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Cap. XXX.

An Act for rebuilding *Tempsford Bridge*, in the County of *Bedford*. [2d *May* 1815.]

WHEREAS an Act was passed in the Ninth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Second, intituled *An Act for enlarging the Term and Powers granted by an Act passed in the Eleventh Year of His late Majesty King* George *the First, intituled* '*An Act for repairing and amending the Road from* Biggleswade, *in the County of* Bedford, *to* Bugden, *and through* Alconbury *to the Top of* Alconbury Hill, *or Cross Post leading into* Sautery Lane, *on the* York *and* Edinburgh *Road; and from the said Town of* Bugden *to the Town of* Huntingdon; *and from* Cross Hall *in* Eaton Soken, *in the said County of* Bedford, *to* Great Stoughton Common, *in the said County of* Huntingdon;' in and by which Act, after reciting that it would be necessary to borrow a further Sum of Money, as well for the amending the said Roads as for building a Bridge over the River *Ouse* at *Tempsford*, in the said County of *Bedford*, within the Space of Two Years, as for repairing other Bridges therein mentioned, it was enacted, that for the more speedy repairing and amending the said Roads, and building the said Bridge within the Time aforesaid, and for repairing and enlarging the said other Bridges, certain Tolls and Duties therein mentioned should be demanded and taken; and the 9 G. 2. c. 9.

Truſtees appointed under or by virtue of the ſaid Act were thereby empowered to borrow Money on the Credit of the ſaid Tolls and Duties thereby made payable, and continued for repairing the ſaid Roads, building the ſaid Bridge, and enlarging the ſaid other Bridges, not exceeding Three thouſand Pounds, including the Money then already due and owing: And whereas another Act was paſſed in the Tenth Year of the
10 G. 3. c. 83. Reign of His preſent Majeſty, intituled *An Act to continue and render more effectual ſeveral Acts for repairing and amending the Road from* Biggleſwade, *in the County of* Bedford, *through* Bugden *and* Alconbury *to the Top of* Alconbury Hill; *and from* Bugden *to* Huntingdon; *and from* Croſs Hall *to* Great Stoughton Common, *in the County of* Huntingdon; *and for repairing, widening, turning, and altering the Road leading out of the aforeſaid Road, at or near the* Ferry Houſe, *in the Pariſh of* Tempsford, *to and through* Little Barford, Eyneſbury, *and* Saint Neot's, *to the Turnpike Road at the End of* Croſs Hall Lane; and by the ſaid laſt-mentioned Act the Truſtees appointed to carry the ſame into Execution were empowered, in addition to the former Roads repaired by them, to repair, widen, turn, and alter the Road leading out of the aforeſaid Road at or near the *Ferry Houſe*, in the Pariſh of *Tempsford*, to and through *Little Barford*, *Eyneſbury*, and *Saint Neot's*, to the Turnpike Road at the End of *Croſs Hall Lane;* and they were alſo empowered to borrow Money on the Credit of the ſaid Tolls for the ſeveral Purpoſes in the ſaid Act mentioned, not exceeding Five thouſand Pounds, including the Money then already due and owing; and the ſaid Truſtees were thereby directed and required to cauſe the Road leading from *Biggleſwade* through *Bugden* and *Alconbury* to the Top of *Alconbury Hill*, and particularly the Cauſeway at or near *Tempsford Bridge*, and the ſaid Bridge to be well and effectually repaired, and from Time to Time kept in Repair, before they ſhould at any Time whenſoever apply any Money towards the repairing, widening, and keeping in Repair the Road leading out of the aforeſaid Road, at or near the *Ferry Houſe* in the Pariſh of *Tempsford*, to and through *Little Barford*, *Eyneſbury*, and *Saint Neot's*, to the End of *Croſs Hall Lane* in the Turnpike Road leading from *Eaton Soken* to *Bugden:* And it was by the ſaid laſt-mentioned Act further enacted, that for the more effectual ſupporting and keeping in Repair the ſaid Road leading from *Biggleſwade* through *Eaton Soken*, *Bugden*, and *Alconbury*, to the Top of *Alconbury Hill;* and the ſaid Cauſeway and *Tempsford Bridge* at all Times, (if the ſaid Road, Cauſeway or Bridge, ſhould at any Time be in want of Repair), the ſaid Truſtees ſhould and they are thereby required immediately to repair the ſaid Road, Cauſeway and Bridge, in a good and ſubſtantial Manner: And whereas another Act was paſſed in the Thirtieth Year of the Reign of His preſent Majeſty,
30 G. 3. c. 103. intituled *An Act to continue the Term, and alter and enlarge the Powers, of an Act of the Tenth Year of His preſent Majeſty, for repairing the Road from* Biggleſwade, *in the County of* Bedford, *through* Bugden *and* Alconbury *to the Top of* Alconbury Hill, *and from* Bugden *to* Huntingdon; *and from* Croſs Hall *to* Great Stoughton Common, *in the County of* Huntingdon; *and alſo the Road leading out of the aforeſaid Road at or near the* Ferry Houſe, *in the Pariſh of* Tempsford, *to and through* Little Barford, Eyneſbury, *and* Saint Neot's, *to the Turnpike Road at the End of* Croſs Hall Lane: And whereas another Act was paſſed in the Thirty-firſt Year of the
31 G. 3. c. 96. Reign of His preſent Majeſty, intituled *An Act for enlarging the Term and*

Powers of Two Acts of the Tenth Year of His present Majesty, and the last Session of Parliament, for repairing the Road from Biggleswade, *in the County of* Bedford, *through* Bugden *and* Alconbury *to the Top of* Alconbury Hill; *and from* Bugden *to* Huntingdon; *and from* Cross Hall *to* Great Stoughton Common, *in the County of* Huntingdon; *and also the Road leading out of the aforesaid Road, at or near the* Ferry House, *in the Parish of* Tempsford, *to and through* Little Barford, Eynesbury, *and* Saint Neot's, *to the Turnpike Road at the End of* Cross Hall Lane, *and from the Turnpike Road, in the Parish of* Eaton Soken, *to the said Turnpike Road near* Saint Neot's Bridge; and by the said last-mentioned Act the Trustees appointed for carrying the said several recited Acts into Execution were empowered, in addition to the former Roads repaired by them, to repair the said Road leading from the said Turnpike Road, in the Parish of *Eaton Soken*, to the said Turnpike Road near *Saint Neot's Bridge*; and the Term granted by the said herein-before last recited Act was further continued from the Expiration thereof for the further Term of Twenty-one Years, and from thence to the End of the then next Session of Parliament: And whereas the Trustees appointed under or by virtue of the said several recited Acts have repaired, widened, turned, and altered the Road leading out of the first-mentioned Road, at or near the *Ferry House* in the Parish of *Tempsford*, to and through *Little Barford*, *Eynesbury*, and *Saint Neot's*, to the Turnpike Road at the End of *Cross Hall Lane*; and also the said Road leading from the said Turnpike Road, in the Parish of *Eaton Soken*, to the said Turnpike Road near *Saint Neot's Bridge*; and have borrowed, on the Credit and Security of the Tolls and Duties by the said several Acts respectively granted or made payable, the Sum of Five thousand Pounds, being the full Sum which by virtue of the same Acts they the said Trustees are empowered to borrow; and the said Sum of Five thousand Pounds still remains due and unpaid: And whereas the said Trustees, after Payment of the Interest of the said Sum of Five thousand Pounds, and after Payment of the Expence of repairing the said Road leading from *Biggleswade*, through *Bugden* and *Alconbury*, to the Top of *Alconbury Hill*, have no Funds, whereby or wherewith they can well and effectually repair, and from Time to Time keep in Repair the said Bridge: And whereas the Grand Jury at the General Quarter Session of the Peace held in and for the County of *Bedford*, on *Wednesday* in the First Week after the Clause of *Easter*, that is to say, the Twentieth Day of *April*, in the Fifty-fourth Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord the now King, did upon their Oaths present, that a certain common Public Bridge over the River *Ouse*, commonly called *Tempsford Bridge*, situate, lying, and being in the several Parishes of *Tempsford* and *Roxton*, in the County of *Bedford* aforesaid, leading from the Market Town of *Biggleswade*, in the County of *Bedford* aforesaid, to the Market Town of *Huntingdon*, in the County of *Huntingdon*, altogether and from the Time whereof the Memory of Man was not to the contrary being a common King's Highway for all the liege Subjects of our said Lord the King, and of his Predecessors, with their Horses, Carts and Carriages, to go, pass, ride, and travel at their Pleasure, on the First Day of *October*, in the Fifty-third Year of the Reign of our said Lord the King, and continually afterwards, was, and so continued until the Day of holding the said General Quarter Session of the Peace, in great Decay, broken and ruinous, so that the liege Subjects of our said Lord the King,

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upon and over the ſaid Bridge, with their Horſes, Carts and Carriages, could not go, ride, paſs, and travel without great Danger, to the grievous Damage and Nuiſance of all the liege Subjects of our ſaid Lord the King upon and over the ſame Bridge, going, paſſing, riding and travelling, and againſt the Peace of our ſaid Lord the King, His Crown and Dignity; and that the Inhabitants of the County of *Bedford* aforeſaid, the common Bridge aforeſaid ſo as aforeſaid being in Decay, ought to repair and amend when and ſo often as it ſhall be neceſſary: And whereas the ſaid Bridge is conſtructed of Timber, with an elevated Cauſeway, and is narrow, incommodious, and dangerous for Paſſengers and Carriages; and there is a great Thoroughfare over the ſaid Bridge for all Manner of Carriages and Cattle, the ſame being ſituated in a great public Road; and it would be of conſiderable public Utility if a new Bridge were to be built near to the ſaid preſent Bridge, and the preſent Bridge taken down and removed: And whereas the Expence of maintaining Bridges, and other Public Works in the ſaid County of *Bedford*, hath lately been and ſtill is very burthenſome to the Inhabitants of the ſaid County of *Bedford;* and in order to defray the Expence of rebuilding the ſaid Bridge, it is expedient that the Juſtices of the Peace of the ſaid County of *Bedford* ſhould be enabled to receive a Toll from the Public, in Aid of the County Rates, and to borrow Money on the Credit of ſuch Tolls and County Rates: 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 it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the Juſtices of the Peace in and for the ſaid County of *Bedford*, aſſembled at any General Quarter Seſſion of the Peace to be held in and for the ſaid County of *Bedford*, or at any Adjournment of the ſame, and they are hereby authorized and empowered to build, erect and complete, or order and direct to be built, erected and completed, with Iron, Stone, or other ſuitable Materials, a good and ſubſtantial new Bridge acroſs the River *Ouſe*, in ſuch Place or Situation at or within the Diſtance of Two hundred Yards from the Place where the ſaid preſent Bridge called *Tempsford Bridge* now ſtands, according to ſuch Deſigns, Plans and Specifications, and in ſuch Manner, as they the ſaid Juſtices ſhall approve, order, and direct; and to do, perform, make, and order all ſuch other Works, Matters and Things, as ſhall be neceſſary for completing the ſaid intended new Bridge, and rendering the ſame ſafe and convenient for the Public; and to repair and continue the preſent Bridge and Cauſeway as a temporary Bridge till the new Bridge ſhall be erected, and then to pull down the ſaid preſent Bridge and Cauſeway, and ſell and diſpoſe of the Materials and Sites thereof; and the ſaid Juſtices may and they are hereby authorized to contract for the building, erecting, and completing ſuch intended Bridge, or any of the Works by this Act authorized or directed to be done or performed, firſt giving public Notice of their Intention ſo to contract; and ſuch Contract or Contracts ſhall be made and entered into at the moſt reaſonable Rates; and every Contractor for any of ſuch Works ſhall give ſufficient Security for the due Performance of his Contract to the Clerk of the Peace; and all Contracts for all or any of the Purpoſes aforeſaid, when made, and all Orders relating thereto, ſhall be entered in a Book to be kept among the Records of the ſaid County of *Bedford*, to be inſpected at

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at all reaſonable Times by any Perſon contributing to the County Rates of ſuch County; and the ſaid Juſtices ſhall have full Power and Authority from Time to Time to remove or cauſe to be removed any Shoals or other Obſtructions in the ſaid River that may affect the Bridge; and alſo to dig up and carry away all Beds of Gravel, Sand, Mud, or other Impediments, and to deepen and widen the ſaid River at or near the Place where ſuch new Bridge is intended to be or ſhall be erected; and alſo to dig and cut the Banks of the ſaid River in ſuch Manner as ſhall be neceſſary and proper for building and completing the ſaid new Bridge, and preſerving the ſame, and the Navigation of the ſaid River near and under the ſaid new Bridge, free and open.

Appointing ſuperintending Juſtices.

II. And be it further enacted, That the ſaid Juſtices may, if they ſhall think proper, from Time to Time, at any General Quarter Seſſion of the Peace, or at any Adjournment thereof, nominate and appoint ſuch of the ſaid Juſtices as they ſhall think fit to ſuperintend and manage the building, erecting, and completing of the ſaid intended Bridge, and other Works connected therewith, and to determine how many of ſuch ſuperintending Juſtices ſhall conſtitute a Quorum and be ſufficient to act, and from Time to Time to remove ſuch ſuperintending Juſtices, and appoint other ſuperintending Juſtices in their ſtead, as they the ſaid Juſtices in Seſſion ſhall think proper; and the ſuperintending Juſtices ſo to be nominated and appointed as aforeſaid ſhall, and they are hereby authorized and required, within One Calendar Month after ſuch Nomination and Appointment, to meet and aſſemble at ſuch Place as ſhall appear to them moſt convenient for that Purpoſe, (due Notice thereof being previouſly given to all ſuch ſuperintending Juſtices by the Clerk of the Peace of the ſaid County of *Bedford*); and alſo to meet and adjourn from Time to Time, and from Place to Place, as often as they ſhall think neceſſary; and the ſuperintending Juſtices ſhall from Time to Time make their Report to the Juſtices in their General Quarter Seſſion of the Peace of the ſaid County of *Bedford*, of the Proceedings of ſuch ſuperintending Juſtices by virtue of this Act.

Powers of Acts relating to County Bridges and Rates extended to this Act.

III. And be it further enacted, That all and every the Powers, Authorities, Proviſions, Directions, Rules, Penalties, Forfeitures, Clauſes, Matters, and Things mentioned or contained in an Act paſſed in the Twenty-ſecond Year of the Reign of King *Henry* the Eighth, intituled *An Act concerning the Amendment of Bridges in Highways*; and in an Act paſſed in the Firſt Year of the Reign of Queen *Anne*, intituled *An Act to explain and alter the Act made in the Two-and-twentieth Year of King* Henry *the Eighth, concerning repairing and amending of Bridges in the Highways, and for repealing an Act made in the Twenty-third Year of Queen* Elizabeth *for the re-edifying of* Cardiff *Bridge in the County of* Glamorgan; *and alſo for changing the Day of Election of the Wardens and Aſſiſtants of* Rocheſter *Bridge*; and in an Act paſſed in the Twelfth Year of the Reign of King *George* the Second, intituled *An Act for the more eaſy aſſeſſing, collecting, and levying of County Rates*; and in an Act paſſed in the Fourteenth Year of the Reign of King *George* the Second, intituled *An Act to ſupply ſome Defects in the Laws for repairing and re-building County Bridges; for repairing, enlarging, erecting, and providing Houſes of Correction, and for*

passing Rogues and Vagabonds; and in an Act passed in the Forty-third Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled *An Act for remedying certain Defects in the Laws relative to the building and repairing of County Bridges, and other Works maintained at the Expence of the Inhabitants of Counties in* England; and in an Act passed in the Fifty-second Year of His present Majesty's Reign, intituled *An Act for amending an Act passed in the Twelfth Year of His late Majesty King* George *the Second, intituled* 'An Act for 'the more easy assessing, collecting, and levying of County Rates, and for the 'remedying certain Defects in the Laws relating to the repairing of County 'Bridges, and other Works maintained at the Expence of the Inhabitants of 'Counties in England,' so far as the same respectively relate to the repairing or building of County Bridges, and other Buildings or Works repaired, maintained, or built at the Expence of Inhabitants of Counties in *England*, or to the Purchase of any Lands or Hereditaments for any such Purposes, (such Purchases for the Purposes of this Act to extend to Four Acres, and no more), or to the making, collecting, and levying County Rates, (other than in Cases for which other Powers and Provisions are made and prescribed by this Act), shall be and are hereby declared to be extended to this Act, and shall and may be enforced, practised, used, and put in Execution, with respect to the said intended new Bridge, and the Works connected therewith, and for the Purposes of this Act, as fully and effectually to all Intents and Purposes as if such several Powers, Authorities, Provisions, Directions, Rules, Penalties, Forfeitures, Clauses, Matters and Things, were made and enacted, or particularly repeated and re-enacted by or in this present Act.

Expences of rebuilding, &c. charged on County Rates.

IV. And be it further enacted, That the said Justices at any General Quarter Session of the Peace, or any Adjournment of the same, may and shall from Time to Time cause such Sum or Sums of Money, as they shall judge necessary for all or any of the Purposes of this Act, to be raised in such Manner as Rates are authorized or directed to be raised by the said Act passed in the Twelfth Year of the Reign of King *George* the Second, intituled *An Act for the more easy assessing, collecting, and levying of County Rates*, or by any other existing Law relating to County Rates, or shall at their Discretion order and direct the same to be paid out of the ordinary Rates of the said County of *Bedford*.

Enabling the Justices to appoint Officers.

V. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Justices at any General Quarter Session of the Peace, or at any Adjournment of the same, and they are hereby authorized and empowered, from Time to Time, to nominate and appoint a Treasurer, and One or more Collector or Collectors of the Tolls by this Act granted and made payable, and a Surveyor of the said Bridge and the Works connected therewith, and such other Officers as they the said Justices shall think necessary for executing the Powers and Authorities hereby given; and from Time to Time to remove any such Officer or Officers, and on the Removal or on the Death of any such Officer or Officers to appoint another or others in his or their stead; and the said Justices shall and may and are hereby authorized and empowered, by and out of the Monies which shall arise by virtue of this Act, to pay such Salaries, and make such Allowances to such Officers and other Persons employed for their

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Services in or about the carrying this Act into Execution, as they the ſaid Juſtices ſhall think reaſonable: Provided always, that no Perſon ſhall be capable of holding any Place of Profit under this Act who ſhall ſell any Wine, Cider, Ale, Beer, or Spirituous Liquors by Retail.

Treaſurer to give Security.

VI. And be it further enacted, That the ſaid Juſtices ſhall and they are hereby required to take ſufficient Security from every Treaſurer to be appointed for the Purpoſes of this Act for the due and faithful Execution of his Office, and (if they think fit) to take ſuch Security from any other Officer to be appointed under or by virtue of this Act.

Officers to account.

VII. And be it further enacted, That all ſuch Officers, and other Perſons who ſhall be appointed under or by virtue of this Act, ſhall from Time to Time, when thereunto required by the ſaid Juſtices aſſembled as aforeſaid, deliver to ſuch Juſtices, or to ſuch Perſon or Perſons as they ſhall for that Purpoſe appoint, a true and perfect Account, in Writing under their reſpective Hands, of all Monies which ſhall have been by them reſpectively had, collected, or received by virtue of this Act, and how and to whom and for what Purpoſe ſuch Monies and every Part thereof have or hath been diſpoſed of, together with proper Vouchers and Receipts for ſuch Payments; and ſuch Officers or other Perſons ſhall and they are hereby reſpectively required to pay all ſuch Monies, as upon the Balance of ſuch Account ſhall appear to be in his or their Hands, to ſuch Perſon or Perſons as the ſaid Juſtices ſhall appoint to receive the ſame; and if any ſuch Officer or other Perſon ſhall refuſe or neglect to render and give ſuch Account as aforeſaid, or to produce and deliver up the Vouchers and Receipts relating to the ſame, or to pay the Balance remaining in his Hands when thereunto required in Manner aforeſaid, or ſhall refuſe or neglect to deliver up to ſuch Juſtices, or to ſuch Perſon or Perſons as they ſhall appoint, within Ten Days after being thereunto required by ſuch Juſtices, all Books, Accounts, Papers and Writings, in his Cuſtody or Power in any ways relating to the Execution of this Act, it ſhall be lawful for any Juſtice of the Peace of the ſaid County of *Bedford* and he is hereby authorized to ſummon any ſuch Officer or other Perſon to appear before ſuch Juſtice; and in caſe ſuch Officer or other Perſon ſhall not appear upon ſuch Summons, (the ſame having been ſerved upon him perſonally, or left at his uſual Place or Places of Abode, and no reaſonable Cauſe or Cauſes being ſhewn for ſuch Non-appearance), ſuch Juſtice is hereby authorized to iſſue his Warrant or Warrants for the Apprehenſion of ſuch Officer or other Perſon, and upon his appearing upon ſuch Summons, or being apprehended and brought before ſuch Juſtice by virtue of ſuch Warrant, or having abſconded, or not being to be found, it ſhall be lawful for ſuch Juſtice to hear and determine the Matter of ſuch Complaint in a ſummary Way, and if upon the Confeſſion of the Officer or other Perſon againſt whom any ſuch Complaint ſhall be made, or by the Oath or Oaths of any credible Witneſs or Witneſſes, it ſhall appear to ſuch Juſtice that any of the Monies which ſhall have been ſo collected or received ſhall be in the Hands of ſuch Officer or other Perſon, ſuch Juſtice may and he is hereby authorized and required upon Non-payment thereof, by a Warrant or Warrants under his Hand and Seal,

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 Goods or Chattels ſhall be found ſufficient to anſwer and ſatisfy the ſaid Money and the Charges of levying the ſame, or if ſuch Officer or other Perſon appearing, or being brought before ſuch Juſtice in the Manner aforeſaid, ſhall refuſe or neglect to give and deliver to the ſaid Juſtice an Account of the Receipts and Payments as aforeſaid, or to produce and deliver up to the ſaid Juſtice as aforeſaid, the ſeveral Vouchers and Receipts relating to ſuch Account, or the Books, Accounts, Papers and Writings, in his Cuſtody or Power relating to the Execution of this Act, then and in either of the Caſes aforeſaid ſuch Juſtice may and he is hereby authorized and required, by Warrant under his Hand and Seal, to commit ſuch Officer or other Perſon to any Houſe of Correction within the ſaid County of *Bedford*, there to remain without Bail or Mainprize until he ſhall have delivered in and ſettled ſuch his Account, and ſhall have delivered up the Vouchers and Receipts relating thereto, and ſhall have paid the Money which ſhall appear to be in his Hands, and the reaſonable Charges of ſuch Diſtreſs and Sale as ſhall in that reſpect have been made, or until he ſhall have compounded with the ſaid Juſtices for the ſame, and have paid the Compoſition Money to the ſaid Juſtices, or ſuch Perſon or Perſons as they ſhall appoint to receive the ſame, (and which Compoſition the ſaid Juſtices are hereby empowered to make), or until he ſhall deliver up ſuch Books, Accounts, Papers, and Writings as aforeſaid, or have given Satisfaction in reſpect thereof to the ſaid Juſtices; but no ſuch Officer or other Perſon who ſhall be committed for default of Diſtreſs only ſhall be detained in Priſon by virtue of this Act for any longer Space of Time than Twelve Calendar Months.

On the Death of a Gatekeeper, Two Juſtices may nominate another until the next Seſſion.

VIII. And be it further enacted, That it ſhall be lawful for any Two or more Juſtices of the Peace of the ſaid County of *Bedford*, upon the Death, Neglect, Refuſal, or Incapacity to act of any Collector of the Tolls by this Act granted, by Writing under their Hands, to nominate ſome other fit Perſon to be Collector in his or her Place, until the next General Quarter Seſſion of the Peace for the ſaid County, or any Adjournment thereof, which Perſon ſo to be nominated and appointed ſhall have the like Power and Authority, and be accountable in the ſame Manner in all Reſpects, as the Perſon in whoſe room or ſtead he or ſhe ſhall be ſo appointed, any Thing herein contained to the contrary notwithſtanding; but ſuch Appointment ſhall continue in force no longer than until ſuch next General Quarter Seſſion of the Peace or Adjournment; and that if any Collector of the ſaid Tolls, who ſhall be diſcharged from his or her Office by any Two or more ſuch Juſtices, ſhall refuſe to deliver up the Poſſeſſion of the Toll Houſe, Buildings, and Appurtenances which he or ſhe ſhall have held, occupied or enjoyed, in right of his or her Appointment to that Office, within Four Days after Notice given to him or her, or left at ſuch Toll Houſe in Writing under the Hands of any Two or more of the ſaid Juſtices; or if the Wife or Widow, or Family of any ſuch Collector, who ſhall die as aforeſaid, or any other Perſon who ſhall be in Poſſeſſion of the Premiſes by any Means whatſoever, ſhall refuſe to deliver up ſuch Houſe, Buildings and Appurtenances, within Four Days after Notice of ſuch new Appointment being made as aforeſaid

If diſcharged Gatekeeper refuſes to deliver up Toll Houſe, &c. any Two Juſtices may cauſe him to be put out.

ſhall have been given to him, her or them, or left at ſuch Toll Houſe, ſigned by any Two or more of the ſaid Juſtices, then and in either of the ſaid Caſes it ſhall be lawful for the ſame, or any other Two or more of the ſaid Juſtices, by Warrant under their Hands and Seals, to order any Conſtable or other Peace Officer, with ſuch Aſſiſtance as ſhall be neceſſary, to enter ſuch Toll Houſe and Premiſes in the Day-time, and to remove the Perſon or Perſons who ſhall be found therein, together with his, her, and their Goods and Chattels, out of ſuch Toll Houſe and other Premiſes, and to put the new appointed Collector in Poſſeſſion thereof.

Actions to be brought in the Name of the Clerk of the Peace.

IX. And be it further enacted, That in all Actions, Cauſes, Suits, Bills, Plaints, Indictments, Proſecutions, Trials, or Proceedings at Law, to be had, brought, proſecuted, or defended in purſuance of this Act, the ſaid Juſtices may ſue and be ſued in the Name of the Clerk of the Peace for the ſaid County of *Bedford* for the Time being; and that no Action or Proceeding ſhall abate or be diſcontinued by the Death or Removal of any ſuch Clerk of the Peace, but that the Clerk of the Peace for the ſaid County for the Time being ſhall always be deemed the Plaintiff, Proſecutor, Informant, Appellant, Defendant or Reſpondent, in any ſuch Action, Cauſe, Suit, Bill, Plaint, Indictment, Proſecution, Trial, or other Proceeding (as the Caſe ſhall be); and in all ſuch Actions, Cauſes, Suits, Bills, Plaints, Indictments, Proſecutions, Trials, or Proceedings at Law reſpectively, it ſhall be ſufficient to lay, charge, and ſtate generally, the Article or Articles, Thing or Things, for or in reſpect of which any ſuch Action, Cauſe, Suit, Bill, Plaint, Indictment, Proſecution, Trial or Proceeding, ſhall be brought, preferred, or proceeded in, to be the Property of the ſaid Clerk of the Peace for the Time being, under the Stile and Deſcription of *The Clerk of the Peace for the County of Bedford:* Provided always, that every ſuch Clerk of the Peace ſhall be reimburſed all ſuch Damages, Coſts, Charges, and Expences as he ſhall have paid, or be ſubject or liable to on account thereof, out of the Money ariſing by virtue of this Act; and provided alſo, that in all Actions, Cauſes, Suits, Bills, Plaints, Indictments, Proſecutions, Trials or Proceedings at Law, neither the ſaid Clerk of the Peace, nor any other Perſon or Perſons whomſoever, ſhall be deemed incompetent to give Evidence by reaſon of his, her, or their paying or contributing towards or being charged with or liable to pay any of the Public Rates of the ſaid County, or any of the Tolls hereby granted and made payable, or by reaſon of his, her, or their being appointed to or holding any Office, or acting by or under the Authority of this Act.

Power to erect a Gate.

X. And be it further enacted, That it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the ſaid Juſtices at any General Quarter Seſſion of the Peace, or any Adjournment of the ſame, and they are hereby authorized and empowered, to make, erect, build or place, and continue, or order and direct to be made, erected, built or placed, and continued at, upon, or acroſs the ſaid intended new Bridge, or any Road leading thereto, or at or within One thouſand Yards from either End of the ſaid Bridge, a Gate or Bar, in ſuch Manner and at ſuch Time as they the ſaid Juſtices ſhall think proper, with a Toll Houſe and proper Conveniences thereto,

and from Time to Time to alter and remove the ſame; and ſuch Gate, Bar, Toll Houſe, and other Erections, Buildings and Premiſes, ſhall be and they are hereby veſted in the ſaid Juſtices.

Collector empowered to demand Toll.

XI. And be it further enacted, That it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the Juſtices of the Peace for the ſaid County of *Bedford* for the Time being, or any Perſon or Perſons to be appointed Collector or Collectors of Tolls by virtue of this Act, and they and he are and is reſpectively hereby authorized and empowered to demand, take and receive, or cauſe to be demanded, taken and received, at any Gate or Bar which ſhall or may be erected or uſed as a Toll Gate or Bar by virtue of this Act, before any Cattle or Carriage ſhall be permitted to paſs through the ſame, the reſpective Tolls herein-after mentioned; (that is to ſay),

Tolls.

For every Coach, Berlin, Landau, Chariot, Calaſh, Chaiſe, Chair, Caravan, Hearſe, Litter, Taxed Cart or Pleaſure Carriage, drawn by Four or more Horſes, or other Cattle, the Sum of One Shilling; and drawn by Three Horſes, or other Cattle, the Sum of Nine-pence; and drawn by Two Horſes, or other Cattle, the Sum of Sixpence; and drawn by One Horſe, or other Beaſt, the Sum of Four-pence:

For every Waggon, Cart, or other ſuch Carriage, drawn by Four or more Horſes, or other Cattle, the Sum of One Shilling and Sixpence; and drawn by Three Horſes, or other Cattle, the Sum of One Shilling; and drawn by Two Horſes, or other Cattle, the Sum of Nine-pence; and drawn by One Horſe, or other Beaſt, the Sum of Four-pence:

For every Waggon, Cart, Coach, Chaiſe, or other Carriage, fixed or faſtened and drawn behind any Waggon, Cart or Carriage, the Sum of Four-pence:

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

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 greater or leſs Number: And,

For every Drove of Sheep, Lambs, Hogs or Calves, the Sum of Five-pence *per* Score; and ſo in Proportion for any greater or leſs Number.

Tolls veſted in Juſtices.

Recovery of Tolls.

XII. And be it further enacted, That the ſaid ſeveral Tolls hereby granted ſhall be and the ſame are hereby veſted in the Juſtices of the Peace for the ſaid County of *Bedford* for the Time being; and in caſe any Perſon or Perſons ſubject or liable to the Payment of any of the Tolls aforeſaid ſhall refuſe or neglect to pay the ſame, or any Part thereof, on Demand as aforeſaid, then it ſhall be lawful for the Perſon or Perſons appointed to collect the ſaid Tolls, by himſelf or themſelves, or taking ſuch Aſſiſtance as he or they ſhall think neceſſary, to ſtop and prevent the Paſſage of the Horſe, Beaſt, Cattle or Carriage, for or in reſpect of which ſuch Tolls ought to be paid, until full Payment thereof, or to ſeize and diſtrain for the ſame any Horſe or other Cattle, or the Loading or Gears thereof, or any Carriage with its Loading, for or in reſpect whereof any ſuch Toll is by this Act impoſed or made payable, or any Part thereof, or any of the Goods and Chattels of the Perſon liable to the Payment of ſuch Tolls, and to detain and keep the ſame until ſuch Tolls, with

with the reaſonable Charge of ſuch Diſtreſs, and of detaining and keeping the ſame, ſhall be fully paid; and if ſuch Tolls, together with the Coſts and Charges of making and keeping ſuch Diſtreſs, ſhall not be paid within Four Days after the making or taking ſuch Diſtreſs, it ſhall be lawful to and for the Perſon or Perſons making ſuch Diſtreſs to ſell or cauſe to be ſold the ſame, or ſo much thereof as he ſhall think needful, returning the Overplus to ariſe from ſuch Sale, and what ſhall remain unſold, upon Demand, to the Owner thereof, after ſuch Toll and the reaſonable Expences of ſuch Diſtreſs, and of the keeping and ſelling the ſame ſhall be deducted.

Tolls payable but Once a Day.

XIII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That no Perſon ſhall be ſubject or liable to the Payment of the reſpective Tolls by this Act granted and made payable more than Once in any One Day, to be computed from Twelve of the Clock at Night to Twelve of the Clock in the next ſucceeding Night, for or in reſpect of paſſing and repaſſing any Time or Times with the ſame Carriage, Horſe or Horſes, Beaſts or Cattle, the Perſon attending or having the Care of any ſuch Carriage, Horſe or Horſes, Beaſts or Cattle, producing a Note or Ticket, denoting ſuch Payment; and upon Payment of any of the ſaid Tolls the Collectors ſhall and are hereby required to deliver, *gratis*, to the Perſon paying ſuch Toll a Note or Ticket denoting ſuch Payment.

Diſputes concerning Tolls to be ſettled by a Juſtice.

XIV. And be it further enacted, That if any Diſpute ſhall happen about the Amount of Toll due, or the Charges of keeping or ſelling any Diſtreſs, it ſhall be lawful for the Collector, or Perſon diſtraining, to retain ſuch Diſtreſs, or the Money ariſing by the Sale thereof, (as the Caſe may happen), until the Amount of ſuch Toll, and the Charges of making ſuch Diſtreſs and of keeping and ſelling the ſame, ſhall be aſcertained by ſome Juſtice of the Peace of the ſaid County of *Bedford*, who, upon Application to him made for that Purpoſe, ſhall enquire into and examine the Matter upon Oath of the Parties, or other Witneſs or Witneſſes, (which Oath ſuch Juſtice is hereby authorized to adminiſter), and ſhall determine the Amount of the Toll due, and ſhall alſo aſſeſs the Charges of ſuch Diſtreſs, Keeping and Sale, and alſo of the Collector's Attendance for that Purpoſe on the ſaid Juſtice; all which Sums ſo determined or aſſeſſed ſhall be paid to the ſaid Collector, or other Perſon, before he ſhall be obliged to return the Diſtreſs, or the Overplus after the Sale thereof, or of any Part thereof.

Exemption from Tolls.

XV. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That no Toll ſhall be demanded or taken for any Horſe or Horſes, or other Beaſt or Cattle, or for any Waggon, Wain, Cart, or other Carriage, employed in carrying or conveying, or going empty to fetch, carry or convey, or returning empty from carrying or conveying, having been employed only in carrying or conveying on the ſame Day any Stones, Bricks, Timber, Wood, Gravel, or other Materials for building or repairing the ſaid intended Bridge, or the ſaid preſent Bridge, or for repairing any Public Road or Highway, or any Bridge, Tunnel, or Works in any Public Road or Highway; or any Hay, Fodder, or Corn in the Straw only, not ſold or diſpoſed of, but paſſing to be laid up or placed in the Houſes, Barns, Outhouſes

houſes or Yards, or on the Lands of the Owners thereof; or for any Horſe, Beaſt or other Cattle, or Carriage employed in carrying or conveying, or going empty to fetch, carry or convey, or returning empty from carrying or conveying, having been employed only in carrying or conveying on the ſame Day any Ploughs, Harrows, or Implements of Huſbandry to be uſed in the Cultivation of Lands, or any Mould, Dung, Compoſt, Lime, or Manure to be employed for manuring or improving Land or Gardens, or for any Horſes or other Beaſts going to or returning from Plough or Harrow, or to or from Paſture or Watering Place, or from any Perſon or Perſons going to or returning from his, her, or their proper Parochial Church, Chapel, or other Place of Religious Worſhip on *Sundays*, or any other Day on which Divine Service is ordered to be celebrated; or going to or returning from attending the Funeral of any Perſon who ſhall die and be buried in either of the ſaid Pariſhes of *Tempsford* or *Roxton;* or from any Clergyman going to viſit or returning from viſiting any ſick Perſon, or on other his Parochial or Miniſterial Duty within any Pariſh in either of the Counties of *Bedford* or *Huntingdon*, whereof he ſhall be Miniſter or Curate, and returning the ſame Day; or for any Horſes or Carriages of any 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 the ſame, or in returning back from conveying 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 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 from having been ſo employed; or for any Horſe, Mare or Gelding, 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 Days of Exerciſe, Inſpection or Review, 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; or for Horſes, Carts or Waggons, travelling with Vagrants ſent by legal Paſſes, or returning empty after having been ſo employed; or for any Horſe or Horſes, Coach or other Carriage of any of the ſaid Juſtices, in going to or returning from any Seſſion or Meeting for the Execution of this Act; or of any of the Truſtees for putting in Execution any Turnpike Act, who ſhall have duly qualified themſelves for that Purpoſe, in going to or returning from any Meeting for the Execution thereof; or for any Horſe or Horſes, Coaches or other Carriages, going to or returning from any Election of a Knight or Knights of the Shire to ſerve in Parliament for the ſaid Counties of *Bedford* and *Huntingdon* reſpectively, or either of them, on the Day or Days of ſuch Election or Elections; and if any Perſon ſhall claim or take the Benefit of any of the Exemptions aforeſaid, not being entitled to the

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ſame, every ſuch Perſon ſhall forfeit and pay for every ſuch Offence any Sum not exceeding Five Pounds, one Moiety whereof ſhall be paid to the Informer, and the other Moiety ſhall be applied to the Purpoſes of this Act.

Carriages for His Majeſty's Service not to be weighed, and may be drawn by any Number of Horſes.

XVI. Provided alſo, and be it further enacted, That no Perſon owning or driving, or cauſing to be driven any Waggon, Wain, Cart, or other Carriage, provided for the Service of His Majeſty's Forces, or conveying any Ordnance, Barrack, Commiſſariat or other Public Stores, of or belonging to His Majeſty, or for the Uſe of His Majeſty's Forces, ſhall be ſubject to any Penalty or Forfeiture for Overweight in reſpect of ſuch Stores, nor ſhall any ſuch Waggon, Wain, Cart, or other Carriage be ſtopped or detained, by reaſon of any Weight in or upon any ſuch Waggon, Wain, Cart, or other Carriage, or of its being drawn by any Number of Horſes or Beaſts; but it ſhall be lawful for any Owner or Driver of any ſuch Waggon, Wain, Cart, or other Carriage, to put any Number of Horſes or Beaſts to ſuch Waggon, Wain, Cart, or other Carriage, for drawing the ſame; any Thing in this Act contained to the contrary notwithſtanding.

Power to leſſen Tolls.

XVII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That it ſhall be lawful for the ſaid Juſtices at any General Quarter Seſſion of the Peace to be held in and for the ſaid County of *Bedford*, or at any Adjournment of the ſame, and they are hereby authorized and empowered, from Time to Time as they ſhall think proper, to leſſen and reduce all or any Part or Parts of the Tolls hereby granted and made payable, and to raiſe the ſame again to any Sum not exceeding the Tolls by this Act granted; and ſuch Tolls ſo leſſened or reduced ſhall be collected, recovered, and applied in the ſame Manner as the Tolls hereby granted are directed to be collected and applied: Provided always, that until the Money ſubſcribed or borrowed on the Credit of this Act ſhall have been paid off or diſcharged, the Tolls hereby granted ſhall not be leſſened or reduced without the Conſent of the Perſons to whom Five-ſixth Parts of ſuch Money and Intereſt thereon ſhall be due.

Tolls may be let.

XVIII. And be it further enacted, That it ſhall be lawful for the ſaid Juſtices at any General Quarter Seſſion of the Peace, or at any Adjournment of the ſame, upon Twenty-one Days Notice being inſerted in ſome Newſpaper or Newſpapers publiſhed or circulated in the ſaid County of *Bedford*, from Time to Time by Writing under the Hands and Seals of any Two of them, to let to farm the Tolls to be collected by virtue of this Act, or any Part or Parts thereof, to any Perſon or Perſons who ſhall be willing to take or farm the ſame, upon Public Bidding to the higheſt Bidder, at and for the largeſt yearly Sum that can be reaſonably got for the ſame; provided, that the Leaſes, Contracts, or Agreements for the ſame, be in Writing, and be duly executed by the Perſon or Perſons taking or farming ſuch Tolls, and alſo by the ſaid Juſtices, or any Two of them; but the ſame ſhall not be let for more than Three Years at any one Time; and the Rent which ſhall be agreed to be paid for the ſaid Tolls ſhall be made payable and ſhall be paid to the Treaſurer to the ſaid Juſtices, ſo as that One Monthly Payment of ſuch Rent ſhall always be in advance, or ſufficient Security ſhall be given for the Payment of ſuch

Rent to the Satisfaction of the ſaid Juſtices, or in default thereof every ſuch Leaſe, Contract or Agreement, ſhall be null and void to all Intents and Purpoſes whatſoever.

Leſſees or Perſons appointed by them may collect the Tolls.

XIX. And be it further enacted, That during ſuch Time as the ſaid Tolls, or any Part or Parts thereof, ſhall be leaſed, demiſed, or in farm to any Perſon or Perſons whomſoever, it ſhall be lawful for the Leſſee or Leſſees, Farmer or Farmers thereof, or ſuch other Perſon or Perſons as he, ſhe, or they ſhall by Writing or Writings under his, her, or their Hand or Hands authorize or appoint, to demand and take the ſaid Tolls ſo leaſed, demiſed or farmed, and to uſe all ſuch Means and Methods for the Recovery thereof in caſe of Non-payment or Evaſion, as the Collector or Collectors to be appointed by the ſaid Juſtices under or by virtue of this Act is or are by this Act empowered to uſe; and ſuch Leſſee or Leſſees, Farmer or Farmers, Collector or Collectors, or other Perſon or Perſons as aforeſaid, ſhall be ſubject to the Regulations of this Act, and to the like Pains, Penalties and Forfeitures, and ſhall be liable to the like Actions and Proſecutions as any Collector of the ſaid Tolls to be appointed by the ſaid Juſtices, is or ſhall by virtue of this Act be ſubject or liable to.

Obtaining Poſſeſſion of Toll Houſes when let to farm.

XX. And be it further enacted, That in caſe the Tolls hereby granted or made payable ſhall at any Time or Times during the Continuance of this Act be demiſed or let to farm to any Perſon or Perſons whomſoever, and the Leſſee or Leſſees, Farmer or Farmers thereof, ſhall neglect or refuſe to perform the Terms and Conditions on which the ſame ſhall be ſo demiſed or let; or in caſe the Rent or Rents agreed to be paid by ſuch Leſſee or Leſſees, Farmer or Farmers, ſhall be in arrear by the Space of One Month next after any of the Days on which the ſame ought to be paid purſuant to the Leaſe, Contract, or Agreement for letting the ſame, then and in either of thoſe Caſes any Two or more of the ſaid Juſtices, or the Clerk of the Peace, Treaſurer or Surveyor, or any other Perſon authorized by Writing under the Hands of any Two or more of the ſaid Juſtices, may and they and he are and is hereby authorized to enter into and take Poſſeſſion of the Toll Houſe or Toll Houſes, with the Buildings, Gate or Bar, and Appurtenances thereunto belonging ſo let as aforeſaid, and to remove and put out ſuch Leſſee or Leſſees, Farmer or Farmers, and all other Occupiers, from the Poſſeſſion thereof, and from the Collection of the Tolls there payable; and thereupon it ſhall be lawful for any Two or more of the ſaid Juſtices (if they ſhall think fit) to vacate and determine the Contract or Agreement for leaſing or letting the ſaid Tolls to ſuch Leſſee or Leſſees, Farmer or Farmers, and the ſame ſhall be utterly void to all Intents and Purpoſes, (ſave as to the Covenants or Agreements for Payment of the Rent or Rents thereby reſerved), as if ſuch Demiſe or Agreement had never been made; and it ſhall and may be lawful for the ſaid laſt-mentioned Juſtices in every ſuch Caſe to cauſe the ſaid Tolls to be taken and collected as if no ſuch Leaſe, Contract or Agreement, had been entered into relative thereto.

To prevent evading the Tolls.

XXI. And be it further enacted, That if any Perſon or Perſons ſhall paſs with or drive any Carriage, or Horſe or other Cattle, through any ſuch Gate as aforeſaid, without paying the Toll which by virtue of this Act

Act ſhall be payable for the ſame, or ſhall unload or cauſe to be unloaden any Grain, Goods, Wares, Merchandizes, or other Things whatſoever; or take off any Horſe or Beaſt of Draught from any Coach, Waggon, Cart, or other Wheel-carriage, at or before the ſame ſhall come to any Gate at which Tolls ſhall be payable by virtue of this Act, and carry or cauſe to be carried ſuch Grain, Goods, Wares, Merchandizes, or other Things ſo to be taken off and unloaden over the ſaid Bridge, either on Foot or on Horſeback, or on any other Waggon, Cart, or other Carriage, or acroſs the ſaid River *Ouſe* in any Boat or other Veſſel whatſoever; or having paſſed through any ſuch Turnpike ſhall afterwards add or put any Horſe or other Beaſt to any ſuch Carriage with an Intent to avoid the Payment of any of the ſaid Tolls; or if any Perſon ſhall forge, counterfeit or alter, or ſhall deliver to or receive of any Perſon any Note or Ticket with Intent to avoid the Payment of any of the ſaid Tolls, or ſhall do any other Act in order or with Intent to avoid or evade the Payment of any of the ſaid Tolls, or whereby the Payment of the ſaid Tolls ſhall be avoided or evaded, every ſuch Perſon ſo offending in any of the Caſes aforeſaid ſhall for every ſuch Offence forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Five Pounds.

Tolls not to be rated.

XXII. And be it further enacted, That the Tolls and Compoſition Money payable or to be received by virtue of this Act, ſhall not nor ſhall any of them, or any Part thereof reſpectively, be rated or aſſeſſed for or towards any Parochial Rate, Aſſeſſment, or Impoſition whatſoever.

Power to borrow Money.

XXIII. And be it further enacted, That it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the ſaid Juſtices, at any General Quarter Seſſion of the Peace, or at any Adjournment thereof, from Time to Time to borrow upon Mortgage of the County Rates, and the Tolls hereby granted and made payable, by an Inſtrument or Inſtruments in the Form contained in the Schedule, No. 1. hereunto annexed, or to that or the like Effect, any Sum or Sums not leſs than One hundred Pounds each, at legal or lower Intereſt, as to them the ſaid Juſtices ſhall appear neceſſary and expedient for the Purpoſes of this Act, and to ſecure all and every ſuch Sum and Sums of Money ſo borrowed upon the Credit as well of the Rates to be raiſed upon the ſaid County of *Bedford*, as of the Tolls hereby granted; and the ſaid Juſtices ſo aſſembled as aforeſaid are hereby authorized to treat and agree with any Perſon or Perſons for the Loan of any ſuch Sum or Sums of Money, and by their Order to confirm and eſtabliſh every ſuch Agreement as aforeſaid; and every ſuch Agreement ſo eſtabliſhed by ſuch Order, and ſigned by the Chairman, and Two or more Juſtices preſent at the Time of making ſuch Order, ſhall be and the ſame is hereby declared to be effectual to ſecure to the Perſon or Perſons ſo advancing any Sum or Sums of Money, his, her, or their Executors, Adminiſtrators and Aſſigns, all and every ſuch Sum or Sums of Money, with Intereſt for the ſame, on ſuch Terms as in and by ſuch Agreement ſhall be for that Purpoſe ſtipulated.

Money may be raiſed by Annuities.

XXIV. And be it further enacted, That it ſhall alſo be lawful for the ſaid Juſtices, at any General Quarter Seſſion of the Peace, or any Adjournment thereof, to raiſe ſuch Sum or Sums of Money for or towards the Purpoſes

Purpoſes of this Act as they ſhall think expedient and requiſite, by the Grant of any Annuity or Annuities, to be payable out of the ſaid County Rates and Tolls, ſubject to the Regulations herein-after mentioned; and that it ſhall and may be lawful for any Perſon or Perſons to contribute, advance, and pay into the Hands of the ſaid Juſtices, or their Treaſurer for the Purpoſes of this Act, any Sum or Sums of Money for the abſolute Purchaſe of One or more Annuity or Annuities to be paid and payable for and during the Life or Lives of ſuch Perſon or Perſons as ſhall be named by ſuch Contributor or Contributors at the Time of Payment of their reſpective Contributions; all which Annuities ſo to be purchaſed ſhall be payable and paid by the ſaid Juſtices or their Treaſurer out of the Money to ariſe by or from the County Rates of the ſaid County, and the ſaid Tolls, or either of them, ſubject to ſuch Regulations as aforeſaid, by equal Half-yearly Payments, the Firſt Payment to be made to the reſpective Purchaſers or their Aſſigns at the Expiration of the Firſt Six Months next after Payment of their reſpective Purchaſe Monies; and a proportionate Part of every ſuch Annuity ſhall be paid from the laſt Half-yearly Payment to the Day of the Death of the Annuitant, or his or her *Ceſtuique Vie;* and every ſuch Annuity ſhall be paid, freed, and diſcharged from every Tax and Deduction whatſoever; and that all and every the Annuity and Annuities to be granted and ſecured by virtue of this Act ſhall be ſecured by an Inſtrument or Inſtruments in Writing, in the Form contained in the Schedule, No. 2, hereunto annexed, or to that or the like Effect.

Securities to be numbered, &c.

XXV. And be it further enacted, That all Securities which ſhall be granted or made by virtue of this Act ſhall be numbered in the Order of Succeſſion in which they ſhall be granted; and Copies or Extracts of all ſuch Agreements or Securities ſhall be kept with the Clerk of the Peace of the ſaid County of *Bedford* amongſt the Records of the ſaid County; and all and every Perſon and Perſons to whom any ſuch Security or Securities ſhall be made, or who ſhall be entitled to the Money or Annuity thereby ſecured, is and are hereby empowered, by indorſing his, her, or their Name or Names on the Back of ſuch Security or Securities, to transfer and aſſign the ſame, and his, her, or their Right to the Principal Money and Intereſt, or Annuity thereby ſecured, unto any Perſon or Perſons; and every ſuch Aſſignee may in like Manner transfer the ſame again, and ſo *toties quoties;* and the Perſon or Perſons to whom ſuch Security or Securities, or any ſuch Aſſignment thereof ſhall be made, and his, her, or their reſpective Executors, Adminiſtrators and Aſſigns, ſhall be Creditors upon the ſaid Rates and Tolls in an equal Degree one with another, and ſhall not have any Preference with reſpect to the Priority of any Monies ſo advanced.

Proofs required on Payment of Annuities.

XXVI. And be it further enacted, That it ſhall and may be lawful for the ſaid Juſtices, or their Treaſurer for the Time being, if they or he ſhall think fit, from Time to Time, on any Half-yearly Payment of any Annuity granted by virtue of this Act becoming due, to require the Perſon or Perſons entitled to receive any ſuch Annuity to produce the original Security or Securities for the ſame, and to cauſe the Perſon or Perſons for whoſe Life or Lives the ſaid Annuity was granted to appear perſonally before

before any One or more of the ſaid Juſtices or their Treaſurer, before the ſame ſhall be paid or recoverable; or in caſe of Non-appearance to produce the original Security or Securities, and a Certificate of the Life of each *Ceſtuique Vie*, ſigned by the officiating Miniſter of the Pariſh wherein he, ſhe, or they ſhall be reſiding upon the Day when any ſuch Annuity ſhall become due, or ſuch other ſatisfactory Evidence as the ſaid Juſtices or their ſaid Treaſurer ſhall require, if ſuch *Ceſtuique Vie* ſhall reſide within the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*; but if ſuch *Ceſtuique Vie* ſhall not be within the ſaid United Kingdom, then ſuch other good and ſufficient Proof of his, her, or their living upon the Day of each ſuch Payment becoming due reſpectively ſhall be produced to the ſaid Juſtices as ſhall be deemed ſatisfactory by them.

In caſe of death of Annuitants, other Annuities may be granted.

XXVII. And be it further enacted, That in caſe any Annuitant or Annuitants, Nominee or Nominees, to whom or for whoſe Life or Lives any Annuity or Annuities may be granted under and by virtue of this Act, ſhall die, it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the ſaid Juſtices to grant to any Perſon or Perſons, and for any Perſon or Perſons to purchaſe of them the ſaid Juſtices, One or more Annuity or Annuities in the room of ſuch Annuitant or Annuitants, Nominee or Nominees ſo dying, upon the Life of ſuch other Perſon or Perſons, upon ſuch Terms and Conditions, and ſubject to ſuch Rules and Regulations for the Purchaſe thereof, as are herein-before mentioned.

For charging the Rates and Tolls with Expences, &c. and to reduce the Principal borrowed.

XXVIII. And be it further enacted, That the ſaid Juſtices in their reſpective General Quarter Seſſions of the Peace ſhall and they are hereby authorized and required to raiſe, by Means of the ſaid Rates and Tolls, which they are hereby authorized to make and receive, ſuch Sum and Sums of Money from Time to Time as they ſhall judge neceſſary for the Purpoſes of this Act, until the Whole of the Expences incurred, and the Whole of the Money borrowed, with Intereſt, and all the Annuities granted by virtue and for the Purpoſes of this Act, ſhall be fully paid and diſcharged; and to keep an exact regular Account of all the Receipts and Payments under the Authority of this Act in a Book or Books, ſeparate and apart from all other Accounts, and the ſame to adjuſt and ſettle in ſuch Manner that it may readily be ſeen from Time to Time how much of the Debt, Principal Money and Intereſt, incurred by virtue and for the Purpoſes of this Act, ſhall be due and owing, and how much thereof ſhall have been diſcharged; and ſuch Book or Books ſo adjuſted and ſettled to deliver into Court at every Quarter Seſſion of the Peace; and the ſaid Juſtices are required at every ſuch Seſſion carefully to inſpect all ſuch Accounts, and to make Orders for carrying the ſeveral Purpoſes of this Act into Execution, in ſuch Manner as to them ſhall ſeem meet; and from Time to Time to cauſe all the Securities for the Repayment of Money borrowed by virtue of this Act to be drawn by Lot, and numbered for Payment, according to the Event of ſuch drawing; and the Securities ſo drawn and numbered ſhall be regularly diſcharged in Succeſſion, according to the Priority of the Number drawn; and upon Three Months Notice to the Perſon or Perſons who ſhall be entitled to the Money due on any Security ſo to be drawn, and tender or offer of Payment of the Money due by virtue thereof, the Intereſt of the Debt thereby ſecured ſhall thenceforth ceaſe.

Money borrowed ſhall be repaid in Twenty-one Years.

XXIX. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That the ſaid Juſtices in their reſpective General Quarter Seſſions of the Peace ſhall and they are hereby required to make Proviſion, by means of the Rates and Tolls which they are hereby authorized to make and receive, and by their Orders and Directions, which they are hereby authorized to give, in ſuch Manner that the whole Expences of building the ſaid intended Bridge, and of obtaining and incident to the Execution of this Act, and the whole Money to be borrowed on Mortgage under the Authority of this Act, and the Intereſt thereof, ſhall be fully paid and diſcharged within Twenty-one Years, to be calculated from the Time of beginning to receive the Tolls hereby granted and made payable; and that One Half Part thereof ſhall be ultimately borne and paid by and out of the County Rates, and One other Half Part thereof by and out of the Tolls hereby granted: Provided alſo, that One Half Part of all Annuities which ſhall be granted by virtue of this Act ſhall during the ſaid Term of Twenty-one Years be borne and paid by and out of the ſaid County Rates, and One Half Part thereof by and out of the ſaid Tolls; and after the Expiration of the ſaid Term of Twenty-one Years, all ſuch Annuities as ſhall then remain payable ſhall during the Continuance of ſuch Annuities be a Charge upon the ſaid County Rates alone, and be wholly paid by the ſaid Treaſurer out of ſuch Rates.

Eſtimate to be made of Expences, and One-fourth Part to be borne by Landlords.

XXX. Provided alſo, and be it further enacted, That before any Money ſhall be raiſed by virtue of this Act, the ſaid Juſtices ſhall, at ſome General Quarter Seſſion of the Peace, or at any Adjournment thereof, cauſe an Eſtimate or Eſtimates to be made and verified on Oath of the Coſts, Charges, and Expences of conſtructing the Bridge, Toll Houſe, and other Works hereby authorized to be done, and of ſupporting the preſent Bridge as a temporary Bridge; and ſhall cauſe One Fourth Part of the Amount of ſuch Eſtimate or Eſtimates ſo verified, (the ſame being firſt by them approved and allowed), and One Fourth Part of the Expences of paſſing this Act, to be raiſed by a ſeparate and diſtinct County Rate, or by ſeparate and diſtinct County Rates, which the ſaid Juſtices in their Quarter Seſſion are hereby directed to order and make; and the Proportion thereof to be charged on every Pariſh and Place in the ſaid County ſhall be raiſed by a diſtinct Aſſeſſment or by diſtinct Aſſeſſments upon all and every the Occupiers of Lands, Houſes, or Hereditaments within every ſuch Pariſh or Place; and all Perſons collecting ſuch Rates ſhall give diſtinct and appropriate Receipts for the ſame; and every ſuch Occupier holding as Tenant of any other Perſon or Perſons, Body or Bodies Politic or Corporate, at the Rack or improved Rent, any Lands, Houſes or other Hereditaments, charged with ſuch Rate, is hereby empowered, out of the Firſt Payment thereafter to be made on account of Rent to his, her, or their reſpective Landlord or Landlords, to deduct and retain the Sum or Sums paid in diſcharge of ſuch Rate or Rates in reſpect of the Lands, Houſes, or other Hereditaments ſo holden, and ſhall be acquitted and diſcharged for ſo much Money as ſuch Rate or Rates ſhall amount unto, as fully and effectually as if ſuch Money had been actually paid to the Perſon or Perſons to whom ſuch Rent is or ſhall be payable; and ſuch Perſon and Perſons is and are hereby required to allow from Time to Time ſuch Deductions upon the Receipt

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or Tender of the Reſidue of the Rent, notwithſtanding any Agreement or Covenant between any Landlord and Tenant to the contrary.

Application of Rates, Tolls, and Money borrowed.

XXXI. And be it further enacted, That all Monies which ſhall ariſe and be produced by or from the ſaid Rates and Tolls by this Act granted or made payable, and all Monies which ſhall be borrowed on the Credit thereof, and all other Monies which ſhall ariſe and be produced by virtue of this Act, and not herein otherwiſe appropriated or directed to be applied, ſhall be and the ſame are hereby veſted in the Juſtices of the Peace for the ſaid County of *Bedford* for the Time being, and ſhall be applied to and for the ſeveral Uſes, Intents and Purpoſes, and in the Order and Manner following, that is to ſay, in the Firſt Place, in the Payment of all the Coſts, Charges, and Expences incident to or attending the obtaining and paſſing this Act; in the next Place, in defraying the Expences of conſtructing, building, completing, repairing, upholding and keeping in Repair the ſaid Bridge and other Works hereby authorized or intended to be built or made, and repairing the preſent Bridge and Cauſeway as a temporary Bridge, and afterwards in taking down and removing the ſame, in building and repairing the Toll Houſe and Gate or Bar to be erected by virtue of this Act, in paying the Intereſt of the Money to be borrowed, and Annuities to be granted, and in executing the other Purpoſes of this Act; and in the laſt Place, in reducing, paying off, and diſcharging the principal Sums to be borrowed by virtue of this Act, and to no other Uſe or Purpoſe whatſoever.

Puniſhing Perſons damaging the Bridge or Gate.

XXXII. And be it further enacted, That if any Perſon or Perſons ſhall wilfully and maliciouſly burn or ſet fire to, blow up, pull down, deſtroy, or otherwiſe damage the ſaid preſent Bridge and Cauſeway, or the ſaid intended Bridge, or any of them, or deſtroy, burn, ſet fire to, remove, take away or damage any Materials or Works belonging to or intended for the ſaid reſpective Bridges, or any of them, or break down, deſtroy, or damage any Gate, Bar, Toll Houſe or other Building, Poſt, Pale, Rail, Chain or Fence to be erected or placed by virtue of this Act, or ſhall begin, or attempt ſo to do, or join or aſſiſt in any ſuch Offence or Attempt, or ſhall direct or procure the ſame to be done, every ſuch Offender or Offenders being lawfully convicted of any ſuch Offence ſhall be adjudged to be guilty of Felony, and ſhall ſuffer accordingly.

Penalty on haling Timber otherwiſe than on Wheel Carriages.

XXXIII. And be it further enacted, That if any Perſon or Perſons ſhall hale or draw, or cauſe to be haled or drawn upon or along the ſaid preſent Bridge and Cauſeway, or the ſaid intended Bridge, any Tree or Trees, Piece or Pieces of Timber, otherwiſe than upon Wheels or Wheel Carriages, every ſuch Perſon or Perſons for every ſuch Offence ſhall forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Forty Shillings.

Penalty on Collectors miſbehaving.

XXXIV. And, in order to prevent any Miſconduct of the Perſons employed as Collectors of the ſaid Tolls, be it further enacted, That every Perſon employed to collect any of the Tolls hereby granted and made payable ſhall affix his Chriſtian and Surname on a Board, on ſome conſpicuous Part of the Gate or Toll Houſe at which he ſhall be appointed to collect the ſaid Tolls, on each and every Day, and keep the ſame ſo affixed

affixed the whole Time that he ſhall continue in ſuch Collection, under the Penalty of forfeiting and paying any Sum not exceeding Five Pounds for every Neglect thereof; and if any ſuch Collector ſhall wilfully miſbehave himſelf in the Collection of the ſaid Tolls, or ſhall make uſe of any opprobrious or abuſive Language, or ſhall moleſt or unneceſſarily detain any Perſon or Perſons paſſing or claiming to paſs through any Gate or Bar to be erected by virtue of this Act, and ſhall be thereof convicted on his own Confeſſion, or on the Oath of any credible Witneſs or Witneſſes, before One or more of His Majeſty's Juſtices of the Peace of the ſaid County of *Bedford*, he ſhall for every ſuch Offence forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Five Pounds, and in default of Payment thereof ſhall and may be committed to any Houſe of Correction within the ſame County for any Term not exceeding Three Calendar Months.

Penalty on obſtructing Officers.

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

Power to Collectors, &c. to detain unknown Perſons guilty of Offences.

XXXVI. And be it further enacted, That it ſhall and may be lawful for any Collector, Surveyor, or other Officer reſpectively to be appointed by the ſaid Juſtices, and ſuch Perſon or Perſons as they or any of them ſhall call to their or his or her Aſſiſtance, to ſeize and detain any Perſon or Perſons guilty of any Offence or Offences againſt this Act, (although ſuch Perſon or Perſons may be a tranſient Perſon or Perſons, or unknown to ſuch Juſtices, Collector, Surveyor, or other Officer), and forthwith to convey him, her or them, before any One or more Juſtice or Juſtices of the Peace of the ſaid County of *Bedford*, without any further Warrant or Authority than this Act for ſo doing; and ſuch Juſtice or Juſtices ſhall and is and are hereby required to proceed and act with reſpect to ſuch Offender or Offenders according to Law or the Proviſions of this Act.

Recovery and Application of Penalties or Forfeitures.

XXXVII. And be it further enacted, That all Penalties, Forfeitures, and Fines by this Act impoſed or authorized to be impoſed, (the Manner of levying and recovering whereof is not hereby otherwiſe directed), ſhall be ſued for, proſecuted and recovered, by Information before One or more of His Majeſty's Juſtices of the Peace for the ſaid County of *Bedford*, upon the Confeſſion of the Party offending, or the Oath of One or more credible Witneſs or Witneſſes, (which Oath any ſuch Juſtice is hereby authorized and required to adminiſter); and ſuch Penalties, Forfeitures and Fines, ſhall be levied by Diſtreſs and Sale of the Offender's Goods and Chattels, by Warrant or Warrants under the Hand and Seal, or Hands and Seals of One or more of ſuch Juſtices, which Warrant or Warrants the ſaid Juſtice or Juſtices is and are hereby empowered and required to grant, and the Overplus (if any) after ſuch Penalties, Forfeitures and Fines, and the Charges of ſuch Diſtreſs and Sale are deducted, ſhall be returned upon Demand unto the Owner or Owners of ſuch Goods and Chattels; and the Monies ariſing by ſuch Penalties, Forfeitures and Fines, when paid or levied, if not otherwiſe directed to be applied by this Act, ſhall be from Time to Time paid to the Treaſurer to the ſaid Juſtices,

and applied for the Purpoſes of this Act; and in caſe ſufficient Diſtreſs ſhall not be found, and ſuch Penalties, Forfeitures, and Fines ſhall not be forthwith paid, it ſhall be lawful for any ſuch Juſtice of the Peace, and he is hereby authorized and required, by Warrant or Warrants under his Hand and Seal, to cauſe ſuch Offender or Offenders to be committed to any Houſe of Correction within the ſaid County, there to remain without Bail or Mainprize for any Time not exceeding Six Calendar Months, unleſs ſuch Penalties, Forfeitures and Fines, and all reaſonable Charges attending the ſame, ſhall be ſooner paid and ſatisfied.

XXXVIII. And, for the more eaſy and ſpeedy Conviction of Offenders againſt this Act, be it further enacted, That all and every Juſtices and Juſtice of the Peace, before whom any Perſon or Perſons ſhall be convicted of any Offence againſt this Act, ſhall cauſe the Conviction to be drawn up in the following Form of Words, or in any other Form of Words to the ſame Effect, as the Caſe ſhall happen; (that is to ſay),

Form of Conviction.

'Bedfordſhire, (to wit.) } BE it remembered, That on the Day of in the Year of our Lord One thouſand eight hundred and *A. B.* is convicted before me [*or*, us] of His Majeſty's Juſtices of the Peace for the County of *Bedford* [*ſpecifying the Offence, and the Time and Place when and where the ſame was committed, as the Caſe may be*]. Given under my Hand and Seal [*or*, our Hands and Seals] the Day and Year firſt above written.'

Proceedings not to be quaſhed for want of Form, or removed by Certiorari.

XXXIX. And be it further enacted, That no Order, Verdict, Aſſeſſment, Judgment or other Proceeding, made, touching, or concerning any of the Matters in this Act contained, or touching or concerning the Conviction of any Offender or Offenders againſt this Act, ſhall be quaſhed or vacated for want of Form only, or be removed or removable by *Certiorari*, or any other Writ or Proceſs whatſoever, into any of His Majeſty's Courts of Record at *Weſtminſter*, any Law or Statute to the contrary thereof in anywiſe notwithſtanding; and 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 or Parties making the ſame be deemed a Treſpaſſer or Treſpaſſers on account of any Defect or want of Form in the Information, Summons, Conviction, Warrant or Diſtreſs, or other Proceeding relating thereto; nor ſhall the Party or Parties diſtraining be deemed a Treſpaſſer or Treſpaſſers *ab initio* on account of any Irregularity which ſhall be afterwards done by the Party or Parties ſo diſtraining, but the Perſon or Perſons aggrieved by ſuch Irregularity ſhall and may recover full Satisfaction for the ſpecial Damage (if any) in an Action upon the Caſe; but no Plaintiff or Plaintiffs ſhall recover in any ſuch Action for ſuch Irregularity as aforeſaid, if Tender of ſufficient Amends hath been made for or on the Behalf of the Party diſtraining, before ſuch Action brought.

Perſons aggrieved may appeal.

XL. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That in caſe any Perſon ſhall think himſelf or herſelf aggrieved by any Thing done in purſuance of this Act, and for which no particular Method of Relief hath been already hereby appointed, ſuch Perſon may appeal to the Juſtices of the

Peace, at any General Quarter Seſſion of the Peace to be held for the ſaid County of *Bedford*, within Three Calendar Months after the Cauſe of ſuch Complaint ſhall have ariſen, ſuch Appellant firſt giving Ten Days Notice at the leaſt in Writing of his or her Intention to bring ſuch Appeal, and of the Matter thereof, to the Clerk of the Peace of the ſaid County, and within Two Days after ſuch Notice entering into a Recognizance, with ſufficient Surety in the Sum of Forty Pounds, before ſome Juſtice of the Peace for ſuch County, conditioned to try ſuch Appeal at, and to abide by 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, upon due Proof of ſuch Notice being given, and ſuch Recognizance entered into, ſhall hear and determine the Cauſes and Matters of Complaint in a ſummary Way, and award ſuch Coſts to the Party appealing or appealed againſt as they the ſaid Juſtices ſhall think proper; and the ſaid Juſtices may, if they ſee Cauſe, mitigate at their Diſcretion any Penalty, Forfeiture or Fine, or may vacate or ſet aſide the Conviction, and ſet the Parties at Liberty, or otherwiſe may ratify and confirm the ſame, or may order ſuch further Satisfaction to be made to any Party injured, as they ſhall judge reaſonable, and make ſuch Orders and Judgments in regard to the Premiſes as they ſhall think right and proper; and the Determination of ſuch Juſtices in Seſſion ſhall be binding and concluſive on all Parties to all Intents and Purpoſes; and the ſaid Juſtices in ſuch Seſſion may by their Order or Warrant levy the Coſts by them awarded by Diſtreſs and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of the Perſon or Perſons who ſhall refuſe to obey the ſame, and for want of ſufficient Diſtreſs may commit ſuch Perſon or Perſons to any Houſe of Correction within the ſaid County, for any Term not exceeding the Term of Six Calendar Months, or until Payment of ſuch Coſts.

Limitation of Actions, &c.

XLI. And be it further enacted, That the Statute made in the Twenty-fourth Year of the Reign of His late Majeſty King *George* the Second, intituled *An Act for the rendering Juſtices of the Peace more ſafe in the Execution of their Office, and for indemnifying Conſtables and others acting in obedience to their Warrants*, ſo far as the ſaid Act relates to rendering Juſtices of the Peace and others more ſafe in the Execution of their Office, ſhall extend and be conſtrued to extend to the ſaid Juſtices and others reſpectively acting under the Authority of this Act; and no Action or Suit ſhall be commenced againſt any Perſon or Perſons for any Thing done in purſuance or under colour of this Act, until One Calendar Month's Notice ſhall be thereof given in Writing, or after ſufficient Satisfaction or Tender thereof hath been made to the Party or Parties aggrieved, nor after Three Calendar Months next after the Fact committed, for which ſuch Action or Suit ſhall be ſo brought; and every ſuch Action ſhall be brought, laid, and tried in the County of *Bedford*, and not elſewhere; and the Defendant or Defendants in ſuch Action or Suit, and every of them, may plead the General Iſſue, and give this Act and the ſpecial Matter in Evidence at any Trial or Trials which ſhall be had thereupon, and that the Matter or Thing for which ſuch Action or Suit ſhall be brought was done in purſuance and by Authority of this Act; and if the ſaid Matter or Thing ſhall appear to have been ſo done, or if it ſhall appear that ſuch Action or Suit was brought before One Calendar Month's

Notice given as aforesaid, or that a sufficient Satisfaction was made or tendered as aforesaid, or if any such Action or Suit shall not be commenced within the Time before for that Purpose limited, or shall be laid in any other County or Place than as aforesaid, then the Jury or Juries shall find for the Defendant or Defendants therein; and if the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs in such Action or Suit shall become nonsuited, or suffer Discontinuance thereof, or if Judgment shall be given for the Defendant or Defendants therein, then and in any of the Cases aforesaid, such Defendant or Defendants shall have Treble Costs, and shall have such Remedy for Recovery of the same as any Defendant or Defendants hath or have for Costs in any other Cases by Law.

Plaintiff shall not recover after Tender of sufficient Amends.

XLII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That no Plaintiff or Plaintiffs shall recover in any Action for any Irregularity, Trespass, or wrongful Proceeding, if sufficient Tender of Amends shall have been made by or on the Behalf of the Party or Parties who shall have committed or caused to be committed any such Irregularity, Trespass, or wrongful Proceeding before such Action brought; and in case no such Tender shall have been made, it shall be lawful for the Defendant or Defendants in any Action, by Leave of the Court where such Action shall depend, at any Time before Issue joined, to pay into Court such Sum of Money as he or they shall see fit, whereupon such Proceeding or Order and Judgment shall be had, made, or given by such Court, as in other Actions where the Defendant is allowed to pay Money into Court.

Directing the Manner of serving Notices.

XLIII. And be it further enacted, That in all Cases where Notices or Summonses are directed or required to be given by this Act, or where the same shall or may be necessary for carrying into Execution any of the Powers aforesaid, (the Manner of serving whereof is not particularly directed by this Act), the Delivery of any such Notice or Summons, or a true Copy thereof, to the Person or Persons to whom the same shall be directed, or to whom Notice ought to be given, or leaving the same or a true Copy thereof at his, her, or their Dwelling House or Dwelling Houses, or usual or last Place or Places of Abode, shall be good and sufficient Service of every such Notice or Summons; and where any such Notice or Summons shall be directed to or ought to be given to Two or more Persons, for or in respect of any Offence or Offences against this Act, or the joint Act, Omission, Offence, or Default of any Persons who shall be in Partnership, or jointly concerned in such Act, Omission, Offence or Default, the like Delivery of any such Notice or Summons, or a Copy thereof to, or leaving the same at the Dwelling House, or usual or last Place of Abode of, any One of such Persons or Partners, shall be good and sufficient Service thereof on all such Persons or Partners.

For compelling the Attendance of Witnesses.

XLIV. And be it further enacted, That if any Person or Persons shall be summoned as a Witness or Witnesses to give Evidence before any Justice or Justices of the Peace, touching any Matter or Fact contained in any Information or Complaint for any Offence against this Act, whether on the Part of the Prosecutor, or of the Person or Persons complained of (and which Summons the said Justice or Justices is and are hereby authorized to issue, where and in such Cases only as such Justice or Justices is or

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are made competent by this Act, to hear and determine the same); or if any Person or Persons shall be summoned as a Witness or Witnesses to give Evidence at any General Quarter Session of the Peace for the County of *Bedford*, or any Adjournment thereof, upon any Appeal by virtue of this Act, whether upon the Part of the Appellant or of the Respondent, and any such Person or Persons so summoned as aforesaid shall refuse or neglect to appear at the Time and Place to be for that Purpose appointed, without a reasonable Excuse for such his, her, or their Refusal or Neglect, to be approved of by such Justice or Justices, or Session respectively, or appearing, shall refuse to be examined on Oath, and to give Evidence before such Justice or Justices of the Peace as aforesaid, or at any such Session or Adjournment thereof, then and in either of the said Cases every such Person shall forfeit for every such Offence any Sum not exceeding Five Pounds.

Penalty on taking false Oaths.

XLV. And be it further enacted, That any Person or Persons who shall be convicted of wilfully taking a false Oath in any of the Cases in which an Oath is by this Act directed or required to be taken, shall be liable to the Pains and Penalties to which Persons are liable for wilful and corrupt Perjury.

When Tolls to cease.

XLVI. And be it further enacted, That the Tolls hereby granted shall be payable and have Continuance for the Term of Twenty-one Years from the Commencement to receive the same, unless One Half of the Expence of building the said intended Bridge, and of obtaining and passing this Act, and incident to the Execution thereof, and One Half Part of the Principal Money to be borrowed, with the Interest thereof, and of the Annuities to be granted by virtue of the Powers hereby given, shall be sooner paid and satisfied; and on Payment and Satisfaction of the same, or on the Expiration of the said Term, which shall first happen, the said Tolls shall cease and determine.

Public Act.

XLVII. 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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SCHEDULE, No. 1.

Form of Mortgage.

WE, One of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace, and Chairman of the Court of Quarter Session of the Peace for the County of *Bedford*, holden at in and for the said County, on the Day of and and Two other of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace acting for the said County, and assembled in the said Court in pursuance of the Powers to us given by an Act passed in the Fifty-fifth Year of the Reign of His Majesty King *George* the Third, intituled *An Act for rebuilding* Tempsford *Bridge in the County of* Bedford, do hereby in open Court mortgage and charge all the Rates to be raised within the said County of *Bedford*, under the Description of County Rates, by the Laws now in being; and also all the Tolls arising by virtue of the said Act, and the Gate or Bar and Toll Houses erected or to be erected for collecting the same, with the Payment of the Sum of Pounds, which of hath proposed and agreed to lend, and hath now actually advanced and paid towards defraying the Expences of carrying the said Act into Execution; and we do hereby confirm and establish the same County Rates, Tolls, Gate or Bar, and Toll Houses as aforesaid, unto the said Executors, Administrators and Assigns, for securing the Repayment of the said Sum of Pounds, and Interest for the same, after the Rate of *per Centum per Annum*, and do order the Treasurer of the said County of *Bedford* to pay the Interest of the said Sum of Pounds Half-yearly as the same shall become due, until the Principal shall be discharged, pursuant to the Directions of the said Act. Given under our Hands and Seals the Day and Year first above mentioned.

SCHEDULE, No. 2.

Form of Grant of Annuity.

WE, One of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace, and Chairman of the Court of Quarter Session of the Peace for the County of *Bedford*, holden at in and for the said County, on the Day of and and Two other of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace acting for the said County, and assembled in the said Court in pursuance of the Powers to us given by an Act passed in the Fifty-fifth Year of the Reign of His Majesty King *George* the Third, intituled *An Act for rebuilding* Tempsford *Bridge in the County of* Bedford, do hereby in open Court grant, bargain, and sell unto Executors, Administrators and Assigns, one Annuity or yearly Sum of to be paid to the said his or her Executors, Administrators and Assigns, for and during the Term of the natural Life of to be issuing and payable out of all the Rates to be raised within the said County of *Bedford*, under the Description of County Rates, by the Laws now in being; and all the Tolls arising by virtue of the said Act, and the Gate or Bar and Toll House erected or to be erected for collecting the same; and we do hereby confirm and establish the same County Rates, Tolls, Gate or Bar, and Toll Houses as aforesaid, unto the said Executors, Administrators and Assigns, for securing the Payment of the said Annuity or yearly Sum, and do order the Treasurer of the said County of *Bedford* to pay the said Annuity or yearly Sum during the natural Life of the said by Half-yearly Payments on the Day of and the Day of in every Year; the First Payment to be made on the Day of next ensuing the Date hereof, pursuant to the Directions of the said Act. Given under our Hands and Seals the Day and Year first above mentioned.

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