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Cap. lxxvi.

An Act for repairing, maintaining, and improving the Road from *Stevenage* in the County of *Hertford* to *Biggleswade* in the County of *Bedford*, and a Branch therefrom to *Arlsey* in the said County of *Bedford*. [1st *June* 1832.]

WHEREAS an Act was passed in the Sixth Year of the Reign of King *George* the First, intituled *An Act for repairing the Roads from* Stevenage *in the County of* Hertford *to* Biggleswade *in the County of* Bedford: And whereas another Act was passed in the Twelfth Year of the Reign of King *George* the First, intituled *An Act for repairing the Roads from* Lemsford Mill *in the County of* Hertford *to* Welwyn, *and from thence to* Cory's Mill, *and from* Welwyn (*through* Codicot) *to* Hitchin *in the said County; and for enlarging the Term granted by an Act passed in the Sixth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, for repairing the Roads from* Stevenage *in the said County to* Biggleswade *in the County of* Bedford: And whereas another Act was passed in the Twenty-eighth Year of the Reign of King *George* the Second, intituled *An Act to continue and render more effectual Two Acts of Parliament passed in the Sixth and Twelfth Years of the Reign of His late Majesty King* George, *for repairing the Roads from* Stevenage *in the County of* Hertford *to* Biggleswade *in the County of* Bedford, *and for repairing the Roads from the North End of the said Roads to the Toll Gate at the North End of the said Town of* Biggleswade: And whereas an Act was passed in

6 G. 1. c. 25.

12 G. 1. c. 10.

28 G. 2. c. 30.

9 G. 3. c. 64. the Ninth Year of the Reign of King *George* the Third, intituled *An Act to continue and render more effectual several Acts passed in the Sixth and Twelfth Years of King* George *the First and the Twenty-eighth Year of His late Majesty, for repairing the Roads from* Stevenage *in the County of* Hertford *to* Biggleswade *in the County of* Bedford, *and other Roads therein mentioned; and for repairing and widening the Road from* Radwell Corner *to the Turnpike Road at* Arlsey *in the County of* Bedford: And whereas an Act was passed in the

18 G. 3. c. 82. Eighteenth Year of the Reign of King *George* the Third, intituled *An Act to enlarge the Term and Powers of several Acts, passed in the Sixth and Twelfth Years of King* George *the First, the Twenty-eighth Year of His late Majesty, and the Ninth Year of His present Majesty, for repairing the Roads from* Stevenage *in the County of* Hertford *to* Biggleswade *in the County of* Bedford, *and other Roads therein mentioned*: And whereas another Act was passed in the Fifty-first Year of the

51 G. 3. c. 78. Reign of King *George* the Third, intituled *An Act for continuing and amending several Acts for repairing the Roads from* Stevenage *in the County of* Hertford *to* Biggleswade *in the County of* Bedford, *and other Roads therein described*: And whereas the Trustees for executing the said several recited Acts have made great Progress in improving the said Roads, and have for that Purpose borrowed several Sums of Money upon the Credit of the Tolls authorized to be taken upon the said Roads, of which Sums a considerable Part still remains due and cannot be repaid, nor can the said Roads be effectually repaired, amended, widened, improved, and kept in repair, unless further and other Tolls, Powers, and Provisions are granted and made for those Purposes for a further Term: And whereas it would be convenient if the said recited Acts were repealed, and further and more effectual Powers and Provisions granted and made instead thereof: May it therefore please Your Majesty that it 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

Recited Acts repealed. Authority of the same, That upon the Day of the Commencement of this Act the said recited Acts passed in the Sixth Year of the Reign of His Majesty King *George* the First, the Twelfth Year of the Reign of His said Majesty King *George* the First, the Twenty-eighth Year of the Reign of His Majesty King *George* the Second, the Ninth Year of the Reign of His Majesty King *George* the Third, the Eighteenth Year of the Reign of His said Majesty King *George* the Third, and the Fifty-first Year of the Reign of His said Majesty King *George* the Third, shall be and the same are hereby declared to be repealed.

This Act to be put in force for the Purposes herein mentioned. II. And be it further enacted, That this Act shall be put into execution for and during the Term herein-after mentioned for the Purpose of repairing, maintaining, and improving the Road from *Stevenage* in the County of *Hertford* to and through the Town of *Biggleswade* in the County of *Bedford*, and through or along a Lane called *Crab Lane*, in *Biggleswade* aforesaid, and also a Road branching from the said Road at *Radwell Corner* to the Turnpike Road at *Arlsey* in the said County of *Bedford*, and which Roads pass from, through, or into the several Townships, Parishes, and Hamlets of

Stevenage, Graveley, Little Wymondley, Weston, Willian, Baldock, Clothall, Bygrave, Radwell, Newnham, Caldecott, and *Hinxworth,* or some of them, in the County of *Hertford,* and *Astwick, Edworth, Langford, Holme, Stratton, Biggleswade, Stotfold,* and *Arlsey,* or some of them, in the County of *Bedford.*

Trustees.

III. And be it further enacted, That all His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the Time being acting for the County of *Hertford,* and all His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the Time being acting for the County of *Bedford,* together with *William Astell, Richard William Astell, John Alington* Clerk, *William Acton* Clerk, *Henry Baker* Clerk, *Charles Barnett, Thomas Blackburne* Clerk, *Charles Dethick Blyth, John Bricheno,* Sir *John Burgoyne* Baronet, the Honourable *Henry Cockayne Cust* Clerk, *John Calvert, John Campbell, Charles Montgomery Campbell, Robert Clutterbuck, Harry Cooke* Clerk, *Richard Edridge, George Nigel Edwards, Samuel Bedford Edwards, James Ellice* Clerk, *Robert Fitz John, John Froster, Blyth Froster, John Nathaniel Forster, Richard Franklin, Edward Barker Frere* Clerk, *John Green, Thomas Fordham Green* Clerk, *Abraham Edward Gregory, William Hale, Samuel Heathcote Unwin Heathcote, Cornelius Pateman Herbert, James Legrew Hesse* Clerk, *William Hogg, Frederick Hogg, Samuel Hartop Knapp, William Lax* Clerk, *John Lafont* Clerk, *Robert Lindsell, Edward Lindsell* Clerk, *Adolphus Meetkerke, Samuel Mills, Thomas Mills, Henry Morice* Clerk, *Jacob Henry Brooke Mountain* Clerk, *William Pierce Nethersole* Clerk, *Frederick Hervey Neve* Clerk, the Right Honourable *Lord Ongley,* the Honourable *Montague Henley Ongley,* the Honourable *George Henley Ongley,* the Honourable *Frederick Henley Ongley,* Sir *John Osborne* Baronet, *Daniel Josias Olivier* Clerk, *Henry Stephen Olivier, Edward Parkins, William Parkins,* Sir *Peter Payne* Baronet, *John Izard Pryor, Vickris Pryor, John Pryor, Morris Pryor, Francis Pym, Francis Pym* the younger, *Wollaston Pym* Clerk, *William Wollaston Pym* Clerk, *Charles Pym, Thomas Alexander Raynsford, John Simpson* Clerk, *Thomas Sisson* Clerk, *William Skynner* Clerk, *William Stuart, John Taddy* Clerk, *Robert Trevor, Stephen Thornton, Godfrey Thornton, Stephen Edward Thornton, Lawrence Trustram, John Walker* Clerk, *James Webster* Clerk, *William Henry Whitbread, Samuel Charles Whitbread, William Wilshre, Edmund Williamson* Clerk, *John Willis, James Camper Wright* Clerk, and *Walter Wortham* Clerk, and their Successors, being duly qualified to act as Trustees for repairing Turnpike Roads in *England,* shall be and they are hereby appointed Trustees for repairing, maintaining, and improving the said Roads, and for putting this Act into execution.

Power to appoint additional Trustees.

IV. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Trustees, and they are hereby authorized and empowered, at any of their Meetings to be holden by virtue of this Act, to elect and appoint any Number of fit and proper Persons, being duly qualified to act as Trustees of Turnpike Roads in *England,* (not exceeding Five in the whole, in addition to the Trustees herein named and appointed,) to be Trustees for the Purposes of this Act; and such Persons so elected and appointed shall be Trustees for the Purposes of this Act, and are hereby invested with the same Powers and Authorities for executing this Act as if they had been herein named.

V. And

First Meetings of Trustees.

V. And be it further enacted, That the said Trustees shall meet at some convenient House or Place on or near the said Roads on the First *Thursday* next after the passing of this Act, or as soon after as conveniently may be, between the Hours of Eleven of the Clock in the Forenoon and Two of the Clock in the Afternoon, and shall then and there proceed to carry this Act into execution, and shall and may then and from Time to Time afterwards adjourn to and meet at such Times, and such Place or Places, either upon or near to the said Roads, as the said Trustees or the major Part of them present at any such Meetings shall think proper and appoint.

Power to continue the the present Gates and erect new ones.

VI. And be it further enacted, That the several Gates, Turnpikes, Weighing Machines, and Toll Houses erected and now standing across and on the Sides of the said Roads shall remain and be continued until removed by any Order or Orders of the said Trustees; and it shall be lawful for the said Trustees to order and cause to be erected and built or set up and placed upon, in, or across the said Roads or any Part or Parts thereof, or by the Sides thereof, when, where, and as they shall judge necessary, any Gate or Gates, Turnpike or Turnpikes, Side Bar or Side Bars or Gates, or Chain or Chains, and also from Time to Time to order and cause to be taken down and removed or altered or discontinued the same present Gates or Turnpikes, and such future Gates, Turnpikes, Side Gates, Side Bars, or Chains, or any of them, as they the said Trustees shall think proper.

Tolls may be taken.

VII. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Trustees to demand and take or to cause to be demanded and taken, at the several and respective Turnpikes, Toll Gates, Bars, and Chains now erected or hereafter to be erected upon, across, or on the Side of the said Roads (subject to any Order which may be made by the said Trustees at their First Meeting), the Tolls or Sums herein-after mentioned, or any Sum or Sums not exceeding the Tolls or Sums herein-after mentioned, and on every Day (such Day to be computed from Twelve of the Clock at Night to Twelve of the Clock in the next succeeding Night); that is to say,

Tolls.

For every Horse or other Beast drawing any Coach, Sociable, Berlin, Phaeton, Landau, Chariot, Vis-à-vis, Barouche, Chaise, Calash, Chaise Marine, Curricle, Chair, Car, Gig, Whiskey, Hearse, Litter, Stage Coach, Diligence, Van, Caravan, or other such Carriage, if drawn by One or Two Horses or other Beasts, the Sum of Sixpence; and if drawn by Three Horses or other Beasts, the Sum of Five-pence; and if drawn by more than Three Horses or other Beasts, the Sum of Four-pence Halfpenny:

For every Horse or other Beast drawing any Waggon, Wain, Cart, Dray, or other such Carriage with Wheels of Six Inches or upwards in Breadth, the Sum of Two-pence:

For every Horse or other Beast drawing any Waggon, Wain, Cart, Dray, or other such Carriage with Wheels of Four Inches and a Half and less than Six Inches in Breadth, the Sum of Three-pence:

For every Horse or other Beast drawing any Waggon, Wain, Cart, Dray, or other such Carriage with Wheels of less than Four Inches and a Half in Breadth, the Sum of Four-pence Halfpenny:

For

For every unladen Coach, Chaise, Cart, Waggon, or other Carriage with Four Wheels, fastened or hung to and drawn behind any Waggon, Wain, Cart, or other Carriage, the Sum of One Shilling:

For every unladen Chaise, Chair, or other such Carriage with Two Wheels, which shall be fastened or hung as aforesaid, the Sum of Sixpence:

For every Cart or other Carriage, not being empty or unladen, fastened and drawn behind any Waggon, Cart, or other Carriage, the Sum of Nine-pence:

For every Horse or Mule, laden or unladen, and not drawing, the Sum of One Penny:

For every Ass, laden or unladen, and not drawing, the Sum of One Halfpenny:

For every Drove of Oxen, Cows, or Neat Cattle, the Sum of One Shilling, and Three-pence *per* Score, and so in proportion for any less Number than a Score:

For every Drove of Calves, Hogs, Sheep, or Lambs, the Sum of Five-pence *per* Score, and so in proportion for any less Number than a Score:

For every Carriage moved or propelled by Steam or Machinery, or by any other Power than Animal Power, the Sum of Two Shillings and Three-pence:

Which said respective Tolls or Sums of Money shall be payable, and may be demanded and taken, before any Horse or other Beast or Cattle, or Carriage, upon which any Toll is by this Act imposed, shall be permitted to pass through any such Turnpike, Toll Gate, Bar, or Chain; and such respective Tolls or Sums of Money shall be and they are hereby vested in the Trustees for putting this Act in execution, and shall be applied in manner herein-after directed.

Fraction of a Halfpenny in Tolls.

VIII. 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 herein mentioned, or in any of them, the Sum of One Halfpenny shall be demanded and taken in lieu of such fractional Part.

Tolls to be paid but once a Day.

IX. And be it further enacted, That if the Toll hereby authorized to be taken shall have been paid for the passing of any Horse, Cattle, Beast, or Carriage through any One of the Turnpikes, Toll Gates, Bars, or Chains to be continued or erected upon, across, or on the Sides of the said Roads or any Part thereof, such Horse, Cattle, Beast, or Carriage shall, upon a Ticket being produced denoting the Payment of such Toll, be permitted to pass Toll-free through the same Toll Gate, and also through such other Gate or Gates, if any, as the Ticket for such Payment shall free, at any Time or Times during the same Day, except as herein-after provided.

Limiting Number of Tolls.

X. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That no more than Two full Tolls shall be demanded or taken on the same Day, for or in respect of the same Horse or Horses or other Beast or Cattle, or Carriage or Carriages, for passing and repassing through all the Turnpikes, Toll Gates, Bars, or Chains to be continued or erected upon or on the Sides of the said Roads, except as herein-after provided.

Horses drawing different Carriages to pay each Time of passing.

XI. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That in case the Toll in this Act mentioned shall have been paid in respect of any Horse or Horses or other Beast or Beasts drawing any Waggon, Wain, Cart, or other such Carriage, for passing through any Toll Gate, Turnpike, Side Bar, Side Gate, or Chain on the said Roads, and any such Horse or other Beast shall afterwards be employed during the same Day in drawing a different Waggon, Wain, Cart, or other such Carriage from that which they were employed in drawing when such Payment was made, every such Horse or other Beast so drawing shall again be liable to Toll in respect of being employed in drawing such different Waggon, Wain, Cart, or other such Carriage.

Stage Coaches, &c. to pay every Time of passing;

XII. Provided also, and be it further enacted, That the Tolls hereby made payable for and in respect of all Horses or other Beasts drawing any Stage Coach, Van, Caravan, or Stage Waggon, or other Stage Carriage conveying Passengers or Goods for Pay or Reward, shall be payable and paid for every Time of passing or repassing along the said Roads: Provided also nevertheless, that no further or additional Toll shall be payable in respect of any Horses or Beasts drawing any Stage Coach, Van, Caravan, Stage Waggon, or other Stage Carriage, on account only of the Horses or Beasts drawing the same having been changed.

Post Chaises, &c. on every new Hiring.

XIII. Provided also, and be it further enacted, That the Tolls hereby made payable for and in respect of all Horses or other Beasts drawing any Post Chaise or other Carriage shall be payable and paid every Time of passing or repassing along the said Roads whenever a new Hiring thereof shall have taken place.

Carriages propelled by Steam, &c. to pay every Time.

XIV. And be it further enacted, That the Tolls hereby made payable for and in respect of any Carriage propelled or moved by Steam, Gas, or any other like Means, shall be paid every Time of passing and repassing of such Carriage along the said Roads or any Part thereof.

Application of Tolls, &c.

XV. And be it further enacted, That all Monies now in the Hands of the said Trustees, or which shall or may be collected or received under the Powers or Authority of this Act, shall be applied, in the first place, in defraying the Costs, Charges, and Expences attending the applying for and obtaining and passing this Act; in the next place, in paying off and discharging all Arrears of Interest in respect of the Money now due and owing on the Credit of the Tolls granted and made payable by the said recited Acts hereby repealed; in the next place, in paying off and discharging the Interest on any Sums of Money which shall hereafter be borrowed or taken up at Interest on Security of the Tolls hereby granted; and, in the next place, in defraying the Expence of continuing, providing, erecting, and keeping in repair the Turnpikes, Toll Houses, and other Buildings, Side Gates, Bars, and Chains, and in amending, widening, improving, and keeping in repair the said Roads, and in otherwise putting this Act into execution; and the Residue of the Monies so to be collected and received shall be applied in repaying the Principal Monies for the Time being due and owing on the Credit of the said recited Acts and this Act, and in defraying all other necessary Costs, Charges, and Expences attending

tending the same, in such Manner as the Trustees shall from Time to Time appoint.

As to Expence of Repairs of Branch Roads.

XVI. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That no Money arising from any of the Tolls mentioned in this Act shall be applied in or towards the Repair of any Branch Road comprised in this Act, unless some Toll Gate, Toll Bar, or Turnpike shall be erected and continued upon such Branch Road, nor unless the said Tolls shall be demanded and taken thereat, pursuant to the Powers and Provisions of this Act: Provided also, that no more Money shall be expended by the said Trustees in or towards the Repair of any such Branch Road than shall be collected thereon, or borrowed on the Credit of the Tolls collected thereon.

No Money to be expended in repairing Streets.

XVII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That it shall not be lawful for the said Trustees to apply, expend, or appropriate any of the Tolls hereby granted, or any of the Monies raised by virtue of the said recited Acts hereby repealed, or to be raised by virtue of this Act, in repairing, lighting, or improving any Street, Highway, or Place in any Town into or through which the said Roads pass, or to collect any Tolls therein.

Public Act.

XVIII. 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.

Term of Act.

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

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