hands of the nominating and approving Parties; and the Money so paid to such Trustees, and the Dividends and Produce arising thereon and therefrom, shall be by them applied in like Manner as is herein-before directed with respect to the Money so to be paid into the Bank in the Name of the Accountant General of the Court of Exchequer, but without obtain-

ing or being required to obtain any Order of the said Court touching the Application thereof.

Where under 20*l.*

XXXVIII. And be it further enacted, That where such Money so agreed or awarded to be paid as herein-before mentioned shall be less than Twenty Pounds, then and in all such Cases the same shall be paid to the Person or Persons who would for the Time being have been entitled to the Rents and Profits of the Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments so purchased, taken, or used for the Purposes of this Act, for his, her, or their own Use and Benefit; or in case of Infancy, Idiotcy, Lunacy, or other Incapacity, then such Money shall be paid to his, her, or their Guardian or Guardians, Committee or Committees, Trustee or Trustees, to and for the Use and Benefit of such Person or Persons respectively entitled thereto.

In case of not making out Titles.

XXXIX. And be it further enacted, That in case the Person or Persons to whom any Sum or Sums of Money shall be awarded for the Purchase of any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments to be purchased, taken, or used under or by virtue of the Powers of this Act, shall refuse to accept the same, or shall not be able to make a good Title to the Premises to the Satisfaction of the said Trustees; or in case the Person or Persons to whom such Sum or Sums of Money shall be so awarded as aforesaid cannot be found; or if the Person or Persons entitled to such Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments be not known or discovered; then and in every such Case it shall be lawful for the said Trustees to order the said Sum or Sums of Money so awarded as aforesaid to be paid into the Bank of *England*, in the Name and with the Privity of the Accountant General of the said Court of Exchequer, to be placed to his Account there to the Credit of the Parties interested in the said Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, (describing them,) subject to the Order, Controul, and Disposition of the said Court; which said Court, on the Application of any Person or Persons making claim to such Sum or Sums of Money, or any Part thereof, by Motion or Petition, shall be and is hereby empowered, in a summary Way of Proceeding or otherwise, as to the said Court shall seem meet, to order the same to be laid out and invested in the Public Funds, and to order Distribution thereof, or Payment of the Dividends thereof, according to the respective Estate or Estates, Title or Interest of the Person or Persons making claim thereunto, and to make such other Order in the Premises as to the said Court shall seem just and reasonable; and the Cashier or Cashiers of the Bank of *England* who shall receive such Sum or Sums of Money is and are hereby required to give a Receipt or Receipts for such Sum or Sums of Money, mentioning and specifying therein for what and for whose Use the same is or are received, to such Person or Persons as shall pay any such Sum or Sums of Money into the Bank as aforesaid.

Where any Question shall arise touching the Title to Money.

XL. And be it further enacted, That where any Question shall arise touching the Title of any Person to any Money to be paid into the Bank of *England* in the Name and with the Privity of the Accountant General of the said Court of Exchequer, in pursuance of this Act, for the Purchase of any Lands, Tenements,

Tenements, or Hereditaments, or of any Estate, Right, Title, or Interest in any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments to be purchased in pursuance of this Act for the Purposes aforesaid, or to any Bank Annuities or Government or Real Securities to be purchased with any such Money, or the Dividends or Interest of any such Bank Annuities or Government or Real Securities, the Person or Persons who shall have been in Possession of such Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments at the Time of such Purchase, and all Persons claiming under such Person or Persons, or under the Possession of such Person or Persons, shall be deemed and taken to have been lawfully entitled to such Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, according to such Possession, until the contrary shall be shown to the Satisfaction of the said Court; and the Dividends or Interest of the Bank Annuities or Government or Real Securities to be purchased with such Money, and also the Capital of such Bank Annuities or Government or Real Securities, shall be paid, applied, and disposed of accordingly, unless it shall be made appear to the said Court that such Possession was a wrongful Possession, and that some other Person or Persons was or were lawfully entitled to such Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, or to some Estate or Interest therein.

The Court of Exchequer may order reasonable Expences of Purchases to be paid by Trustees.

XLI. And be it further enacted, That where, by reason of any Disability or Incapacity of the Person or Persons, or Corporation, entitled to any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments to be purchased, taken, or used under the Authority of this Act, the Purchase Money for the same shall be required to be paid into the said Court of Exchequer, or to be applied in the Purchase of other Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, to be settled to the like Uses in pursuance of this Act, it shall be lawful for the said Court to order the Expences of all Purchases from Time to Time to be made in pursuance of this Act, or so much of such Expences as to the said Court shall seem reasonable, together with the necessary Costs and Charges of obtaining such Order, to be paid by the said Trustees out of the Monies to be received by virtue of this Act, who shall from Time to Time pay such Sums of Money for such Purposes as the said Court shall direct.

Public Act.

XLII. 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.

Term and Continuance of this Act.

XLIII. And be it further enacted, That this Act shall commence and take effect on the Third *Wednesday* next after the passing thereof, and shall continue and be in force for and during the Term of Twenty-one Years, and from thence to the End of the then next Session of Parliament.

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