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GEORGII III. REGIS.

Cap. cxix.

An Act for altering and enlarging the Powers of several Acts of His present Majesty, for amending and rendering more effectual several Acts for paving, cleansing, and lighting the Squares, Streets, Lanes, and other Places in the City and Liberties of *Westminster*, and Parts adjacent; and for putting certain Streets therein mentioned, commonly called *Optional Streets*, under the Management of Parochial Committees, subject to the Controul of Commissioners, and for other Purposes; as far as the same relate to a Street and Passage called *Holborn* and *Middle-row*, in the Parish of *Saint Andrew Holborn above the Bars*, in the County of *Middlesex*.

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WHEREAS by an Act passed in the Second Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled *An Act for paving, cleansing, and lighting the Squares, Streets, and Lanes within the City and Liberty of* Westminster, *the Parishes of* Saint Giles in the Fields, Saint George the Martyr, Saint George Bloomsbury, *that Part of the Parish of* Saint Andrew's Holborn *which lies in the County of* Middlesex, *the several Liberties of the* Rolls *and* Savoy, *and that Part of the Duchy of* Lancaster *which lies in the County of* Middlesex, *and for preventing Annoyances therein, and for other Purposes therein mentioned*: And by one other Act passed in the Third Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled *An Act to explain, amend, and render more effectual an Act made in the last Session of Parliament, intituled 'An Act for paving, cleansing, and lighting the Squares, Streets, and Lanes within the City and Liberty of* Westminster, *'the*

2 G. 3. c. 21.

3 G. 3. c. 23.

'*the Parishes of* Saint Giles in the Fields, Saint George the Martyr, Saint 'George Bloomsbury, *that Part of the Parish of* Saint Andrew's Holbourn '*which lies in the County of* Middlesex, *the several Liberties of the* Rolls *and* 'Savoy, *and that Part of the Dutchy of* Lancaster *which lies in the County of* 'Middlesex, *and for preventing Annoyances therein, and for other Purposes* '*therein mentioned:*' And by one other Act passed in the Fourth Year of the
4 G. 3. c. 39. Reign of His present Majesty, intituled *An Act to explain, amend, and render more effectual Two several Acts of Parliament made in the Second and Third Years of His present Majesty, for paving, cleansing, and lighting the Squares, Streets, and Lanes within the City and Liberty of* Westminster *and other Places therein mentioned, and for preventing Annoyances therein, and for other Purposes therein mentioned:* And by one other Act passed in the Fifth Year of
5 G. 3. c. 50. the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled *An Act to enlarge the Powers of and to render more effectual the several Acts passed in the Second, Third, and Fourth Years of His present Majesty's Reign for paving, cleansing, lighting, and otherwise regulating the Squares, Streets, and other Places within the City and Liberty of* Westminster, *and other Parts in the said Acts mentioned, and for extending the Provisions of the said Acts to the* Surrey *Side of* Westminster Bridge, *and for enlarging the Powers of the said Acts, with respect to Squares;* divers Powers and Authorities were given to certain Commissioners thereby appointed for carrying the several Purposes of the said recited Acts into Execution, and the said Squares, Streets, and Lanes were, by virtue of the said recited Acts, put under the sole Management of the said Commissioners: And whereas by one other Act passed in the
11 G. 3. c. 22. Eleventh Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled *An Act to amend and render more effectual several Acts made relating to paving, cleansing, and lighting the Squares, Streets, Lanes, and other Places within the City and Liberty of* Westminster *and Parts adjacent*, the said Squares, Streets, and Lanes, (except certain Streets and Places called *Optional Streets*, therein mentioned) were put under the Management of Parochial Committees, to be annually elected and appointed by the Vestrymen of the Parishes, Precincts, Liberties, and Places, within the Limits of such Acts, out of the Inhabitants of such Parishes, Precincts, Liberties, and Places respectively, but subject as therein mentioned to the Controul of the said Commissioners, and of certain other Commissioners to be joined with them, pursuant to the Directions of the said recited Act; and the Committee for the Parishes of *Saint Giles in the Fields* and *Saint George Bloomsbury*, when elected or chosen as aforesaid, were directed from Time to Time to assemble and meet in the Vestry-room of the said Parish of *Saint Giles in the Fields*, to and for the Purposes of making all and every the Rates or Assessments, and for every Purpose concerning the repairing, cleansing, and lighting of the several Squares, Streets, Lanes, and other Places within such Parishes, and for exercising all and every other the Powers and Authorities thereby granted, except as therein is mentioned, and with respect to the Rate or Rates, Assessment or Assessments therein directed to be made for the Purposes of repairing, cleansing, and lighting the several Squares, Streets, Lanes, and other Places within the said respective Parishes; and for all and every the Purposes of that Act and the said recited Acts, the said Two Parishes were declared to be one Parish, and the Committee thereof were directed to act in Conjunction, and be considered as one Committee to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever, except as therein-after mentioned: And whereas by one other Act passed in the Thirtieth Year of the Reign of His present
30 G. 3. c. 53. Majesty, intituled *An Act to alter, explain, amend, and render more effectual several Acts made for paving, cleansing, and lighting the Squares, Streets, Lanes,*

Lanes, and other Places within the City and Liberty of Westminster, *and Parts adjacent, and for putting certain Streets therein mentioned, commonly called* Optional Streets, *under the Management of Parochial Committees, subject to the Controul of the Commissioners appointed by or in pursuance of the said several Acts, and for removing and preventing Nuisances, Annoyances, Obstructions, and Encroachments in the said Streets and other Places, and for other Purposes,* the whole of a certain Street called *Holborn*, in the said Parishes of *Saint Giles in the Fields* and *Saint George Bloomsbury*, and in the Parish of *Saint Andrew Holborn above the Bars*, in the said County of *Middlesex*; and of a certain Passage called *Middle-row*, in the said Parish of *Saint Andrew Holborn above the Bars*, (Part of the Streets and Places called *Optional Streets* which were by virtue of the said recited Act passed in the Fifth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty put under the Management of the said Commissioners, at the Request of the Owners and Occupiers of Houses and other Buildings in such Streets and Places), were put under the Management of the joint Committee chosen and to be chosen for the said Parishes of *Saint Giles in the Fields* and *Saint George Bloomsbury* by virtue of the said recited Act made in the Eleventh Year of the Reign of His present Majesty; and it was thereby declared, that so much of the said Street and Passage called *Holborn* and *Middle-row* as lies in the Parish of *Saint Andrew Holborn above the Bars* should be deemed and taken for the Purposes of that Act to be within the united Parishes of *Saint Giles in the Fields* and *Saint George Bloomsbury*, subject nevertheless to the Controul of the said Commissioners as therein mentioned: And whereas another Act was passed in the Forty-seventh Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled *An Act for altering and enlarging so much of the Powers of several Acts made in the Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth, Eleventh, Fourteenth, and Thirtieth Years of His present Majesty, for paving, cleansing, lighting, and watching the Streets and other Places within the City and Liberty of* Westminster *and Parts adjacent, as relates to the Parishes of* Saint Giles in the Fields *and* Saint George Bloomsbury, *in the County of* Middlesex, *and to certain Places called* Holborn above the Bars *and* Middle-row *in* Holborn *in the said County, and for the better Regulation of the Nightly Watch of the said Parishes*; whereby certain additional Powers and Regulations were given and made relative to the Management of the said Street and Passage called *Holborn* and *Middle-row* by the joint Committee of the said united Parishes of *Saint Giles in the Fields* and *Saint George Bloomsbury*: And whereas the said Street called *Holborn* and the said Passage called *Middle-row* have, since the passing of the said Act in the Thirtieth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty until the present Time, continued under the Management of the said joint Committee of the united Parishes of *Saint Giles in the Fields* and *Saint George Bloomsbury*, although Part of the said Street and the whole of the said Passage are locally situated in the said Parish of *Saint Andrew Holborn above the Bars*: And whereas the said Parish of *Saint Andrew Holborn above the Bars*, united for certain Purposes with the Parish of *Saint George the Martyr* in the County of *Middlesex*, but exclusive of the said Street called *Holborn* and the said Passage called *Middle-row*, and of certain other Streets, is under the Management of a Parochial Committee elected and appointed by the said united Parishes of *Saint Andrew Holborn above the Bars* and *Saint George the Martyr*, under the Powers and Directions contained in the aforesaid Act passed in the Eleventh Year of His present Majesty: And whereas by an Act passed in the present Session of Parliament, intituled *An Act for better paving, cleansing, and lighting the Parishes of* Saint Giles in the Fields *and* Saint George Bloomsbury, *in the County of* Middlesex; *and for*

47 G. 3. c. 38.

59 G. 3.

for vesting the sole Management thereof in the Vestrymen of the said Parishes, and a Committee of the Inhabitants thereof, the said recited Acts passed in the Thirtieth and Forty-seventh Years of the Reign of His present Majesty, so far as the same relate to paving, cleansing, lighting, and preventing Nuisances in so much of the Street called *Holborn* as previous to and at the Time of the passing of the said Act of the Thirtieth Year of His present Majesty's Reign was in the Parish of *Saint Andrew Holborn above the Bars*, and the said Passage called *Middle-row* were, from the Twenty-fourth Day of *June* One thousand eight hundred and nineteen, repealed: And whereas the Inhabitants of such Part of the said Street called *Holborn* as lies within the said Parish of *Saint Andrew Holborn above the Bars*, and the Inhabitants of the said Passage called *Middle-row*, are desirous of having their said Street and Row respectively placed under the Management of the said Parochial Committee of the said united Parishes of *Saint Andrew Holborn above the Bars* and *Saint George the Martyr*, and the said Parochial Committee are willing to accept and take such Management upon the Terms herein-after mentioned: And whereas a Sum of Money which has arisen from the Rates and Assessments made upon such Part of the said Street called *Holborn* as is situated within the said Parish of *Saint Andrew Holborn above the Bars* and the said Row called *Middle-row* is by the said recited Act passed in the present Session directed to be retained in the Hands or Power of the Commissioners acting under the said recited Acts passed in the Second, Third, Fourth, and Fifth Years of His present Majesty for the Purposes therein mentioned; and it is expedient that such Sum should be applied as herein-after is directed; but the several Purposes before-mentioned cannot be effected without the Aid and Authority of Parliament: May it therefore please Your Majesty that it may be enacted; and be it enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That it shall be lawful for the several Persons being Occupiers of Houses, Warehouses, Shops, Cellars, Vaults, Tenements, and Hereditaments in that Part of the said Street called *Holborn* which is situated within the said Parish of *Saint Andrew Holborn above the Bars* and the said Passage called *Middle-row*, to meet together at the Workhouse of the united Parishes of *Saint Andrew Holborn above the Bars* and *Saint George the Martyr*, within Thirty Days next after the passing of this Act, (of which Meeting Three clear Days Notice at the least shall be given on the Door of the Parish Church of *Saint Andrew Holborn*), for the Purpose of electing Three Persons, being respectively Householders resident within the said Part of the said Street called *Holborn* situated in the said Parish of *Saint Andrew Holborn above the Bars* and the said Passage called *Middle-row*, being qualified in like Manner as the Committee-men of the said united Parishes of *Saint Andrew Holborn above the Bars* and *Saint George the Martyr*, to be Committee-men for the said Part of the said Street called *Holborn* and Passage called *Middle-row*, to be added to and act with the Committee of the said united Parishes of *Saint Andrew Holborn above the Bars* and *Saint George the Martyr*, elected and to be elected according to the Directions of the said recited Act passed in the Eleventh Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, for paving, cleansing, and lighting the said united Parishes, which said Three Committee-men so to be chosen, and all others to be chosen in their Place as herein-after provided, shall respectively have and be invested with all the same Powers and Authorities whatsoever as are or shall be vested in the other Committee-men of the said united Parishes of *Saint Andrew Holborn above the Bars* and *Saint George the Martyr*, and the Three Committee-

Committee-men to be appointed for the Street called Holborn and Middle-row.

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mittee-men so to be chosen shall continue in Office until such Day of Election of Committee-men for the said united Parishes as shall happen first and next after their Appointment.

How future Committee-men are to be elected.

II. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the several Persons being Occupiers of Houses, Warehouses, Shops, Cellars, Vaults, Tenements, and Hereditaments in that Part of the said Street called *Holborn*, which is situated within the said Parish of *Saint Andrew Holborn above the Bars* and the said Passage called *Middle-row*, and in the other Parts of the said Parish of *Saint Andrew Holborn above the Bars*, to assemble and meet together at the Vestry-room or other Place within the said Parish of *Saint Andrew Holborn above the Bars*, on the Second *Thursday* in the Month of *February* next, and on the Second *Thursday* in the Month of *February* annually afterwards (being the Day of Election of the Committee-men of the said united Parishes of *Saint Andrew Holborn* and *Saint George the Martyr*), between the Hours of Ten of the Clock in the Forenoon and Two of the Clock in the Afternoon, and shall elect Three Persons, being Householders resident as hereinbefore mentioned, and being qualified as aforesaid, to act in the Place of the Three Committee-men to be first chosen as aforesaid, or of the Persons who shall have succeeded in their Places.

After the Election of Committee-men, Holborn above the Bars and Middle-row to be under the Management of Committee for St. Andrew Holborn above the Bars and St. George the Martyr.

III. And be it further enacted, That from and after the Election of such Three additional Committee-men as aforesaid, such Part of the said Street called *Holborn* as lies within the said Parish of *Saint Andrew Holborn above the Bars* and the said Passage called *Middle-row* shall be and the same are hereby placed under the Controul and Management (as to the paving, cleansing, and lighting thereof, and all Matters relating thereto), of the Committee for the said united Parishes of *Saint Andrew Holborn above the Bars* and *Saint George the Martyr*, with such Three additional Committee-men as aforesaid, as fully in all respects as any other Part or Parts of the said united Parishes; and it shall be lawful for the said Committee and additional Committee-men from Time to Time to make such Orders and Regulations for or relating to the paving, cleansing, and lighting of the said Part of the said Street and the said Passage respectively, and to employ such Inspectors, Surveyors, Paviors, Scavengers, and other Persons, and to make and enter into such Contracts for or relating to those Purposes; and also from Time to Time to make and assess such Rates upon the several Persons occupying Houses, Warehouses, Shops, Cellars, Vaults, Tenements and Hereditaments whatsoever, situated in that Part of the said Street called *Holborn* which lies within the said Parish of *Saint Andrew Holborn above the Bars* and the said Passage called *Middle-row*, for defraying the Expences of paving, cleansing, and lighting the said Part of the said Street and the aforesaid Passage, and to cause the Amount of such Rates and Assessments to be from Time to Time collected and received and applied for the Purposes thereof, and to make, do, and execute all Acts, Matters, and Things whatsoever requisite or proper in relation to the paving, cleansing, and lighting of the said Part of the said Street and the said Passage, in the same Manner in all respects as the said Committee are at present by Law empowered to do for or relating to the paving, cleansing, and lighting other Parts of the said united Parishes of *Saint Andrew Holborn above the Bars* and *Saint George the Martyr*, subject nevertheless to the Regulations hereafter contained.

Committee to appoint a Treasurer and take Security.

IV. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Committee of the said United Parishes of *Saint Andrew Holborn above the Bars* and *Saint George the Martyr*, and the Three additional Committee-men to be elected under the Provisions of this Act, or any Seven or more of them, and they are hereby required to nominate and appoint a Treasurer for the Purpose of receiving the Sum and Sums of Money to be raised and levied by virtue of this Act, and to take such Security from such Treasurer for the faithful Discharge of his Office as they shall think right and proper.

Offices of Clerk and Treasurer not to be held by the same Person.

V. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That it shall not be lawful, by virtue of this Act or the said recited Acts, or any of them, to appoint the Person who has been or shall be appointed to act as Clerk in the Execution of the said recited Acts or any of them, or the Partner of any such Clerk, the Treasurer for the Purposes of this Act; or to appoint the Person who shall be appointed Treasurer, or the Partner of any such Treasurer, the Clerk to the said Commissioners for executing the said recited Acts or this Act or any of them; and if any Person shall act in both the Capacities of Clerk and Treasurer for any of the Purposes aforesaid, or if any Person being the Partner of any such Clerk shall act as Treasurer, or being the Partner of any such Treasurer shall act as Clerk in the Execution of the said recited Acts or this Act or any of them, every Person so offending shall for every such Offence forfeit and pay the Sum of Fifty Pounds to any Person or Persons who shall sue for the same, to be recovered in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster*, by Action of Debt or on the Case, or by Bill, Suit, or Information, wherein no Essoign, Protection, or Wager of Law, nor more than One Imparlance, shall be allowed.

Acts of 2d, 3d, 4th, 5th, 11th and 30th Geo. 3. extended to this Act.

VI. And be it further enacted, That the said several recited Acts of Parliament passed in the Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth, Eleventh, and Thirtieth Years of the Reign of His present Majesty, and all and every the Powers, Authorities, Articles, Clauses, Exemptions, Provisions, Penalties, Forfeitures, Rights, and Powers of Election, Appeal, Jurisdictions, and all other Matters and Things therein contained, created, and enacted, and which were in force at or immediately before the passing of this Act, so far as the same relate to the said united Parishes of *Saint Andrew Holborn above the Bars* and *Saint George the Martyr* (save and except so much of the said recited Acts as relates to any Exemption from Stamp Duty and such Parts thereof as are hereby repealed, varied, or altered), shall be and the same are hereby declared to be as good, valid, and effectual, to all Intents and Purposes, for carrying the several Purposes of this Act into Execution, and shall be applicable to such Part of the said Street called *Holborn*, as lies in the said Parish of *Saint Andrew Holborn above the Bars* and the said Passage called *Middle-row*, as Parts of the said united Parishes of *Saint Andrew Holborn above the Bars* and *Saint George the Martyr*, as if the same had been repeated and re-enacted in the Body of this present Act.

Rates to be made separate for Holborn and Middle-row;

VII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That any Rate or Rates, Assessment or Assessments to be made for or relating to the aforesaid Purposes under the Authority of this Act, upon the Occupiers of Houses, Warehouses, Shops, Cellars, Vaults, Tenements, or Hereditaments whatsoever, situated in the aforesaid Part of the said Street called *Holborn*, and the said Passage called *Middle-row*, shall be kept distinct and separate, and shall not be blended or mixed with any other Rate or Rates, Assess-

ment or Assessments, to be made for or upon any other Part or Parts of the said united Parishes; but in all other respects such Rate or Rates, Assessment or Assessments, shall be made, levied, and collected in the same Manner and with the same Powers and by the same Ways and Means, and under the same Regulations, Penalties, and Forfeitures, as any other Rate or Rates, Assessment or Assessments made or to be made for or relating to the paving, cleansing, and lighting of any other Part or Parts of the said united Parishes can, shall, or may be levied and collected: Provided also, that every such distinct and separate Rate or Assessment as aforesaid shall as and when they are collected and received be paid to the Treasurer to be appointed by virtue of this Act, and shall, as and when Occasion shall require, be from Time to Time drawn out by Writing under the Hands of any Three or more of the said Committee, and be wholly applied and expended in or about the paving, cleansing, and lighting that Part of the said Street called *Holborn* which is situated within the said Parish of *Saint Andrew Holborn above the Bars* and the said Passage called *Middle-row*, or for other Purposes relating thereto or authorized by this Act: Provided also, that such distinct and separate Rate or Rates, Assessment or Assessments as aforesaid, to be made and levied under the Authority of this Act, shall not in any one Year exceed the Amount of Ten-pence in the Pound upon the yearly Rent or Value of the several Houses, Warehouses, Shops, Cellars, Vaults, Tenements, and Hereditaments to be included in such Rate or Rates, Assessment or Assessments, more than shall be paid or payable by the Occupiers of Houses, Warehouses, Shops, Cellars, Vaults, Tenements, and Hereditaments situate in any other Part or Parts of the said united Parishes.

and applied solely for the Purposes of this Act.

VIII. And be it further enacted, That the First Rate or Rates, Assessment or Assessments directed to be made as aforesaid, shall commence and become payable from the Twenty-fifth Day of *March* One thousand eight hundred and nineteen.

When the first Rate shall commence.

IX. And be it further enacted, That nothing in this Act nor any thing herein contained shall invalidate any Contract which may have been heretofore made and entered into by the Committee appointed for the said Parishes of *Saint Giles in the Fields* and *Saint George Bloomsbury*, by virtue and in pursuance of the Directions of the said Act of the Eleventh Year of His present Majesty, and confirmed by the said Commissioners by virtue of the said recited Acts or any of them; and such Parts of the Rates to be levied by this Act as shall be sufficient for that Purpose shall be applied in Payment and Satisfaction of the future Payments to become due and payable upon and by virtue of any such subsisting Contracts; and the Performance of every such subsisting Contract shall and may be enforced by or against the Committee acting under this Act, by an Action at Law or otherwise, in the Name or at the Suit of the Clerk or Clerks to the said Committee for the Time being; and the said Committee by whom the said Contract or Contracts was or were made and entered into, and their Successors, are hereby exonerated and discharged from all Payments and Certificates for Payment of any Sum or Sums of Money which from and after the said Twenty-fourth Day of *June* One thousand eight hundred and nineteen, shall become due and payable under or by virtue of any such subsisting Contract or Contracts.

This Act not to invalidate former Contracts.

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Separate Contracts to be made.

X. Provided alſo, and be it further enacted, That every Contract which ſhall or may be made with any Perſon or Perſons for doing any work, or ſupplying any Materials, or for any other Purpoſe whatſoever, relating to the paving, cleanſing, and lighting of the aforeſaid Part of the ſaid Street called *Holborn* and the ſaid Paſſage called *Middle-row*, ſhall be a diſtinct and ſeparate Contract and not blended or mixed with any Contract for the like Objects or for any other Objects relating to any other Part or Parts of the ſaid united Pariſhes.

Separate Accounts to be kept.

XI. Provided alſo, and be it further enacted, That ſeparate and diſtinct Accounts ſhall always be kept of and concerning the Rates and Aſſeſſments to be made and levied under the Authority of this Act upon or in reſpect of the aforeſaid Part of the ſaid Street called *Holborn* and the ſaid Paſſage called *Middle-row*, and of the Expenditure and Application thereof, and of and relating to all and every Contracts and Contract which ſhall or may be entered into as aforeſaid, and of all Works which ſhall or may be done relating to the paving, cleanſing, and lighting of the ſaid Paſſage, and the aforeſaid Part of the ſaid Street; all which Accounts ſhall be open to the Inſpection and Examination of all Perſons intereſted therein.

Application of Monies now remaining in the Hands of Weſtminſter Commiſſioners.

XII. And be it further enacted, That ſuch Sum or Sums of Money as is or are now remaining in the Hands or Diſpoſal of or ſhall hereafter be paid into the Bank of *England*, to the Credit of the aforeſaid Commiſſioners for paving, cleanſing, and lighting the Squares, Streets, Lanes, and other Places ſituated within the City and Liberty of *Weſtminſter* and Parts adjacent, and which hath or have ariſen from Monies collected under Rates or Aſſeſſments heretofore made upon or in reſpect of the Houſes, Warehouſes, Shops, Cellars, Vaults, Tenements, and Hereditaments, within the ſaid Part of the ſaid Street called *Holborn*, which is ſituated within the ſaid Pariſh of *Saint Andrew Holborn above the Bars*, and the ſaid Paſſage called *Middle-row*, or hath or have been or ſhall be directed to be held by the ſaid laſt-mentioned Commiſſioners on account of the ſaid Paſſage and Part of the ſaid Street, ſhall be paid over by the ſaid Commiſſioners to ſuch Perſon or Perſons and at ſuch Time as ſhall be directed by the Committee of the ſaid united Pariſhes of *Saint Andrew Holborn above the Bars* and *Saint George the Martyr*, and the Three additional Committee-men to be elected under the Proviſions of this Act.

Expences of the Act.

XIII. And be it further enacted, That the Coſts, Charges, and Expences of obtaining and paſſing this Act and incident thereto ſhall be paid and defrayed out of the ſaid Monies ſo to be paid over, or out of the firſt Monies which ſhall be levied or raiſed under the Authority of this Act, by any Rate or Rates, Aſſeſſment or Aſſeſſments to be made as herein-before provided, in preference to all other Payments whatſoever.

Public Act.

XIV. 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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