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Cap. xl.

An Act for continuing the Term and enlarging the Powers granted to the Principal Land Coal Meters for the City and Liberty of *Westminster*; and for extending the Limits of their Office to the Parish of *Saint Luke Chelsea*. [16th *June* 1817.]

WHEREAS an Act was passed in the Twenty-sixth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled *An Act for explaining, amending, and reducing into one Act of Parliament the several Acts passed for more effectually preventing the Frauds and Abuses committed in the Admeasurement of Coals within the City and Liberty of* Westminster, *and that Part of the Duchy of* Lancaster *adjoining thereto, and the several Parishes of* Saint Giles in the Fields, Saint Mary-le-bone, *and such Part of the Parish of* Saint Andrew Holborn *as lies in the County of* Middlesex: 26 G. 3. c. 108.
And whereas another Act was passed in the Thirty-sixth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled *An Act for further continuing and amending the several Acts passed for preventing the Frauds and Abuses committed in the Admeasurement of Coals within the City and Liberty of* Westminster, *and that Part of the Duchy of* Lancaster *adjoining thereto, and the several Parishes of* Saint Giles in the Fields *and* Saint Mary-le-bone, *and such Part of the Parish of* Saint Andrew Holborn *as lies in the County of* Middlesex: 36 G. 3. c. 61.
And whereas another Act was passed in the Forty-second Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled *An Act to remove* 42 G. 3. c. 89.

remove Doubts as to certain Acts relating to the Admeaſurement of Coals in the City and Liberty of Weſtminſter *and Parts adjacent; and to revive and continue an Act paſſed in the Twenty-ſixth Year of the Reign of His preſent Majeſty, relating to the Admeaſurement of Coals within the Limits aforeſaid, and to indemnify all Perſons who have acted in purſuance of any of the Proviſions of the ſaid Act:* And whereas, by virtue of the firſt of the ſaid recited Acts, an Office was eſtabliſhed within the City and Liberty of *Weſtminſter*, called by the Name of the Land Coal Meter's Office for the City and Liberty of *Weſtminſter*, to be managed by ſuch Two Perſons as ſhould be nominated and appointed by His Majeſty, His Heirs or Succeſſors; which Two Perſons ſhould be called by the Title of 'The 'Principal Land Coal Meters for the City and Liberty of *Weſtminſter*,' and continued by the laſt of the ſaid recited Acts until the Twenty-fourth Day of *June* One thouſand eight hundred and ſeventeen, and from thence until the End of the then next Seſſion of Parliament: And whereas by Letters Patent under the Privy Seal of His preſent Majeſty, reſpectively bearing Date the Third Day of *March* in the Thirty-eighth Year of His Reign, and the Twenty-third Day of *December*, in the Forty-ſeventh Year of His Reign, His ſaid Majeſty granted to *John Baker* of *Northumberland Street*, *Weſtminſter*, Gentleman, and *Alexander Tulloch* of *Saint Albans Street*, *Weſtminſter*, Gentleman, the ſaid Land Coal Meter's Office for the City and Liberty of *Weſtminſter*, and nominated and appointed them the Principal Coal Meters for the City and Liberty of *Weſtminſter*, during His Royal Will and Pleaſure: And whereas by an Act paſſed in the Forty-ſeventh Year of the Reign of His preſent Majeſty, intituled *An Act for repealing the ſeveral Acts for regulating the Vend and Delivery of Coals within the Cities of* London *and* Weſtminſter, *and Liberties thereof, and in certain Parts of the Counties of* Middleſex, Surrey, Kent, *and* Eſſex, *and for making better Proviſion for the ſame*, the ſeveral Acts of Parliament herein-before referred to were repealed, and other Proviſions and Regulations were made for preventing Frauds and Abuſes in the Admeaſurement and Delivery of Coals within the Limits in the ſaid Act mentioned; and by the ſaid Act it was enacted, that the ſaid *John Baker* and *Alexander Tulloch*, the Two Perſons then laſt nominated and appointed by His ſaid preſent Majeſty, and then holding and exerciſing the Office of Principal Land Coal Meters for the City of *Weſtminſter*, ſhould remain and continue ſuch Principal Land Coal Meters for the Purpoſe of admeaſuring Coals within the City and Liberty of *Weſtminſter*, and for that Part of the Duchy of *Lancaſter* adjoining thereto, and for the ſeveral Pariſhes of *Saint Giles in the Fields*, *Saint Mary-le-bone*, and for ſuch Part of the Pariſh of *Saint Andrew Holborn* as lies in the County of *Middleſex*, and for other Purpoſes mentioned in the ſaid Act, ſave and except he or they ſhould die or be removed from ſuch Office or Offices by His Majeſty, His Heirs and Succeſſors, which Removal His Majeſty, His Heirs or Succeſſors, are thereby empowered to make until the Twenty-fourth Day of *June* One thouſand eight hundred and ſeventeen, and from thence to the End of the then next Seſſion of Parliament: And whereas the Regulations contained in the ſaid recited Act have been found very beneficial to the Conſumers of Coals within the Limits therein comprized: And whereas the Term for which the ſaid *John Baker* and *Alexander Tulloch* were continued Principal Land Coal Meters as aforeſaid hath nearly expired, and His Majeſty has been graciouſly pleaſed that the ſame ſhould be renewed in Manner herein-after mentioned: And whereas Doubts have ariſen

47 G. 3. Seſſ. 2. c. 68.

whether the ſaid Principal Coal Meters have the Power of ſuſpending or diſmiſſing the labouring Land Coal Meters appointed by them by virtue of the ſaid recited Act; and it is therefore expedient that ſuch Power ſhould be expreſsly given to them: And whereas by the ſaid recited Act of the Forty-ſeventh Year of the Reign of His preſent Majeſty, and by an Act made in the Fifty-ſixth Year of the Reign of His preſent Majeſty, intituled *An Act for preventing Frauds in the Admeaſurement and Delivery of Coals within the ſeveral Pariſhes in the County of* Middleſex *lying between the Pariſh of* Saint Luke Chelſea *and the Mouth of the River* Colne *near* Staines; *and alſo between* Limehouſe Hole *and the Mouth of the River* Lee *near* Blackwall; *and alſo within the ſeveral Pariſhes in the Counties of* Middleſex *and* Eſſex, *adjoining to both Banks of the River* Lee *and the Branches thereof between the River* Thames *and* Edmonton, Regulations have been made for preventing Frauds in the Admeaſurement and Delivery of Coals in all the Places adjoining the River *Thames* between the Mouth of the River *Lee* near *Blackwall* and the Mouth of the River *Colne* near *Staines*; excepting only the ſaid Pariſh of *Saint Luke Chelſea*: And whereas, ſince the Eſtabliſhment of the Land Coal Meter's Office for the City and Liberty of *Weſtminſter*, the ſaid Pariſh of *Saint Luke Chelſea* hath greatly increaſed in Population and Buildings, and the Houſes and Streets therein adjoin to and communicate with certain Parts of the City and Liberty of *Weſtminſter*: And whereas the Proviſions of the ſaid Act of the Forty-ſeventh Year of His preſent Majeſty are liable to be greatly evaded by carrying Coals landed in the ſaid Pariſh of *Saint Luke Chelſea* into the City and Liberty of *Weſtminſter*; and it is apprehended that if the Regulations contained in the ſaid recited Act of the Forty-ſeventh Year of the Reign of His preſent Majeſty were extended to the ſaid Pariſh of *Saint Luke Chelſea*, they would be of great Benefit to the Inhabitants of the ſaid Pariſh, and would prevent the Proviſions of the ſaid Act of the Forty-ſeventh Year of the Reign of His preſent Majeſty from being evaded: And whereas, in conſequence of the immediate Vicinity of the ſaid Pariſh of *Saint Luke Chelſea* to the ſaid City and Liberty of *Weſtminſter*, the ſaid Pariſh of *Saint Luke Chelſea* might with peculiar Convenience be comprized within the Limits of the ſaid Land Coal Meter's Office for the City and Liberty of *Weſtminſter*: 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 from and after the paſſing of this Act the ſaid Land Coal Meter's Office for the City and Liberty of *Weſtminſter* ſhall be deemed and taken to be the Principal Land Coal Meter's Office, not only for the ſaid City and Liberty of *Weſtminſter*, and for that Part of the Duchy of *Lancaſter* adjoining thereto, and for the ſaid ſeveral Pariſhes of *Saint Giles in the Fields*, *Saint Mary-le-bone*, and ſuch Part of the ſaid Pariſh of *Saint Andrew Holborn* as lies in the County of *Middleſex*, but alſo for the ſaid Pariſh of *Saint Luke Chelſea*: Provided always, that in addition to the Land Coal Meter's Office already eſtabliſhed under the ſaid recited Acts in and for the City and Liberty of *Weſtminſter*, there ſhall be an Office to be ſituated in the Pariſh of *Saint Luke Chelſea*, for the Accommodation of the Inhabitants thereof.

56 G. 3. c. 21.

Land Coal Meter's Office for Weſtminſter to be alſo the Principal Office for Chelſea.

II. And

Regulations of 47 G. 3. extended to Chelsea.

II. And be it further enacted, That from and after the passing of this Act, all the Regulations, Provisions, Powers, Authorities, Directions, Penalties, Forfeitures, Clauses, Matters, and Things in the said recited Act of the Forty-seventh Year of the Reign of His present Majesty contained concerning the City and Liberty of *Westminster* and that Part of the Duchy of *Lancaster* adjoining thereto, and the said several Parishes of *Saint Giles in the Fields*, *Saint Mary-le-Bone* and such Part of the Parish of *Saint Andrew Holborn* as lies in the County of *Middlesex*, or concerning the Land Coal Meter's Office for the said City and Liberty of *Westminster*, or the principal or labouring Coal Meters belonging to the same; or concerning the Admeasurement, Sale, or Delivery of Coals, or the Sums of Money to be paid for admeasuring Coals, or the storing or warehousing of Coals, or any other Act, Matter, or Thing whatsoever to be done, under the Provisions of the said Act, within the same City and Liberty, Places and Parishes, shall extend and be construed to extend to the Parish of *Saint Luke Chelsea*, and shall operate and be in force, according to the true Intent and Meaning of this Act, as fully and effectually to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever as if the said Parish of *Saint Luke Chelsea* had been originally included and specified in the said several recited Acts, and comprized within the Limits of the said Land Coal Meter's Office for the City and Liberty of *Westminster*, and as if the said Parish of *Saint Luke Chelsea* had been specified with the said several Parishes in the said last-recited Act mentioned, in all Regulations, Provisions, Powers, Authorities, Directions, Penalties, Forfeitures, Clauses, Matters, and Things in the said Act specified, and in all Forms directed to be used thereby, together with the Names of the said City and Liberty of *Westminster* and that Part of the Duchy of *Lancaster* adjoining thereto and the several Parishes of *Saint Giles in the Fields, Saint Mary-le-bone*, and such Part of the Parish of *Saint Andrew Holborn* as lies in the County of *Middlesex*, when and so often as the same Names occur therein, and as if the Title of this Act were inserted in addition to the Title of the said recited Act, in all Forms directed to be used by the said Act, in which the Title of the said recited Act is directed to be inserted, and as if the same respectively were severally and separately re-enacted in this Act, in relation to the said Parish.

John Baker and Alexander Tulloch to be Principal LandCoal Meters for Westminster and Chelsea (unless removed) for the further Term of 14 Years.

III. And be it further enacted, That the said *John Baker* and *Alexander Tulloch*, the Two Persons nominated by His said present Majesty, and now holding and exercising the Office of Principal Land Coal Meters for the City and Liberty of *Westminster*, shall remain and continue and are hereby appointed such Principal Land Coal Meters for the Purpose of admeasuring Coals within the City and Liberty of *Westminster*, and that Part of the Duchy of *Lancaster* adjoining thereto, and in the several Parishes of *Saint Giles in the Fields*, *Saint Mary-le-bone*, and such Part of the Parish of *Saint Andrew Holborn* as lies in the County of *Middlesex*, and also within the said Parish of *Saint Luke Chelsea*, and for other the Purposes in the said recited Act of the Forty-seventh Year of the Reign of His present Majesty and this Act mentioned or referred to (save and except they or either of them shall die or be removed from such Office or Offices, by His Majesty, His Heirs or Successors, which Removal His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, is and hereby empowered to make) from the Expiration of the Term limited by the said recited Act of the Forty-

seventh

ſeventh Year of the Reign of His preſent Majeſty, for and during the further Term of Fourteen Years, and from thence to the End of the then next Seſſion of Parliament.

His Majeſty to appoint Principal Land Coal Meters upon any Vacancy.

IV. And be it further enacted, That in caſe, and when and as often as the ſaid *John Baker* and *Alexander Tulloch*, or either them, or any other Principal Land Coal Meter to be from Time to Time appointed for the Purpoſes of the ſaid recited Act of the Forty-ſeventh Year of the Reign of His preſent Majeſty, ſhall be removed from his Office, or the Time limited for the Execution of ſuch Office ſhall expire, or ſhall die, or become incapable of acting in the Execution of his Office, then it ſhall be lawful for His Majeſty, His Heirs or Succeſſors, to nominate and appoint the ſame, or any other Perſon or Perſons, as the Caſe may happen, to be Principal Land Coal Meter, in the Room or Stead of ſuch Principal Land Coal Meter, who ſhall be ſo removed, or whoſe Time limited for the Execution of his Office, ſhall expire, or who ſhall die, or become incapable of acting in the Execution of his Office, for any Term not exceeding Fourteen Years, and ſo *toties quoties*, as often as any ſuch Caſe ſhall happen.

Principal Land Coal Meters may ſuſpend or diſmiſs labouring Meters.

V. And be it further enacted, That the Principal Land Coal Meters for the Time being for the City and Liberty of *Weſtminſter*, and that Part of the Duchy of *Lancaſter* adjoining thereto, and the ſaid ſeveral Pariſhes of *Saint Giles in the Fields* and *Saint Mary-le-bone*, and ſuch Part of the Pariſh of *Saint Andrew Holborn* as lies in the County of *Middleſex*, and the ſaid Pariſh of *Saint Luke Chelſea*, or either of them, may, from Time to Time, ſuſpend or diſmiſs the Labouring Land Coal Meters appointed or to be appointed by virtue of the ſaid recited Act of the Forty-ſeventh Year of the Reign of His preſent Majeſty or this Act, as and when they or he ſhall in their or his Diſcretion think fit.

Authoriſing Lord High Treaſurer or Lords Commiſſioners to make Regulations and remove Meters, &c.

VI. Provided always nevertheleſs, and be it further enacted, That from and after the paſſing of this Act it ſhall and may be lawful for the Lord High Treaſurer of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, or the Commiſſioners of His Majeſty's Treaſury of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, or any Three or more of them, to make ſuch Rules and Regulations, for better ſecuring to the Public a juſt Quantity and Quality of Coals, as he or they ſhall deem proper; and alſo to ſuſpend or diſmiſs any Principal Land Coal Meters, or Labouring Land Coal Meters, appointed or to be appointed by virtue of the ſaid recited Act of the Forty-ſeventh Year of the Reign of His preſent Majeſty, or of this Act, as and when he or they ſhall in his or their Diſcretion think fit; and alſo, that it ſhall and may be lawful for ſuch Lord High Treaſurer or Commiſſioners, as the Caſe may be, to appoint from Time to Time, ſuch or ſo many other fit and proper Perſons as he or they may deem ſufficient and neceſſary to perform and execute, or aſſiſt in performing and executing, the ſeveral Duties required to be performed and executed by the ſaid recited Act of the Forty-ſeventh Year of the Reign of His preſent Majeſty, or by the Regulations of the ſaid Lord High Treaſurer or Commiſſioners, by the Principal Land Coal Meters, or Labouring Land Coal Meters, with ſuch Salaries as ſhall be ordered and appointed by the ſaid Lord High Treaſurer or Commiſſioners, to be paid out of the Monies which ſhall be lawfully collected under the ſaid recited Act, at the Office of the Principal Land Coal Meters for the City and Liberty of *Weſtminſter*, and that Part of the Duchy of

Lancaſter adjoining thereto, and the ſeveral Pariſhes of *Saint Giles in the Fields*, *Saint Mary-le-bone*, and ſuch Part of the Pariſh of *Saint Andrew Holborn* as lies in the County of *Middleſex*, and alſo for the ſaid Pariſh of *Saint Luke Chelſea*; and that neither the ſaid *John Baker* and *Alexander Tulloch*, or any other Principal Land Coal Meter to be appointed under or by virtue of this Act as aforeſaid, ſhall have any Power or Authority to remove or diſmiſs any of the Perſons ſo appointed by the Lord High Treaſurer of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, or any Three or more of the Commiſſioners appointed to execute that Office, unleſs expreſsly authorized ſo to do by ſuch Lord High Treaſurer or Commiſſioners.

Public Act. VII. 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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