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Cap. 106.

An Act for improving the Town of *Wolverhampton*, in the County of *Stafford*, and for removing and regulating the Markets in the said Town.

[17th *June* 1814.]

WHEREAS an Act was passed in the Seventeenth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled *An Act for widening, cleansing, and lighting the several Streets, Lanes, Alleys, Ways, and other public Passages within the Town of* Wolverhampton, *in the County of* Stafford; *and for taking down, altering, or rebuilding certain Buildings therein mentioned; and for removing all other Nuisances and Incroachments; and for regulating Carts and other Carriages within the said Town*: And whereas many of the Provisions of the said Act are found to be defective and insufficient for the Purposes for which it was passed, and it is necessary that the same should be altered, amended, and enlarged; and that certain Buildings, described in the Schedule hereunto annexed, should be taken down and removed, for the Purposes herein-after mentioned: And whereas it will be a great Accommodation to the Inhabitants of the said Town, if the Streets, Lanes, Passages, and Places therein were flagged or paved, and watched; and if the Sale of Cattle, Pigs, Butchers' Meat, Fish, Fruit, Vegetables, and other Articles of Merchandize, were prohibited in the present Market Places and public Streets in the said Town, and if other convenient Places were set apart for Market Places, with proper Stalls, Shambles, Conveniencies and other Erections therein, for the Use of Butchers, Fishmongers, and others, and if proper Rules and Regulations were established for the well ordering and good Government of such

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Markets, and for the Conduct of Persons bringing and exposing to Sale Cattle, Meat, and other Articles in such Markets; and it is fit and expedient that a full Compensation should be made for all the Tolls, Taxes, and other Rights and Privileges incident or belonging to the Lord of the Manor of the Deanry of *Wolverhampton*, and his Lessee, in Right or in respect of the Markets now held in the said Town: And whereas it would greatly facilitate the Execution of the Powers in the said Act contained, and of the Powers now become necessary for improving the said Town, and for removing and regulating the said Markets, if the Execution thereof was entrusted to the same Commissioners, and if all the Powers and Provisions for effecting the same were granted by and contained in one Act: 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,

Recited Act repealed.

That, from and after the passing of this Act, the said recited Act, and all the several Powers and Authorities, Matters and Things therein contained, shall be and the same is and are hereby repealed.

All Conveyances, &c. executed under the said Act, confirmed.

II. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That all Assignments, Leases, Grants, and other Conveyances, made or granted to or by any Person or Persons, Body or Bodies Politic, Corporate, or Collegiate, or any other Persons whomsoever, acting by virtue of or under the Authority of the said recited Act, shall be as good, valid, and effectual, to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever, as if the said Act had not been repealed.

Arrears of former Rates may be collected.

III. And be it further enacted, That each and every Rate and Assessment made and assessed, and now due and payable, or to become due and payable, or ordered to be collected and levied, under and by virtue of the said recited Act, shall continue to be due and payable, and shall and may be collected and levied by such Ways and Means, and under such Restrictions and Regulations, as any Rates or Assessments directed to be made in pursuance of this Act are directed in and by this Act to be collected and levied, and shall be received and applied by the Commissioners to be appointed by this Act, to and for the Purposes of this Act; and all Debts and Penalties incurred and due under and by virtue of the said recited Act from any Person or Persons whomsoever, shall and may be demanded and recovered from such Person or Persons, and applied by the Commissioners under the Powers and Authorities of this Act, for the Purposes of this Act; and all Contracts or Agreements heretofore entered into with any Person or Persons whomsoever, under the Authority and in Execution of the said recited Act, and valid and effectual before the passing of this Act, shall continue and be valid and effectual, and shall and may be enforced by the Commissioners to be appointed by virtue of this Act, as if entered into by and with them the said Commissioners to be appointed by virtue of this Act.

Debts and Penalties recovered.

Appointment of Commissioners.

IV. And be it further enacted, That *Thomas Allen*, *Richard Andrews*, *William Bacon*, *James Barbor*, *Nathaniel Bedford*, *Thomas Stubbs Bedford*, *William Beetlestone*, *Thomas Blew*, *Thomas Bradney*, *William Briscoe*, *George Briscoe*, *Thomas Brooke*, *James Brown*, *William Buckle*, *William Cale*, *George Cale*, *William Chrees*, *David Cole*, *John Cole*, *William Cooke*, *William Waddams Cox*, *John Kenderdine Crutchley*, *Lawrence Edial Devey*, *Thomas Elwell*,

Richard Evans, *Richard Evans* the younger, *Richard Farmer*, *Thomas Farmer*, *Edward Farmer*, *John Felton*, Honourable *Thomas Fitzwilliam*, *John Fletcher*, *William Forſter*, *Thomas Fowke*, *Richard Fryer*, *John Gibbons*, *Thomas Gibbons*, *Ralph Gough*, *Job Harding*, *John Lea Hayley*, *James Heape*, *Benjamin Hill*, *Nathaniel Hill*, *Henry Hill*, *William Hill*, *James Hobbins*, *James Hordern*, *Henry Hordern*, *John Jeſſon*, *Thomas Illidge*, *Robert Jones*, *Samuel Jones*, *John Lewis*, *George Lewis*, *John Likly*, *John Lingard*, *Richard Lockley*, *Benjamin Mander*, *John Mander*, *Charles Mander*, *Benjamin Parton Mander*, *James Marſh*, *Thomas Maſcall*, *William Mitton*, *George Molineux*, *John Edmondſon Molineux*, *John Moreton*, *William Orgill*, *George Owen*, *Joſeph Pearſon*, *William Perry*, *John Perry*, *Thomas Perry*, *William Tomkys Price*, *Richard Hope Price*, *John Frere Proud*, *William Ready*, Reverend *Joſeph Read*, *Henry Roliſton*, *Obadiah Ryton*, *William Ryton*, *William Savage*, *Thomas Savage*, *John Savage*, *Iſaac Scott*, *John Shaw* Brazier, *Samuel Shaw*, *John Shaw* Factor, *Thomas Simpſon*, *Francis Wood Smallwood*, *Joſeph Smart*, *Joſeph Smith*, *Richard Smith*, *Henry Smith*, *William Sparrow*, *William Hanbury Sparrow*, *John Sparrow*, *Benjamin Stanley*, *John Stokes*, *Samuel Stuart*, *Joſeph Tarratt*, *William Tarratt*, *John Thomas*, *Thomas Timmins*, the Reverend *William Tindall*, *John Tooth*, *Iſaac Tortoiſeſhell*, *Joſeph Underhill*, the Reverend *Thomas Walker*, *Randle Walker*, *Thomas Higgs Ward*, *Edward Ward*, *William Warner*, *John Weaver*, *William Wenman*, *Martin Wilkes*, *Henry Wood*, *Samuel Wood*, *Thomas Wright*, *Charles Wright*, *Thomas Wright* Grocer, *Joſeph Wright*, and the Stewards for the Time being of the reſpective Manors of the Deanry of *Wolverhampton* and *Stowheath*, and alſo the ſeveral Prebendaries for the Time being of the Collegiate Church or King's Free Royal Chapel of *Wolverhampton* aforeſaid, ſhall be and they are hereby appointed Commiſſioners for putting this Act in Execution; and when any of the Commiſſioners herein named, or at any Time to be elected in purſuance of this Act, (except the ſaid Stewards for the Time being of the ſaid reſpective Manors), ſhall die or refuſe to act, or be rendered incapable of being a Commiſſioner, or of acting as ſuch in Manner herein-after mentioned; it ſhall and may be lawful for the remaining Commiſſioners, at any Meeting in purſuance of this Act, or any Seven or more of them, at ſuch Meeting to elect one other Perſon, being an Inhabitant within the ſaid Town, and qualified as herein-after is mentioned, to ſupply the Place of each Commiſſioner ſo dying, or refuſing to act, or being rendered incapable of acting as herein-after is mentioned, Notice in Writing, ſigned by the Clerk for the Time being of the ſaid Commiſſioners, of ſuch Meeting, and of the Purpoſe and Intent thereof, being previouſly given to, or left at the Houſe or laſt Place of Abode within the ſaid Town, of each of the ſaid remaining Commiſſioners, Two Days at leaſt, excluſive of the Day of delivering the ſame, and of the Day of Meeting; and every Perſon ſo elected is hereby veſted with the ſame Powers for putting this Act in Execution, and he is hereby authorized and empowered to act, to all Intents and Purpoſes, in as full, large, and ample a Manner as if he had been named a Commiſſioner in and by this Act.

Qualification of Commiſſioners.

V. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That no Perſon ſhall be capable of acting as a Commiſſioner in the Execution of this Act, unleſs he ſhall be an Inhabitant within the Townſhip of *Wolverhampton*, and ſhall be rated in the Poor's Books at not leſs than Twelve Pounds *per Annum* for the Houſe, Warehouſe, or Shop, or Houſes, Warehouſes, or Shops,

or

or other Buildings which shall be by him occupied within the said Township of *Wolverhampton*, and shall really and *bonâ fide* be possessed of Real or Personal Estates to the Amount or Value of One thousand Pounds (other than and except the Stewards of the Manors of the Deanry of *Wolverhampton* and *Stowheath* aforesaid); and no Person shall be capable of acting as a Commissioner as aforesaid, during the Time he shall hold any Place of Profit, or be under any Contract, or have any Share or Interest in any Contract, relating to the Execution of any of the Powers of this Act, but all such Commissioners as now are or at any Time hereafter shall be Justices of the Peace, may act as such in the Execution of this Act, except in such Matters in which they may be personally interested; and the said Commissioners at all their Meetings shall defray their own Expences.

Commissioners being Justices may act, and pay their own Expences.

Penalty on Commissioners acting, not being qualified.

VI. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That if any Person or Persons shall act as a Commissioner in the Execution of this Act, without being duly qualified as aforesaid, he or they shall for every such Offence forfeit and pay the Sum of Fifty Pounds, to be recovered in any of His Majesty's Courts at *Westminster*, by any Person or Persons who shall sue for the same, by Action of Debt or on the Case, or by Bill, Suit, or Information, wherein no Essoign, Protection, Privilege or Wager of Law, or more than One Imparlance shall be allowed; and every Person so prosecuted or sued shall prove that he is qualified as aforesaid, or shall pay the said Penalty, upon Proof being given of his having acted as a Commissioner in the Execution of this Act.

First Meeting of Commissioners.

VII. And be it further enacted, That the said Commissioners, or any Seven or more of them, shall meet and assemble together at the Public Office in the Town of *Wolverhampton* aforesaid, on the last *Monday* in the next or succeeding Month after the passing of this Act, between the Hours of Ten of the Clock in the Forenoon and Two of the Clock in the Afternoon, in order to put this Act in Execution; and shall and may from Time to Time, by Adjournment, meet and assemble together at the same Place, or any other convenient Place within the said Town, as they or any Seven or more of them shall appoint; and all Orders and Proceedings of the said Commissioners in the Execution of this Act shall be at Public Meetings held in pursuance of this Act, and not otherwise (except as herein-after excepted); and all Orders, Proceedings, Acts, Matters, and Things done by any Seven of the Commissioners named in or to be appointed by virtue of this Act, when the Number of Commissioners present does not exceed Thirteen, and when it does, by the Majority of the Commissioners present, shall be to all Intents and Purposes as valid and effectual as if the same were done and performed by all the said Commissioners, except where a greater or less Number of Commissioners are required and empowered in any particular Case hereinafter mentioned to act; and if it shall happen that there shall not appear, at any Meeting which shall be appointed to be held, a sufficient Number of Commissioners to act and to adjourn to another Day, or if they shall omit or neglect to adjourn, or if there shall be any special Occasion for any Meeting between the Time of any Adjournment, or at any other Time, then and in every such Case, their Clerk, or any Five or more of the said Commissioners, shall and may call a Meeting at such Time and Place as they shall think proper.

VIII. Provided

Notice to be given of Meetings.

VIII. Provided always, and be it enacted, That previous to any Meeting of the ſaid Commiſſioners in purſuance of this Act, ſubſequent to ſuch Firſt Meeting as aforeſaid, there ſhall from Time to Time be delivered or ſent to each of the ſaid Commiſſioners, or left at each of their Houſes or laſt Place of Abode within the ſaid Townſhip, a Notice in Writing, ſigned by their Clerk, or by Five or more Commiſſioners, of the Time and Place of every ſuch intended Meeting; which Notice ſhall be ſo delivered, ſent, or left Two Days at leaſt before every ſuch Meeting, excluſive of the Day of delivering the ſame and of the Day of holding ſuch Meeting.

Chairman to be appointed.

IX. And be it further enacted, That at every Meeting of the ſaid Commiſſioners, one of the Commiſſioners preſent ſhall be appointed Chairman; and in caſe of Equality of Voices or Votes of the Commiſſioners ſo aſſembled (including his own), ſuch Chairman ſhall upon all Occaſions have a caſting and deciſive Voice or Vote; and that no Act, Order or Determination to be done or made at any of the ſaid Meetings, ſhall be good or valid unleſs the Majority of the Commiſſioners then preſent ſhall concur therein.

Proceedings to be entered in a Book.

X. And be it further enacted, That regular Entries ſhall be made, in a proper Book or Books to be provided for that Purpoſe, of the Names of the Commiſſioners who ſhall attend their reſpective Meetings, and of all their Acts, Orders, and Proceedings, and the Chairman of every ſuch Meeting ſhall ſubſcribe his Name at the End of the Proceedings of every ſuch Meeting, and all ſuch Entries, being ſo ſigned, ſhall be allowed to be read in Evidence in all Cauſes, Suits, and Actions relating to any Thing done in purſuance of this Act; and that every ſuch Book ſhall, at any of the Meetings of the ſaid Commiſſioners, and at all other ſeaſonable Times, be open to the Inſpection of every Perſon to be rated or aſſeſſed for the Purpoſes of this Act.

Commiſſioners may hire Room for an Office and Storehouſe.

XI. And be it further enacted, That it ſhall be lawful for the ſaid Commiſſioners from Time to Time to hire any Room or Building, as they ſhall think fit, in any convenient Part or Parts of the ſaid Town, for the Purpoſe of making uſe thereof as and for an Office or Offices for keeping their Accounts and doing the Buſineſſes relating to this Act, and as a Storehouſe or Storehouſes for keeping their Implements and Materials, and for other convenient Purpoſes of this Act, and to pay, out of the Rates made or to be made in purſuance of this Act, ſuch Yearly Rent or Rents as they the ſaid Commiſſioners ſhall from Time to Time agree upon, and alſo to accept and take a Leaſe of ſuch Building or Buildings to themſelves or any of them, or any Perſon or Perſons in Truſt for them, for any Term or Number of Years, not exceeding Three Years, at and under ſuch Yearly Rent or Rents as they ſhall from Time to Time think fit.

Commiſſioners to ſue and be ſued in the Names of their Clerks.

XII. And be it further enacted, That the Commiſſioners appointed and to be appointed under this Act ſhall and may ſue and be ſued, and take all Bonds and Securities, in the the Name or Names of their Treaſurer or Treaſurers, Clerk or Clerks, for the Time being, to be appointed under this Act; and that no Action or Suit which may be brought by or againſt the ſaid Commiſſioners or any of them, in relation to this Act, in the Name of their Treaſurer or Treaſurers, Clerk or Clerks, ſhall abate or be diſcontinued by the Death or Removal of ſuch Treaſurer or Treaſurers,

furers, Clerk or Clerks, or by the Act of him or them, without the Consent of the said Commissioners, as the Case may be; but the Treasurer or Treasurers, Clerk or Clerks, for the Time being, shall always be deemed Plaintiff or Plaintiffs, Defendant or Defendants, in every Action or Suit, as the Case may be: Provided always, that all and every such Treasurer or Treasurers, Clerk or Clerks, shall be reimbursed out of the Monies to be raised by virtue of this Act, all such Costs, Damages, or Expences as he or they shall be put unto or become charged or chargeable with by reason of his or their being so made Plaintiff or Defendant, or Plaintiffs or Defendants as aforesaid; provided that the said Action or Defence shall be prosecuted, carried on, and continued, with the Consent of the said Commissioners, as the Case may be.

Officers to be appointed.

XIII. And be it further enacted, That the said Commissioners shall and may from Time to Time, whenever they think necessary, by Writing under their Hands, appoint and employ a Treasurer and Clerk, and Assessor or Assessors, Collector or Collectors of the Rates or Assessments to be made as herein-after directed, and also a Surveyor, and such other Officers and Persons as they shall think necessary to employ in the Execution of this Act; and shall from Time to Time take such Security from every such Treasurer and Collector, for the due Execution of their respective Offices, at the said Commissioners shall think proper; and the said Commissioners may remove and displace any such Officer and Person, from Time to Time, whenever they shall think proper; and shall and may, out of the Monies to be raised by virtue of this Act, allow and pay to every such Treasurer, Clerk, Surveyor, Assessor, or Collector, and other Officer or Person to be employed as aforesaid, such Salary or Allowance as they the said Commissioners shall think reasonable; and that every such Treasurer, Clerk, Surveyor, Assessor, Collector and other Officer to be appointed as aforesaid, shall from Time to Time, as often as thereunto required by the said Commissioners, render and give to the said Commissioners, or to such Person as they shall appoint, a true, fair and particular Account, in Writing, of all Monies which shall have been by him collected or received by virtue of this Act, and how, to whom, and on what Account any such Monies shall have been paid, together with the proper Receipts and Vouchers for such Payments, and shall pay all such Monies as upon the Balance of such Accounts shall appear to be in his Hands to the said Commissioners, or to such Person, and at such Time, as they shall direct and appoint; and every such Officer so accounting, shall, upon Oath if required (which Oath any one of the said Commissioners being a Justice of the Peace, or any Justice of the Peace for the said County of *Stafford*, is hereby authorized to administer), verify his said Accounts, and the particular Items and Articles thereof, and the several Receipts and Payments which shall be therein contained; and if any such Officer shall refuse or wilfully neglect to render or give such Account as aforesaid, or to produce and deliver up to the said Commissioners the Receipts and Vouchers relating to the same, or to verify the Items or Articles thereof upon Oath (if required), or to deliver up to the said Commissioners, or to such Person as they shall for that Purpose appoint, within Fourteen Days next after being thereunto required by Writing under the Hands of any Seven or more of the said Commissioners, all Books, Papers, and Writings in his Custody or Power, relating to the Execution of his Office or of this Act, or shall refuse or neglect to pay all such Money as upon the Balance of any such

ſuch Account ſhall appear to be in his Hands, to the ſaid Commiſſioners, or to ſuch Perſon as they ſhall direct or appoint, and Complaint ſhall be made by the ſaid Commiſſioners, or by ſuch Perſon as they ſhall appoint for that Purpoſe, of any ſuch Neglect or Refuſal as aforeſaid, to any Juſtice of the Peace for the County or Place wherein ſuch Officer ſhall be or reſide, ſuch Juſtice is hereby empowered to ſummon the Officer againſt whom ſuch Complaint ſhall be made, to appear before him at a Time and Place in ſuch Summons to be mentioned; and upon his appearing or not appearing, the Service of ſuch Summons being proved by the Oath of any credible Witneſs (which Oath ſuch Juſtice is hereby empowered to adminiſter), to hear and determine the Matter of ſuch Complaint in a ſummary Way; and if upon the Confeſſion of the Officer againſt whom ſuch Complaint ſhall be made, or by the Oath of any credible Witneſs, it ſhall appear to ſuch Juſtice that any of the Money which ſhall have been collected or raiſed by virtue of this Act, ſhall be due from ſuch Officer, the ſaid Juſtice may, upon Non-payment thereof within ſuch reaſonable Time as he may appoint, by Warrant under his Hand and Seal, cauſe ſuch Money to be levied by Diſtreſs and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of ſuch Officer, rendering the Overplus (if any) to ſuch Officer, upon Demand, after deducting the reaſonable Charges of ſuch Diſtreſs and Sale; and if ſufficient Goods and Chattels of ſuch Officer cannot be found to anſwer and ſatisfy ſuch Money, and the Charges of levying and raiſing the ſame, or if ſuch Officer ſhall not appear before the ſaid Juſtice at the Time and Place by him to be appointed in ſuch Summons, and it ſhall in Manner aforeſaid appear to ſuch Juſtice that ſuch Officer ſhall have refuſed or wilfully neglected to render and give ſuch Account, or to verify the ſame as aforeſaid, or to produce the Vouchers relating thereto, or to deliver up ſuch Books, Papers, and Writings as aforeſaid, the ſaid Juſtice is hereby authorized by Warrant under his Hand and Seal, to cauſe ſuch Officer to be committed to the Common Gaol or Houſe of Correction, there to remain without Bail or Mainprize, until he ſhall have delivered in his Account, and verified the ſame as aforeſaid, and ſhall have produced and delivered up the Receipts and Vouchers relating thereto, or delivered up ſuch Books, Papers, and Writings, or given Satisfaction to the ſaid Commiſſioners concerning the ſame, and ſhall have paid all Monies which ſhall appear to be in his Hands, and the Charges attending the Recovery thereof, or ſhall have compounded with the ſaid Commiſſioners for the ſame, which Compoſition the ſaid Commiſſioners are hereby empowered to make and receive; but no Officer, who ſhall be committed on account of his not having ſufficient Goods and Chattels as aforeſaid, ſhall be detained in Priſon for any longer Term than Six Calendar Months: Provided always, that if any Money ſhall remain due from ſuch Officer, the Commitment of him to Priſon ſhall not be deemed a Diſcharge for the ſame, nor exonerate his Surety or Sureties; but ſuch Officer and his Surety and Sureties ſhall ſtill remain liable to the Payment thereof, in the ſame Manner as if ſuch Officer or Perſon, Officers or Perſons, had not been committed to Priſon.

Streets, &c. veſted in the Commiſſioners.

XIV. And be it further enacted, That from and after the paſſing of this Act, the Property of and in the ſeveral Streets, Lanes, Carriage Ways, Foot Ways, and other Public Paſſages and Places within the ſaid Town of *Wolverhampton*, already ſet out and made, or hereafter to be ſet out or made, and of and in all the Stones, Gravel and other Materials, of which the ſame do or may conſiſt; and alſo all the Dirt, Duſt, Dung, Aſhes, and

and Filth, to be ſwept, gathered, and collected in or from thoſe Places, or any of them; and alſo all Lamps, Lamp Irons and Lamp Poſts, which now are or which hereafter ſhall be erected or fixed within the ſaid Town, by the ſaid Commiſſioners acting by virtue of the ſaid recited Act or this Act, together with all Watch Houſes and Watch Boxes which ſhall be erected or fixed, and all Materials, Implements, and other Things thereto belonging, or which ſhall be purchaſed or provided by virtue or for the Purpoſes of this Act ſhall belong to and be the Property of, and are hereby veſted in the ſaid Commiſſioners; and the ſaid Commiſſioners ſhall and may cauſe any Action or Actions to be brought, or direct any Bill or Bills of Indictment to be preferred, as the Caſe may require, againſt any Perſon or Perſons who ſhall ſteal, take or carry away, detain, ſpoil, injure or deſtroy the ſeveral Articles and Things hereby veſted in them, or any Part or Parts thereof; and in all ſuch Actions and Bills of Indictment reſpectively, it ſhall be and be deemed and taken to be ſufficient to ſtate generally, that the Article or Articles, Thing or Things, for or on account of which ſuch Action or Actions ſhall be brought, or Bill or Bills of Indictment preferred, is or are 'the Property of the Commiſſioners for improving the Town of *Wolverhampton* in the County of *Stafford*,' without particularly ſtating or ſpecifying the Name or Names of all or any of the ſaid Commiſſioners; and the ſaid Commiſſioners, or any Seven or more of them, ſhall have full Power and Authority from Time to Time to ſell and diſpoſe of, for the Purpoſes of this Act, all or any of the ſaid Articles and Things, or any Part or Parts of the ſame reſpectively, which may be no longer neceſſary for the Purpoſes of this Act, to ſuch Perſon or Perſons and in ſuch Manner as they the ſaid Commiſſioners ſhall think proper.

Perſons liable to Statute Duty, to continue ſo.

XV. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That all Perſons who by Law are or ſhall be liable to do Statute Duty or Work, or are or ſhall be chargeable with any Rate or Aſſeſſment towards repairing and amending the ſeveral Highways within the Townſhip of *Wolverhampton*, intended to be paved, repaired, and amended by the ſaid Commiſſioners, by virtue of this Act, or any Part thereof, ſhall ſtill remain and continue liable and chargeable thereto, in like Manner as he or they were before liable and chargeable; and it ſhall and may be lawful to and for any Two or more Juſtices of the Peace for the ſaid County of *Stafford*, and they are required and empowered, upon Application made to them by the ſaid Commiſſioners, or by their Clerk or Surveyor by their Order, yearly to adjudge and determine what Part or Proportion of the Statute Work ſhall every Year be done upon the ſaid Highways by the Inhabitants of the ſaid Townſhip of *Wolverhampton*, and alſo what Sum or Sums of Money ſhall be paid to the ſaid Commiſſioners, or their Surveyor or Surveyors, as and for a Rate, or in lieu of a Compoſition for ſuch Statute Work as aforeſaid; and in order thereunto, it ſhall and may be lawful to and for ſuch Juſtices from Time to Time to ſummon the Surveyor or Surveyors of the ſaid Highways of the ſaid Townſhip of *Wolverhampton*, to bring Liſts before ſuch Juſtices, at ſome Place to be expreſſed in ſuch Summons, within Fourteen Days after the ſerving of ſuch Summons, of the Names of the ſeveral Perſons who within ſuch Townſhip are by Law ſubject and liable to do Statute Work for that Year, or to the Payment of any Money in lieu of or as a Compoſition for ſuch Statute Work, diſtinguiſhing the Nature of the Work to be done whether with Teams or Draughts, or otherwiſe, and alſo the Amount of the reſpective Sums to be paid; which Liſts of

Names shall be made in such Manner, and under such Regulations and Restrictions, as is, are, or may be directed by any Law or Statute in Force and Effect for the Repair of the public Highways; and out of such Lists the said Justices shall and may appoint and order such and so many of the Persons who shall appear to be subject and liable to Statute Work as aforesaid, to do such Number of Days Statute Work in every Year upon the said Highways, as the said Justices shall think reasonable; and the same shall be done on such Days and at such Times (not being Hay-time or Harvest), and in such Parts of the said Highways, as the said Commissioners or their Surveyor or Surveyors shall from Time to Time order, direct, and appoint; and the said Justices shall and may also order and direct the Persons who by such Lists shall appear to be subject and liable to the Payment of any Money in lieu of or as a Composition for Statute Work as aforesaid, to pay such Proportion thereof as the said Justices shall think proper, to the said Commissioners or their Treasurer, at such Time or Times as they the said Justices shall direct; and in Default of Payment thereof, the same shall and may be recovered by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of the respective Persons liable to the Payment thereof, in like Manner as any Penalty is by this Act authorized or directed to be recovered; and each and every Person who shall neglect or refuse to do such Statute Work as aforesaid, after Notice in Writing given to, or left for him, her, or them, at his, her, or their last or usual Place or Places of Abode for that Purpose, by any Surveyor to the said Commissioners, shall, for every Day of his, her, or their Default, or the Default of any Labourer or Labourers, Team or Teams, Draught or Draughts, Horse or Horses, Beast or Beasts, to be provided by him, her, or them, be subject and liable to such Pains, Penalties, and Forfeitures as such Person or Persons may be subject or liable to by any Law or Statute in Force and Effect for the Repair of the public Highways; and if any Person who shall come to work as a Labourer, or shall be sent with any Team or Draught to work on the said Highways, shall be found idle or negligent by any Surveyor to the said Commissioners, such Surveyor is hereby empowered to remove and dismiss the Person who shall be found idle or negligent as aforesaid; and in that Case, every Person on whose Behalf such idle or negligent Person shall be sent, shall be subject and liable to the respective Forfeitures and Payments aforesaid, as if he had neglected or refused to come, or such Team or Draught had not been sent to work on any Part of the said Highways; all which Forfeitures shall be paid to the Treasurer to the said Commissioners, and applied towards amending the said Highways; and in case the said Surveyor or Surveyors of the Highways for the said Township shall refuse or wilfully neglect to give in such Lists as aforesaid, or shall knowingly or wilfully give in false or imperfect Lists, every such Surveyor so offending shall for every such Offence forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Five Pounds.

Commissioners may compound for Statute Work.

XVI. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Commissioners to compound and agree with any Person or Persons, Bodies Politic or Corporate, for the Statute Work to be by them done on the said Highways, or any Part thereof, for a certain Sum of Money, by the Year or otherwise, as the said Commissioners shall think reasonable, in lieu of the Whole or of any Part of the Statute or other Work to be by all or any of the said Inhabitants and Occupiers done on the said Highways, within the said Town, intended to be paved, repaired, and amended, and kept in Repair by the said Commissioners, by virtue of this

this Act; which Compoſition Money ſhall always be paid, by the Perſon or Perſons ſo compounding, to the Treaſurer to the ſaid Commiſſioners, in advance, on or before the Firſt Day of *October* in each and every Year, or otherwiſe the Inhabitants and Occupiers of Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments within the ſaid Townſhip, ſhall not be permitted to compound for that Year.

Penalty on damaging Materials.

XVII. And be it further enacted, That if any Perſon or Perſons ſhall wilfully or maliciouſly break up, injure, deſtroy, or otherwiſe damage any of the Articles or Things hereby veſted in the ſaid Commiſſioners, or any of the Works done by them in purſuance of this Act, every Perſon ſo offending, ſhall for every ſuch Offence forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Five Pounds, over and above the Expences of repairing ſuch Injury or Damage ſo to be done.

Where Materials may be lodged.

XVIII. And be it further enacted, That during the Time any Street, Lane, public Paſſage or Place, ſhall be new paving, flagging, altering or repairing, the ſaid Commiſſioners ſhall have Power to order the neceſſary Materials to be lodged in that or any adjoining Street, Lane, public Paſſage or Place, according to their Diſcretion, as alſo to ſtop up the Way through that or any adjacent Street or Lane, public Paſſage or Place, ſo long as may be neceſſary for the Purpoſe of ſuch new flagging, paving, or repairing; and the ſaid Commiſſioners, and all Perſons acting under their Direction, are hereby indemnified from any Proſecution or Action whatſoever for ſo doing.

Commiſſioners empowered to pave.

XIX. And be it further enacted, That it ſhall be lawful for the ſaid Commiſſioners from Time to Time to cauſe the ſeveral Streets, Lanes, and other public Paſſages and Places within the ſaid Town, both in the Carriage Ways and Foot Ways, to be paved, pitched, flagged, repaired, relaid, amended and altered; and the ſaid Streets, Lanes, public Paſſages and Places, to be cleanſed and lighted; and Gutters, Sinks, Drains and Sewers, to be cut or made in, through, or under any of the ſaid Streets, Lanes, public Paſſages and Places, and any of the Gutters, Sinks, Drains, and Sewers, already made therein, to be opened or widened, and the Form or Courſe thereof altered, by cutting through any Lands or Grounds within the Precincts of the ſaid Town, for the Purpoſe of carrying off and diſcharging the Filth and foul Water which may paſs into the ſaid Gutters, Sinks, Drains, and Sewers; and the Ground of any of the ſaid Streets, Lanes, and other public Paſſages and Places, to be raiſed, lowered, or altered, in ſuch Manner as the ſaid Commiſſioners ſhall think expedient, neceſſary, or proper, according to the true Intent and Meaning of this Act; and that if any Perſon or Perſons ſhall take up or cauſe to be taken up, or make or cauſe to be made, any Alteration in the Form of the Pavement, Flagging, or Pitching, or of any Part thereof, within any of the ſaid Streets, Lanes, public Paſſages or Places, without the Conſent of the ſaid Commiſſioners, or any Seven or more of them, in Writing for that Purpoſe firſt had and obtained, every ſuch Perſon ſo offending ſhall for every ſuch Offence forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Five Pounds; and in caſe the Perſon or Perſons ſo taking up or altering any ſuch Pavement, Pitching, or Flagging, or any Part of the ſame reſpectively, ſhall not within Three Days after Notice in Writing by the Surveyor to the ſaid Commiſſioners, or by ſome other Perſon or Perſons

acting under their Direction, given to or left at the last or usual Place or Places of Abode of such Person or Persons, cause the same Pavement, Pitching, or Flagging respectively, which shall have been so altered or taken up, to be reinstated and put into its former State, then and in every such Case the Surveyor to the said Commissioners shall cause the same to be so done, and the Costs and Charges thereof shall be borne and paid by the Person or Persons who shall have taken up or altered such Pavement, Pitching, or Flagging, or any Part thereof respectively; and in case of Non-payment thereof, on Demand, to the said Surveyor or other Person by or under the Authority of the said Commissioners, such Costs and Charges shall and may be levied and recovered in such and the like Manner as any Penalty is by this Act directed to be levied and recovered.

Paviers and Carters to be appointed, and Implements purchased.

XX. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Commissioners, from Time to Time to appoint such and so many Paviers, Artificers, Workmen, Labourers, Carters and others, and to provide such Tools, Implements, and Things, as they shall judge necessary for the Purpose of carrying this Act into Execution.

Materials to be taken from Lands in the Township of Wolverhampton, &c.

XXI. And be it further enacted, That such Person or Persons as the said Commissioners shall employ, having an Order in Writing for that Purpose made at a Meeting of the said Commissioners, and subscribed by their Clerk, is and are hereby authorized to search for, dig, cut, gather, take and carry away, any Gravel, Clay, Sand or other Materials, for the Purpose of paving, flagging, amending or repairing any of the said Streets, Lanes, public Passages or Places, out of or from any Lands or Grounds situate in the Township of *Wolverhampton*, (not being a Yard, Garden, Orchard, Park, Paddock, Lawn, Pleasure Ground, or Nursery for Trees, or the Towing Paths or Wharfs belonging to any Canal or the Branches thereof) such Person or Persons tendering to the Owners or Occupiers of such Lands and Grounds, for such Materials, and for any Damage done thereto, such Recompence and Satisfaction as shall be agreed upon by the said Commissioners and such Owners or Occupiers, or (in case of any Difference touching the Amount of such Recompence or Satisfaction) as shall be settled and determined by the Justices assembled at a General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the said County of *Stafford*, who shall in a summary Way settle and determine the same, and award Costs to either Party; and the Judgment or Order of such Justices therein shall be final and conclusive to all Parties; and the said Commissioners shall have full Power and Authority to cause to be dug, carted and carried out of, or brought into the said Streets, Lanes, public Passages and Places, such Gravel, Clay, Sand, and other Materials.

Notice to be given before Materials are taken.

XXII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That it shall not be lawful for any Person under the Authority of this Act, to dig, gather, take or carry away, any Materials for any of the Purposes aforesaid, from any inclosed Lands, until Notice in Writing, under the Hands of Seven or more of the said Commissioners, shall have been given to the Occupier of such Lands, or left for him at his usual Place of Residence, to appear before Two Justices of the Peace for the said County, at such Time and Place as shall be mentioned in such Notice, to shew cause why such Materials should not be had from such Lands; and in case such Occupier shall attend pursuant to such Notice, the said Justices shall, if they think fit, after

after having heard the Matter, authorize any ſuch Perſon as aforeſaid, to dig, gather, take and carry away ſuch Materials, at ſuch Time or Times as the ſaid Juſtices ſhall think proper; and if ſuch Occupier ſhall neglect or refuſe to appear by himſelf or his Agent, the ſaid Juſtices ſhall and may make ſuch Order as they reſpectively ſhall think fit, as fully and effectually to all Intents and Purpoſes whatſoever as if ſuch Occupier or his Agent had attended.

Carts uſed in the Town to have Wheels of certain Breadths.

XXIII. And be it further enacted, That from and after the Expiration of Two Years next after the paſſing of this Act, the Wheels of every Cart or Tumbril uſed within the ſaid Town, which ſhall be drawn by Aſſes, ſhall be made with Fellies Four and a Half Inches broad at the leaſt, and thoſe of every Cart or Tumbril which ſhall be drawn by any Horſe or Mule, Horſes or Mules, with Fellies Six Inches broad at the leaſt, and that all ſuch Fellies reſpectively ſhall be of a flat and level Surface in every Part thereof; on Pain that the Owner or Driver of every Cart or Tumbril within the ſaid Townſhip, uſed as aforeſaid, not having ſuch Fellies, ſhall, for every Day on which the ſame ſhall be uſed in the ſaid Town, forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Ten Shillings.

Power to appoint Watchmen.

XXIV. And be it further enacted, That the ſaid Commiſſioners may, and they are hereby authorized and empowered, from Time to Time (if they think neceſſary or proper) to appoint ſuch and ſo many Watchmen, to be employed in the ſaid Town for ſo long Time in every Night, and during the Whole or any Part of the Year, and under ſuch Regulations and for ſuch Wages as they ſhall think proper; and alſo to diſplace any ſuch Watchmen for Miſbehaviour, and to appoint others in the room of thoſe ſo diſplaced; and the ſaid Commiſſioners may, if they think neceſſary, provide proper Watch Houſes and Watch Boxes or Places of Reception for ſuch Watchmen, and for the ſafe Cuſtody of ſuch Perſons as may be apprehended by ſuch Watchmen whilſt on Duty; and it ſhall be lawful for the ſaid Watchmen or any of them, and they are hereby authorized and required, to apprehend and ſecure all ſuch Malefactors, Diſturbers of the public Peace, and other ſuſpected Perſons, as ſhall be found wandering or miſbehaving themſelves during the Hours of keeping Watch, and to detain, confine, and carry ſuch Perſons, as ſoon as conveniently may be, before ſome Juſtice of the Peace for the County of *Stafford*, to be dealt with according to Law.

Penalty on Victuallers, &c. harbouring Watchmen, &c.

XXV. And be it further enacted, That if any Victualler or Keeper of any Public Houſe, Wine Vaults or Liquor Shop, ſhall knowingly harbour or entertain, or ſuffer to remain in his or her Public Houſe, or Premiſes thereto belonging, any ſuch Watchman ſo to be appointed as aforeſaid, during any Part of the Time appointed for his being on Duty, every ſuch Victualler or Keeper ſhall on Conviction forfeit and pay for every ſuch Offence any Sum not exceeding Five Pounds.

Commiſſioners empowered to reward diſabled Watchmen, &c.

XXVI. And be it further enacted, That it ſhall be lawful for the ſaid Commiſſioners to give ſuch Rewards, in Money or otherwiſe, to the Watchmen, and other their Servants to be appointed for any of the Purpoſes of this Act, who may be diſabled or wounded in the Execution of their Offices, as alſo for their Loſs of Time in attending upon the Hearing or Conviction of any Offences to be committed againſt the Proviſions of this

this Act, as they the said Commissioners shall think reasonable; such Money to be paid out of the Rates and Assessments by this Act authorized to be levied and raised.

Commissioners may contract for performing the Works.

XXVII. And be it further enacted, That the said Commissioners may, and they are hereby authorized and empowered, from Time to Time to contract with any Person or Persons for paving, flagging, repairing, cleansing, and lighting the said Streets, Lanes, public Passages and Places within the said Town, and for furnishing Materials for the same, and for doing or performing all or any other of the Works by this Act directed to be done or performed, in such Manner and under such Penalties for the due Performance of such Contracts, as they shall think fit, giving Fourteen Days Notice of their Intention to enter into every such Contract, in order that any Person willing to undertake the same may make Proposals to the said Commissioners at the Time and Place to be mentioned in such Notice; and every such Contract shall be good, valid, and binding, as well upon the said Commissioners as upon the other Party or Parties thereto; and in case any such Work shall not be well and sufficiently done and performed according to such Contract, the said Commissioners may cause an Action or Suit to be brought in any of His Majesty's Courts of Law or Equity, against every such Contractor, either for a specific Performance of such Contract, or for any Penalty contained therein, or for any Damage sustained by reason of the Non-performance thereof: Provided always, that it shall be lawful for the said Commissioners (if they think fit) to compound and agree with any Contractor for any Penalty incurred by him for the Breach or Non-performance of any such Contract, for such Sum of Money as the said Commissioners shall think proper, not being less than the Injury or Damage sustained by the Breach or Non-performance of such Contract, and all Costs, Charges, and Expences which shall be occasioned thereby; provided also, that no such Contract shall be made for a longer Space of Time than Three Years from the Time of entering into such Contract.

Lamps to be set up.

XXVIII. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Commissioners, and they are hereby authorized and empowered, from Time to Time, and at any Time or Times after the passing of this Act, to purchase and provide such and so many Glass Lamps, of such Sorts and Sizes, and such and so many Lamp Irons and Lamp Posts, and other Things for lighting such Lamps, as they shall judge necessary, and to direct the same to be affixed or set up on or against the Walls or Palisades of all or any of the Houses, Tenements or Buildings, or against any other Walls, within the said Town, or in any other Manner which they shall think proper and convenient, and to be taken down, altered, or renewed, when and as often as they shall think fit; and to cause such Lamps, or any of them, to be lighted at such Seasons of the Year, on such Evenings, and at such Hours of the Evening, and to be kept burning for so many Hours, as shall to them the said Commissioners seem necessary or proper for the well and sufficient lighting of all or any of the said Streets, Lanes, public Passages or Places within the said Town.

Penalty for wilfully breaking Lamps.

XXIX. And be it further enacted, That if any Person or Persons shall wilfully break, take away, throw down, or otherwise destroy or damage any Lamp or Lamps already erected, or which shall be erected by or by the

the Order of the said Commissioners, or by any Person or Persons at his, her, or their own Expence, for the Purpose of lighting any of the said Streets, Lanes, public Passages or Places, or any Post, Iron Cover, or other Furniture thereof, or shall wilfully extinguish the Light or Lights of any such Lamp or Lamps, it shall and may be lawful to and for any Justice of the Peace for the said County of *Stafford*, and he is hereby required, upon Complaint to him made by any Person or Persons of any such Offence having been committed, to issue a Warrant for apprehending the Party or Parties accused; or it shall and may be lawful to and for any Person or Persons who shall see such Offence committed, to apprehend, and also for any Person or Persons to assist in apprehending, the Offender or Offenders, and by Authority of this Act, without any other Warrant, to deliver him or them into the Custody of a Peace Officer, in order to be secured and conveyed before some Justice of the Peace for the said County; and on the Party or Parties accused being brought before such Justice, such Justice shall proceed to examine upon Oath any Witness or Witnesses who shall appear or be produced to give Evidence touching such Offence; and if the Party or Parties accused shall be convicted of such Offence either by his, her, or their Confession, or upon such Evidence as aforesaid, then and in every such Case he, she, or they shall for each and every such Offence respectively, and if more than One, shall severally forfeit any Sum not exceeding Five Pounds, and shall also make full Satisfaction (to be ascertained by such Justice) to the said Commissioners or other Party injured, for the Damage so done; and in case such Offender or Offenders shall not, upon Conviction, forthwith pay such Penalty by him, her, or them incurred, and also such Satisfaction as aforesaid, such Justice is hereby required to commit such Offender or Offenders to the Common Gaol or House of Correction for the said County of *Stafford*, there to be kept to hard Labour for any Time not exceeding Six Calendar Months; but such Offender or Offenders may be discharged before the Expiration of the Time for which he, she, or they shall be committed, upon Payment of such Penalty, and making such Satisfaction as aforesaid; and one Moiety of the said Penalty or Penalties, when recovered, shall be paid to the Informer or Informers, and the other Moiety thereof to the Treasurer of the said Commissioners, to be applied for the Purposes of this Act; and if any Person or Persons shall negligently or accidentally break, throw down, or otherwise destroy, damage or injure, any of the said Lamps, or any of the Posts, Irons, or Furniture thereof, and shall not, upon Demand made by the said Commissioners, or by their Treasurer or Clerk, make Satisfaction for the Damage so done, it shall be lawful for any Justice of the Peace for the said County, and he is hereby required, upon Complaint thereof made by One or more credible Witness or Witnesses, by Warrant under his Hand to summon before him the Party or Parties complained of, for doing such Damage; and upon his, her, or their appearing or making Default to appear (Oath having been made that the Party complained against had been served with such Summons, or that the same had been left at his, her, or their usual Dwelling or Place of Abode, if known, or that he, she, or they could not be found), such Justice shall proceed to examine the Cause of such Complaint, and upon Proof thereof, either by Confession of the Party, or by the Oath of One or more Witness or Witnesses, shall award and order such Satisfaction to be made by the Party or Parties complained against, for the Damage so done, as to such Justice shall appear just and reasonable; and in case the Sum so

awarded shall not be paid forthwith, it shall and may be lawful to and for such Justice, and he is hereby required, to cause the same to be levied by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of the Person or Persons complained against, rendering to him, her or them, upon Demand, the Overplus (if any) after such Sum so awarded, and the Charges of prosecuting such Complaint and of such Distress and Sale, shall be paid.

Projections to be removed.

XXX. And be it further enacted, That all Signs or other Emblems used to denote the Trade, Occupation, or Calling of any Person or Persons, Sign Posts and Sign Irons, Pent-houses, Show Boards, Stalls, Window Shutters and Flaps, Cellars, Cellar Doors, and all Steps leading thereto or therefrom, Porches, Sheds, Butchers' Stalls, Bulks and Gallows, Shambles, Blocks or Pieces of Timber, Chopping Blocks, Pumps, Watering Tubs or Troughs, Posts, Rails, and Stumps, projecting into or standing or being in the said Streets, Lanes, Ways, or Passages, which shall be by the said Commissioners, or any Seven or more of them, deemed Nuisances and Obstructions, or Annoyances, shall be taken down and removed within Three Calendar Months after the passing of this Act; and that all Signs or other Emblems as aforesaid shall be affixed and placed on the Fronts of the Houses, Shops, Warehouses, or Buildings whereunto the same respectively belong or were before affixed, and not otherwise; and in case the Owners or Occupiers shall neglect so to do, having received Notice from the said Commissioners, or their Clerk or Surveyor for that Purpose, before the Expiration of the said Three Calendar Months, it shall be lawful for the said Commissioners, or any Seven or more of them, to cause such Signs, Emblems, Sign Posts, Sign Irons, Pent-houses, Show Boards, Stalls, Window Shutters and Flaps, Cellars, Cellar Doors, and Steps leading thereto and therefrom, Porches, Sheds, Butchers' Stalls, Bulks and Gallows, Shambles, Blocks or Pieces of Timber, Chopping Blocks, Pumps, Watering Tubs or Troughs, Posts, Rails, and Stumps, and all other Encroachments, Nuisances or Annoyances whatsoever, to be taken down and removed, and shall cause all such Signs or other Emblems as aforesaid to be affixed or placed on the Fronts of the Houses, Shops, Warehouses, or Buildings whereunto they respectively belong or were before affixed, and not otherwise; and the Charges and Expences attending the same shall and may be recovered of the Owners or Occupiers thereof respectively, in the same Manner as the Charges and Expences of cleansing and lighting the said Streets are directed to be recovered; and if any Person or Persons shall at any Time or Times hereafter, without the Consent of the said Commissioners, or any Seven or more of them, first had and obtained in Writing, hang, place, or erect any Sign or Sign Post, or other Post, Sign Iron, Pent-house, Show Board, Stall, Window Shutter or Flap, Porch, Shed, Butchers' Stall, Bulk or Gallows, Shamble, Block or Piece of Timber, Chopping Block, Pump, Watering Tub or Trough, Post, Rail or Stump, or shall continue or place any Step leading into any Cellar or Vault, or other Encroachment, Nuisance or Annoyance whatsoever, or cause the same to be done contrary to the Directions aforesaid, every Person so offending shall for every such Offence forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Twenty Shillings, and the further Sum of Five Shillings, for every Day such Offence shall continue; and it shall be lawful for the said Commissioners, at the Costs and Charges of the Owner or Owners thereof, to be recovered as aforesaid, to cause the same to be taken down and removed, without any further Notice

tice to be given to the Owner or Owners, Tenant or Occupiers, to take down and remove the ſame.

And to regulate Bulks and Bulk Saſhes.

XXXI. And be it further enacted, That all Bulks and Bulk Saſhes which have been erected, built or made to any Houſe, Workſhop or other Building in the ſaid Town, which ſhall be deemed or adjudged Annoyances by the ſaid Commiſſioners, by Writing under their Hands, ſhall be altered and regulated in ſuch Manner as not to project more than Twelve Inches from the perpendicular Wall of the ſaid Houſe, Workſhop or other Buildings, in any Street, Lane, Way, or Paſſage in the ſaid Town, upwards of Eight Yards in Breadth; and all Bulks and Bulk Saſhes which have been erected, built or made to any Houſe, Workſhop or other Buildings in any Street, Lane, Way, or Paſſage, not more than Eight Yards in Breadth, ſhall be removed and wholly taken away by the Owners or Proprietors thereof reſpectively, within Six Calendar Months after Notice given for that Purpoſe, by Writing under the Hand of the Clerk to the ſaid Commiſſioners for the Time being, to be left at the Houſes or other Buildings before which the ſame ſhall reſpectively ſtand, in caſe of the ſame being then inhabited; and if ſuch Houſe or other Building ſhall not be inhabited, then ſuch Notice to be placed on the Door or ſome other conſpicuous Part of the Houſe or other Building; and in caſe of ſuch Owners or Proprietors refuſing or neglecting to alter, regulate, or remove and wholly take down ſuch Bulks or Bulk Saſhes within ſuch Time, then and in either of the Caſes aforeſaid, it ſhall be lawful for the ſaid Commiſſioners to cauſe all ſuch Bulks or Bulk Saſhes to be altered, regulated, removed or wholly taken down, as the Caſe ſhall require, and to ſell ſuch Bulks or Bulk Saſhes, or ſuch Parts thereof as ſhall be taken down as aforeſaid, returning to the Owners the Overplus of the Produce thereof, after defraying all Charges and Expences of altering, regulating, or taking down and ſelling the ſame, if any ſuch Surplus ſhall be.

Spouts and Gutters conveying Water, &c. to be carried into the Culver.

XXXII. And be it further enacted, That all Spouts and Gutters belonging to and which convey Water from the Tops of the Houſes, Warehouſes, Shops or other Buildings directly into any of the Streets, Lanes, Ways, or public Places within the ſaid Town, and all Sewers, Gutters, Drains, or Sinks conveying any Water, Sock, Filth, or other Material or Thing from any Houſes, Buildings, Yards, or Premiſes within the ſaid Town, ſhall within Three Calendar Months after the paſſing of this Act be removed or covered, and the Water, or other Material or Thing ſhall be conveyed by Pipes to be brought down by the Sides or Fronts of ſuch Houſes, Warehouſes, Shops, or other Buildings, Yards, and Premiſes into ſome under-ground Sewer, or into ſome Ciſtern, Reſervoir, or Kennel, at the Coſts and Charges of the reſpective Owners or Proprietors thereof; and in caſe the ſame ſhall not be done within the Time aforeſaid, or within the Space of Fourteen Days next after Notice to be given by the ſaid Commiſſioners, or their Clerk or Surveyor for the Time being, the Occupier of every ſuch Houſe, Warehouſe, Shop, or other Building, ſhall forfeit and pay the Sum of Five Shillings for each and every Day any ſuch Spout or Gutter, Sewer, or Drain ſhall remain, and the Water or other Material or Thing not conveyed down as aforeſaid, after the Time herein-before limited; and it ſhall and may be lawful to and for any Tenant or Tenants of any ſuch Houſes, Warehouſes, Shops, or other Buildings aforeſaid, and they are hereby required (in caſe of Neglect or Refuſal by the reſpective

tive Owners or Proprietors thereof) to alter such Spouts and Gutters in Manner herein-before directed; and such Tenant or Tenants so altering such Spouts and Gutters, Sewer or Drain, shall and may retain and deduct the Expence out of his, her, or their next Rent or Rents, and their respective Landlords are hereby required to allow the same; and that if any Person or Persons shall hereafter erect or make, or cause to be erected or made, any Spout or Gutter, Drain or Sewer, for conveying Water, or other Material or Thing, from any old or new House, Warehouse, Shop, or other Building and Premises, in any Manner contrary to the Directions and true Meaning of this Act as aforesaid, every such Person shall forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Five Pounds, and also the further Sum of Ten Shillings for every Week such Spout or Gutter shall remain.

Footways, &c. to be swept.

XXXIII. And be it further enacted, That the Occupier of every House, Tenement, Warehouse, Shop, Shed, Coach House, Stable, Chapel, Meeting House, Wall, or other public or private Building within the said Town, shall, as often as required by the said Commissioners, or any Seven or more of them, their Clerk or Surveyor, sweep and cleanse the Footways all along the Front of their respective Houses, Tenements, Warehouses, Shops, Sheds, Coach Houses, Stables, Chapels, Meeting Houses, Wall, or other public or private Building, or cause the same to be scraped, swept and cleansed; and in Default thereof, for every such Offence shall forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Five Shillings.

Power to compound with Inhabitants for cleansing Streets, &c.

XXXIV. Provided also, and be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Commissioners from Time to Time, as they shall think proper, to compound with any of the Inhabitants of any Street, Lane, Way, or Passage within the said Town, by the Year, for such Sum or Sums of Money as such Commissioners shall think proper, for the sweeping and cleansing to be done by such Inhabitants respectively by virtue of this Act; provided such Composition Money be always paid in advance.

Commissioners may direct the Streets to be cleansed.

XXXV. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Commissioners, and they are hereby required, to nominate and appoint any Person or Persons, and to purchase or hire any Cart or Carts, or other Carriage or Carriages, and also any Horse or Horses, for the Purpose of cleansing the several Streets, Lanes, public Passages, and Places within the said Town, and for carrying away the Dust, Dirt, and Soil thereof; or it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Commissioners to contract with any Person or Persons for cleansing the same, and for carrying away the Dust, Dirt, and Soil thereof.

No Person to take away Dirt, &c. but the Contractors.

XXXVI. And be it further enacted, That if any Person or Persons whomsoever, other than the Person or Persons employed by or contracting with the said Commissioners for cleansing the several Streets, Lanes, public Passages, or Places within the said Town, shall take or carry away, or cause to be taken or carried away, any Dung, Soil, or other Filth arising in or out of such Streets, Lanes, or other public Passages or Places as aforesaid, every such Person so offending shall, for every such Offence, forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Twenty Shillings.

Names of Streets may be set up.

XXXVII. And be it further enacted, That the said Commissioners may, if they think fit, order and direct to be painted, engraved, or otherwise described, on a conspicuous Part of some House or other Building, at or near the End or Corner of every such Street, Lane, public Passage and Place, the Name by which such Street, Lane, public Passage and Place is now or shall hereafter be called or known; and may order and direct the several Houses, Shops, Warehouses and Buildings within the said several Streets, Lanes, public Passages and Places, or any of them, to be numbered with Figures painted or placed on the Door of every such House, Shop, Warehouse or other Building, or such other Part thereof as the said Commissioners shall think proper; and if any Person shall wilfully obliterate or deface any such Name or Numbers, or any Part thereof, or cause or procure the same to be done, every Person so offending in any of the said Cases, shall forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Forty Shillings for every such Offence.

For preventing Annoyances in the Streets.

XXXVIII. And be it further enacted, That if any Person or Persons shall run, draw, drive, carry, or place, on the Footpaths or Flag Pavements in any of the said Streets, Lanes, public Passages or Places, any Coach, Waggon, Cart, Dray, Wheel, Sledge, Wheelbarrow, Handbarrow, Truck, or other Carriage whatsoever; or carry or roll any Tub, Cask, or Wheel, or carry any Bundle or Bundles of Iron; or shall wilfully ride, drive, lead or leave any Horse, or other Beast or Cattle, on any of the said Footpaths or Flag Pavements already made or to be made by virtue of this Act; or shall kill, slaughter, singe, scald, dress, or cut up any Sheep, Cattle, Swine or other Beast, in any of the said Streets, Lanes, public Passages or Places, or cause or permit any Blood to run from any Slaughter House, Butcher's Shop or Shamble, Yard, Court, or other Place, into the same or any of them, or the Drain of any Sty, Cot, Court, or Yard wherein any Sort of Swine shall be kept or fed, or of any Necessary, to run into any of the said Streets, Lanes, public Passages or Places, to the Annoyance of any of the Inhabitants of the said Town; or if any Person shall hoop, cleanse, wash, fire, burn, or scald any Cask, or hew or saw, or cause to be hewn or sawn, any Stone, Wood or Timber, or bind, make, or repair the Wheel of any Carriage, or shoe, bleed, or farry any Horse or other Beast or Cattle (except in Cases of Accident); or shall drag or draw behind any Cart or Waggon, any Pulley, Sledge, or other Thing for the loading or unloading such Cart or Waggon; or turn or drive loose any Horse, or roll any Cask, in any of the said Streets, Lanes, public Passages or Places; or if any Person shall set, place, or expose to Sale, or cause to be set, placed, or exposed to Sale, any Goods, Wares or Merchandize whatsoever, or any Fruit, Vegetables, or Garden Stuff, Butchers' Meat, or other Matter or Thing, upon, or projecting over or fastened or affixed to, the Wall adjoining the Footpaths of any of the said Streets, Lanes, public Passages or Places within the Town of *Wolverhampton*; or hang up or expose to Sale any Goods, Wares, Merchandize, or other Matter and Thing, upon any Flap Window; or if any Person shall at any Time leave open any Cellar Door or Grate in any of the said Streets, Lanes, public Passages or Places; or shall make or assist in making any Fires commonly called Bonfires, or set fire to or let off any Gun, Pistol (except in case of Self Defence), Squib, Serpent, Fire Balloon, Cracker, or Fireworks, within any of the said Streets, Lanes, public Passages or Places; or if any of the Inhabitants of the said Town shall cause

cauſe or permit or ſuffer to be removed any Aſhes, Cinders, Duſt, Dirt, Filth, Soil, Dung, or Rubbiſh, from any Houſe, Shop, Building, Warehouſe, or Yard, within the ſaid Town, and ſhall wilfully or negligently permit or ſuffer the ſame to lay in any of the ſaid Streets, Lanes, public Paſſages or Places in the ſaid Town, for any longer Time than ſhall be neceſſary for the loading and carrying away the ſame, or ſhall ſuffer the ſame to annoy his or their Neighbour or Neighbours; or permit or ſuffer the Soil or Contents of any Privy or Neceſſary Houſe, Pig Sty or Dunghill, to remain in any of the ſaid Streets, Lanes, public Paſſages or Places, after the Hour of Six of the Clock in the Morning, between the Firſt Day of *April* and the Firſt Day of *October* in each and every Year, and after the Hour of Eight of the Clock in the Morning, between the Firſt Day of *October* and the Firſt Day of *April* in each and every Year; every Perſon offending in any of the Caſes aforeſaid, ſhall for every ſuch Offence forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Five Pounds.

Regulations reſpecting Carriages, &c. in the Streets.

XXXIX. And be it further enacted, That if any Perſon ſhall uſe any Waggon, Cart, Tumbril, Dray, or Hand Cart, within the ſaid Town, not having the Name and Place of Abode of the Owner thereof painted in large White Capital Letters on a Black Ground, in the Front or on the near Side of ſuch Waggon, Cart, Tumbril, Dray, or Hand Cart; or if any Waggon, Cart, Sledge, Dray, Wheelbarrow, Hand Cart, or other Carriage, ſhall be left or remain in any of the ſaid Streets, Lanes, or other public Paſſages or Places, with or without Horſes or other Cattle, for any Time longer than ſhall be neceſſary for the loading or unloading thereof; or in caſe the ſame ſhall not ſtand during ſuch Time as near to the Side of ſuch Street, Lane, public Paſſage or Place, as conveniently may be; or if any Stage Coach, Diligence, Poſtchaiſe or other Carriage let to Hire, ſhall be left or remain in any Street, Lane, public Paſſage or Place, with or without Horſes, for any longer Time than ſhall be reaſonable and neceſſary for the taking up or ſetting down the Paſſengers, or of loading or unloading their Baggage; or if any Stone Horſe or Stallion ſhall be brought and exhibited in any of the Streets, Lanes, public Paſſages or Places of the ſaid Town, other than ſuch as may be appointed for that Purpoſe by the ſaid Commiſſioners; or if any Perſon or Perſons, by Night or by Day, ſhall permit or ſuffer any of his, her, or their Dog or Dogs, commonly called Maſtiff or Bull Dogs, or any other large Dogs whatever, for guarding of any Houſes or Yards, to ſtray, wander or go at large in any of the ſaid Streets, Lanes, public Paſſages or Places in the ſaid Town, unleſs ſuch Dog or Dogs ſhall be properly and ſecurely muzzled; or if any Perſon ſhall bait or cauſe to be baited any Bull, in the Manner called Bull Baiting, in any private Court or Yard, or in any of the Streets, Lanes, public Paſſages or other Place within the Townſhip of *Wolverhampton* aforeſaid; or if any Swine or other Beaſt ſhall be permitted to wander or be at large in any of the ſaid Streets, Lanes, public Paſſages or Places within the ſaid Town; or if any Iron ſhall be unloaded from any Waggon, Cart, or other Carriage, and thrown, laid, or placed, in any of the ſaid Streets, Lanes, public Paſſages or Places; or if any Timber, Bricks, Stones, Dung, Wood, Goods, Wares or Merchandize, or other Materials or Things, ſhall be laid or placed, and left to remain in any of the ſaid Streets, Lanes, public Paſſages or Places, for any longer Time than ſhall be neceſſary for moving or houſing the ſame; or if any Coals, Coke, broken Glaſs or Earthen Ware, Aſhes, Rubbiſh, Duſt, Dirt,

Dirt, Filth, or other Nuiſance or Annoyance, ſhall be thrown, caſt or laid upon any Cauſeway or Footpath in the ſaid Town, or ſhall be thrown, caſt or laid in any of the ſaid Streets, Lanes, public Paſſages or Places (except Aſhes or Sand in the Time of Froſt only, and to prevent Accidents), and ſuffered to remain for any longer Time than ſhall be neceſſary for removing the ſame; then and in every ſuch Caſe, the Owner or Driver of every ſuch Waggon, Cart, Sledge, Dray, Wheelbarrow, Hand Cart or other Carriage, ſo left as aforeſaid; and the Owner of any ſuch Stone Horſe or Stallion, Dog, Swine, or other Beaſt, Timber, or other Things, as aforeſaid; and the Perſon who ſhall ſo throw, caſt or lay any Iron, Coals, Coke, Dung, Filth, Aſhes, Rubbiſh, Duſt, Dirt, or other Nuiſance or Annoyance, ſhall forfeit and pay for every ſuch Offence any Sum not exceeding Five Pounds; and it ſhall be lawful for the ſaid Commiſſioners, or any Perſon or Perſons acting under or by their Direction, to impound any ſuch Waggon, Cart, Sledge, Dray, Coach, or other Carriage, Material or Thing, ſo left or remaining as aforeſaid, and alſo to confine any ſuch Swine or other Beaſt ſo wandering or being at large as aforeſaid, in the Common Pound, and the ſame to detain in ſuch Pound, until the ſaid Penalty, together with the Coſts and Charges of keeping and removing the ſame, ſhall be fully paid and ſatisfied; and if ſuch Penalty and Expences ſhall not be paid within Five Days after the ſame reſpectively ſhall be ſo impounded, it ſhall be lawful for ſuch Perſon or Perſons as ſhall be appointed by the ſaid Commiſſioners for that Purpoſe, to ſell and diſpoſe of the ſame, and the Overplus (if any) of the Money ariſing by ſuch Sale ſhall be paid to the Owner or Owners thereof reſpectively.

Hoards to be erected where Building Materials are depoſited.

XL. And be it further enacted, That if any Perſon or Perſons ſhall make or cauſe to be made any Mortar, or depoſit or cauſe to be depoſited any Bricks, Stones, Lime, Sand, or any other Materials for building or repairing any Houſe, Shop or other Building, or for any other Purpoſe whatſoever, or ſhall ſift, ſcreen, or ſlack, or cauſe to be ſifted, ſcreened, or ſlacked, any Lime, in any Street, Paſſage, or Place within the ſaid Town (except within a Hoard or Incloſure to be erected for that Purpoſe), he, ſhe, or they ſo offending ſhall for every ſuch Offence forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Five Pounds.

No new Buildings to be covered with Thatch.

XLI. And be it further enacted, That it ſhall not be lawful, from and after the paſſing of this Act, for any Perſon or Perſons to cover or cauſe to be covered any Houſe or other Building within any Part of the ſaid Town, in the Whole or in Part, with Thatch or Straw; and all and every Perſon or Perſons offending in ſuch reſpect ſhall forfeit and pay the Sum of Twenty Shillings for every Week ſuch Houſe or other Building ſhall continue with ſuch Covering of Thatch or Straw as aforeſaid.

Steam Engines to conſume their own Smoke.

XLII. And be it further enacted, That the Owners or Occupiers of all Engines, commonly called Steam Engines, hereafter to be erected, ſet up, or uſed in the ſaid Town of *Wolverhampton*, ſhall uſe the Mode or Method now adopted, or ſome other equally efficacious, to conſume and burn the Smoke ariſing therefrom, ſo as to prevent the ſame occaſioning any Nuiſance whatſoever; and if any Perſon or Perſons ſhall ſet up or uſe any ſuch Steam Engine, without burning or conſuming the Smoke upon the Principle aforeſaid, they ſhall forfeit and pay for every ſuch Neglect or Default Fifty Pounds, to be recovered by Action of Debt or on the Caſe in any of His Majeſty's Courts of Record at *Weſtminſter*.

XLIII. And

Markets may be removed, and other Market Places provided.

XLIII. And whereas it is desirable that the present Markets in the said Town, for the Sale of Cattle, Pigs, Butchers' Meat, Fish, Vegetables, Fruit, Earthenware, and other Articles and Commodities, should be removed, and other Places appropriated and set apart, more commodious and convenient for the Inhabitants of the said Town and Persons resorting to such Markets; be it therefore further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Commissioners, or any Seven or more of them, to contract and agree with any Person or Persons for the Purchase of any Piece or Parcel, Pieces or Parcels of Land or Ground, with or without Buildings, in or near to the said Town, to be appropriated and set apart as and for a public Market Place, and to erect and set up therein such Buildings, Stalls, Shambles, and other Conveniencies for Persons resorting thereto, as they may think necessary and proper; and when and as soon as such public Market Place shall have been provided and opened, the same shall be the Place wherein the Markets for the said Town of *Wolverhampton* shall for the future be held and kept; and it shall not be lawful for any Person or Persons thenceforth to sell and expose to Sale any Cattle, Pigs, Butchers' Meat, Fish, Vegetables, Fruit, Earthenware or other Articles and Commodities, in any of the Streets, Lanes, public Passages or other Places heretofore used as Market Places in the said Town, other than those which may be appointed by the said Commissioners; and every Person so selling or exposing to Sale any Cattle or Things herein-before mentioned, in any of the Streets, Lanes, public Passages and Places of the said Town, not appropriated by the Commissioners for that Purpose, shall, on Conviction before any one Justice of the Peace for the said County, forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Five Pounds for every such Offence: Provided always, that nothing in this Act contained shall hinder or prevent any Person or Persons from buying or selling Corn or Grain in such Part of the present Market Place as the said Commissioners shall from Time to Time appoint for those Purposes.

Power to purchase the Markets.

XLIV. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Commissioners, or any Seven or more of them, and they are hereby authorized and empowered, to contract, treat, and agree with any Person or Persons interested in or entitled unto any Tolls, Taxes, and other Rights and Privileges, incident to or belonging to him or them in right or in respect of the Markets now held in the said Town, and for such Person or Persons to sell and convey the same accordingly; and the Costs, Charges, and Expences attending such Purchases and Conveyances shall be defrayed out of the Rates and Assessments to be raised and collected by virtue of this Act; and from and after all such Purchases and Conveyances, all such Tolls, Taxes, and other Rights and Privileges, in respect of the Markets now held in the said Town, shall cease and determine; and the Markets to be established by virtue of this Act shall be free and open Markets for all Persons whomsoever, subject to the Regulations and Restrictions in this Act contained.

Tolls to cease if purchased.

If Commissioners cannot agree for the Purchase of Tolls, &c. the same to continue payable as heretofore.

XLV. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That in case the said Commissioners shall not so agree for the Purchase of such Tolls, Taxes, and other Rights and Privileges, then such Tolls, Taxes, Stallage, Pennage, Picage Duties and Emoluments, shall be paid and payable in such and the like Manner as if all such Markets were held in the same Places as they

they were held before the passing of this Act; or as the same would have been paid and payable if this Act had not been passed.

Commissioners may make Bye Laws and Regulations for Markets.

XLVI. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Commissioners from Time to Time to direct and appoint what particular and respective Parts of the said Market Place shall be occupied and made Use of for exposing to Sale any particular Commodities, Matters, and Things therein, and to direct the Order and Arrangement thereof; and also from Time to Time to make, constitute, provide and ordain such Rules, Orders and Bye Laws, for the better Regulation and Government of the said Markets, and for preventing unwholesome Provisions being sold, or offered, or exposed to sale therein, and deficient Weights and Measures being used, and for preventing Horses and Carriages travelling or going through the said Market Place or remaining there, or any other Nuisances or Obstructions therein, or in the Approaches to the same, during the Times of holding the Market; and all such other Regulations touching the said Markets (not repugnant to any Thing in this Act contained, or contrary to any Law or Statute of that Part of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland* called *England*) as the said Commissioners shall deem expedient, and with such Penalty for disobeying the same, not exceeding Five Pounds for any One Offence, as they shall think fit; and also to fix and ascertain the Time or Times at which all or any Goods, Articles, Wares or Commodities, shall respectively begin to be offered or exposed to Sale therein, and how long the same shall continue exposed to Sale; and the said Commissioners shall cause the Time and Times of beginning and concluding every Market to be announced, either by the Ringing of a Bell or otherwise, as they shall think proper; and from Time to Time to alter, vary, revoke or make void any such Rules, Orders, Regulations and Bye Laws, which Rules, Orders, Regulations and Bye Laws, so as aforesaid to be from Time to Time made, shall be printed or written, or painted in legible Characters, and affixed on some conspicuous Place in the said Market Place, and shall be valid and effectual to all Intents and Purposes: Provided always, that all such Rules, Orders, Regulations and Bye Laws, and all Convictions for any Penalties or Forfeitures imposed by virtue thereof, shall be liable to appeal to the Justices assembled at the next General Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the said County, in like Manner as is herein-after provided or mentioned with respect to any other Matter of Appeal; but no such Rules, Orders, Regulations and Bye Laws, shall have any Force until Fourteen Days after the same shall have been fairly written out or printed, or painted in legible Characters, and set up or fixed in some conspicuous Place within the said Market Place.

Power to appoint a Weighing Place, and to have Weights, &c. for weighing Articles.

XLVII. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Commissioners to erect and appoint a public Weighing House or Place at, in, or near the said Market Place, for weighing and measuring such Meat, Goods, Articles and Things, as shall be bought or sold by Weight or Measure in the said Market, and to keep good and sufficient Standard Weights, Scales, and Measures, and to appoint the Clerk or Clerks of the same Market, or some other Person or Persons, to attend the same on every Market Day; and that all and every the Person or Persons selling Meat or other Things by Weight or Measure in the same Market, shall weigh and measure the same in or by the said Weights, Measures or Scales

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as aforesaid, if required by the Buyer or Buyers thereof to be so weighed or measured; and that in case any Person or Persons shall refuse to weigh and measure as aforesaid, he, she, or they shall forfeit and pay for every such Offence any Sum not exceeding Five Pounds.

Inspector to seize unwholesome Meat, and false Measures.

XLVIII. And be it further enacted, That the Person or Persons to be appointed by the said Commissioners, as Inspector or Inspectors of Provisions and of Weights and Measures in the said Market, shall and may, and is and are hereby authorized and required, to seize and publicly destroy all unwholesome Flesh Meat which shall be brought into or offered for Sale in the said Market, and all false and deficient Weights and Measures which shall be used or found therein.

Not to prevent Persons from selling in their Houses or Shops.

XLIX. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That nothing herein contained shall extend, or be construed to extend, to prevent or hinder any Person from selling or exposing to Sale any marketable Goods, Commodities, Articles, Matters or Things whatsoever, in his or her own private Dwelling House, or in his or her own Shop or Premises, in any Part of the said Town.

For making new Streets, and widening and improving certain Parts of the Town.

L. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Commissioners to take down, remove, use and appropriate, the several Buildings, Lands, Tenements and Hereditaments, in the Schedule to this Act particularly mentioned and described, for the Purpose of opening and making the several new Streets and Communications in the said Town, as well as for widening and improving the several Streets, Ways, Passages and Places already made, in the Manner particularly mentioned and described in the said Schedule, making Compensation for the said several Buildings, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, to the several Persons interested therein, in the Manner herein-after directed; and if it shall appear to the said Commissioners that any other Buildings, Lands, Tenements or Hereditaments, or any Part thereof, project into or obstruct any Passage of the Streets, Ways, Lanes, public Passages or Places within the Town of *Wolverhampton* aforesaid, or that by taking down the same or any Part thereof, or by the taking in of any Piece or Parcel of Ground, the said Streets, Ways, Lanes, and other public Passages, or the Entrances thereto, may be widened and improved, it shall be lawful for the said Commissioners, or any Seven or more of them, in pursuance of an Order made at a public Meeting to be held for that Purpose, of which Ten Days Notice at least shall be given in Writing, and affixed upon One of the Doors of the Parish Church of *Wolverhampton* aforesaid, or upon some other public Place or Places within the said Town of *Wolverhampton*, and shall also be inserted in the Newspaper called *The Wolverhampton Chronicle*, or in some other Newspaper printed or circulated in the said Town, to treat and agree with any Person or Persons, Bodies Politic or Corporate, Corporations Aggregate or Sole, Trustees, Feoffees, Guardians, Committees, Executors, Administrators, or any other Persons whomsoever, for the Purchase of such Buildings, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, which it shall be so thought necessary to take down or reduce, so as to render the Streets, Ways, Lanes, and other public Passages, more commodious, and to purchase the same for such Sum or Sums of Money as shall be agreed upon by the said Commissioners, or any Seven or more of them, and the

Perſons intereſted therein, and to pay ſuch Sum or Sums out of the Money to ariſe by the Rates and Aſſeſſments herein-after directed to be levied; and upon Payment or Tender of ſuch Purchaſe Money to the Parties or Perſons entitled thereto, or upon depoſiting the ſame in the Bank of *England* in Manner by this Act directed, it ſhall be lawful for the ſaid Commiſſioners, and all Perſons by them employed, to enter upon and take down ſuch Buildings, and lay the Scites thereof, and alſo ſuch Pieces or or Parcels of Ground ſo to be purchaſed, as they the ſaid Commiſſioners ſhall think proper, into the ſaid Streets, Ways, Lanes, or other public Paſſages: Provided nevertheleſs, that it ſhall not be lawful for the ſaid Commiſſioners to purchaſe or take down any Houſes, Buildings or Tenements, under or by virtue of this Act, unleſs with the Conſent in Writing of the Owners and Proprietors thereof; except ſuch as are ſet forth and deſcribed in the Schedule hereunto annexed.

Miſnomer or wrong Deſcription in the Schedule not to prevent the Execution of the Act.

LI. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That if any of the Meſſuages, Buildings, Grounds, Hereditaments and Premiſes, mentioned and deſcribed in the Schedule to this Act annexed, or any of the Perſons in whoſe Poſſeſſion or Occupation the ſame or any Part thereof is or are ſtated or deſcribed to be, ſhall happen to be miſnamed, omitted or inaccurately deſcribed, and it ſhall appear to any Two or more Juſtices of the Peace for the ſaid County of *Stafford*, and be certified by Writing under their Hands, that ſuch Error or Omiſſion proceeded from Miſtake, or was not wilful, ſuch Miſnomer, Omiſſion or inaccurate Deſcription ſhall not prevent or retard the Execution of this Act; but the ſame Premiſes and every Part thereof ſhall and may be purchaſed and ſold, or aſſeſſed and valued by a Jury, and conveyed, diſpoſed of, and applied to and for the Purpoſes of this Act, as fully and effectually as if the ſame were more properly named or deſcribed in the ſaid Schedule.

When Houſes or other Buildings projecting into any Street are taken down to be rebuilt, the Commiſſioners may order the ſame to be ſet back.

LII. And be it further enacted, That whenever any Houſe or other Building ſtanding in any Street, Lane, Way or Paſſages, within the ſaid Town, and projecting beyond the regular Line of ſuch Street, Lane, Way or Paſſages, or of the range of Buildings adjoining thereto, ſhall be taken down and rebuilt, it ſhall be lawful for the ſaid Commiſſioners, if they think proper, to require and compel the Owner or Owners thereof when the ſame ſhall be rebuilt, to cauſe ſuch Houſe or other Building to be ſet back, in and according to ſuch regular Line as aforeſaid, and to give ſuch Directions, and make ſuch Orders in Writing under their Hands for that Purpoſe, as the ſaid Commiſſioners ſhall think proper, and to cauſe the ſame to be delivered to, or left at the Houſe or laſt or uſual Place of Abode of ſuch Owner or Owners, ſome or One of them; and if any Houſe or other Building ſhall be built or erected contrary to ſuch Directions and Orders, the ſame ſhall be and be deemed to be an Encroachment, Nuiſance and Annoyance within the Intent and Meaning of this Act, and be removed or removable as ſuch: Provided always nevertheleſs, that full Recompence and Satisfaction ſhall be made to the Owner or Owners of, and all Perſons intereſted in the Premiſes, for any Loſs or Damage he, ſhe, or they may ſuſtain by ſuch Houſe or other Building being ſo ſet back; and all the Powers, Proviſions, and Clauſes contained in this Act, with reſpect to the Houſes or other Buildings hereby particularly authorized to be taken down, ſhall extend and apply and be applicable to any Houſe or Building ſo to be ſet back as aforeſaid, and to making Compenſation

penſation and Satisfaction to the Owner or Owners thereof, and Perſons intereſted therein.

When any new Street is made or extended, the Owners of the Premiſes adjoining to cauſe the ſame to be paved.

LIII. And be it further enacted, That whenever any new Street within the ſaid Town ſhall be laid out and formed, or any Street ſhall be at any Time extended, the Owners and Proprietors of the Houſes, Buildings and Premiſes adjoining to ſuch Street or Extenſion of Street, when and ſo ſoon as Three Fourth Parts thereof ſhall be built, ſhall and they are hereby required to cauſe the Square of their Houſes, Buildings or Premiſes, as far as the Centre of ſuch new or extended Street, both in the Carriage and Footway, to be paved in ſuch Manner as the ſaid Commiſſioners ſhall direct; and all ſuch Houſes, Buildings, or Premiſes, and the Owners and Occupiers thereof reſpectively, ſhall, for the Space of Ten Years from the Time ſuch Pavement ſhall be completed, be exempted from being charged or aſſeſſed to, or paying any of the Rates or Aſſeſſments, commonly called Highway Levies, within the ſaid Town, for or in reſpect of the ſaid Streets or Pavements in the ſame Town.

Enabling incapacitated Perſons to treat with the Commiſſioners, and to ſell Lands, &c.

LIV. And be it further enacted, That it ſhall and may be lawful for all Bodies Politic, Corporate or Collegiate, Corporations Aggregate or Sole, and all Feoffees in Truſt, Executors, or Adminiſtrators, Huſbands, Guardians, Committees for Lunatics and Idiots, or other Truſtees whomſoever, not only for and on Behalf of themſelves, their Heirs and Succeſſors, but alſo for and on Behalf of their Ceſtuique Truſts, whether Infants or Iſſue unborn, Lunatics, Idiots, or Femes Covert, and to and for all Femes Covert, who are and ſhall be ſeized in their own Right, and to and for all and every Perſon and Perſons whomſoever who are or ſhall be ſeiſed in their own Right, or poſſeſſed of or intereſted in ſuch Houſes, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments or any Part thereof, which ſhall be thought neceſſary to be purchaſed for the Purpoſes aforeſaid, or for any other of the Purpoſes of this Act, to treat, contract or agree with the ſaid Commiſſioners for the Sale thereof or any Part thereof, and to ſell and convey all or any Part thereof, and all his, her, or their Eſtate, Right, Title and Intereſt whatſoever, of, in, or to the ſame, unto the ſaid Commiſſioners, or to ſuch Perſons and their Heirs for ever, as the ſaid Commiſſioners ſhall direct, in Truſt, for them the ſaid Commiſſioners, for any of the Purpoſes of this Act; and that all Contracts, Agreements, Bargains, Sales and Conveyances, which ſhall be ſo made by virtue and in purſuance of this Act, ſhall without any Fine or Fines, Recovery or Recoveries, or other Conveyances and Aſſurances in the Law whatſoever, be good, valid and effectual to all Intents, not only to convey the Eſtate and Intereſt of the Perſon or Perſons conveying, but alſo to convey all Right, Eſtate, Intereſt, Uſe, Property, Claim, and Demand whatſoever of their ſaid ſeveral reſpective Ceſtuique Truſts, and all claiming or to claim by, from or under them, any Law, Statute, Uſage or any other Matter or Thing whatſoever, to the contrary thereof in anywiſe notwithſtanding; and all Bodies Politic, Corporate, or Collegiate, Corporations Aggregate and Sole, Feoffees in Truſt, Executors, Adminiſtrators, Huſbands, Guardians, Committees, Truſtees, and all other Perſons, are and ſhall be hereby indemnified for what they ſhall do by virtue and in purſuance of this Act.

For ſummoning Juries.

LV. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That if any ſuch Perſon or Perſons, Bodies Politic or Corporate, Corporations Aggregate or Sole,

Sole, Truſtees, Feoffees, Guardians, Committees, Executors, Adminiſtrators, or any other Perſon or Perſons, anywiſe intereſted in any of the Dwelling Houſes or other Buildings, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, mentioned in the Schedule to this Act (upon Notice to him or them given, or left in Writing at the Dwelling Houſe or Houſes or Place or Places of Abode of ſuch Perſon or Perſons, or of the Principal or Head Officer or Officers of ſuch Bodies Politic or Corporate, or Corporations, or at the Houſe of the Tenant in Poſſeſſion of ſuch Dwelling Houſes or other Buildings, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, intended to be purchaſed and taken down as aforeſaid) ſhall, for the Space of Twenty Days after ſuch Notice given or left as aforeſaid, neglect or refuſe to treat for the Sale of the ſaid Premiſes, or by reaſon of Abſence ſhall be prevented from treating, then and in every ſuch Caſe, the ſaid Commiſſioners ſhall cauſe the Value of and Recompence to be made for ſuch Dwelling Houſe or other Buildings, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, to be enquired into and aſcertained by a Jury of Twelve indifferent Men of the ſaid County of *Stafford*; and for the ſummoning and returning ſuch Jury, the ſaid Commiſſioners are hereby empowered from Time to Time to iſſue out their Warrant or Warrants to the Sheriff of the ſaid County, thereby commanding and requiring him to impannel, ſummon, and return an indifferent Jury of Twenty-four Perſons qualified to ſerve upon Juries at Aſſizes, to appear before the ſaid Commiſſioners at ſuch Time and Place as in ſuch Warrant or Warrants ſhall be appointed; and the ſaid Sheriff, or his Deputy or Deputies, is and are hereby required to impannel, ſummon, and return ſuch Number accordingly, to attend at the Time and Place ſo appointed; and out of the Perſons ſo impannelled, ſummoned, and returned, or out of ſuch of them as ſhall appear upon ſuch Summons, the ſaid Commiſſioners are hereby empowered to ſwear Twelve, to be the Jury for the Purpoſes aforeſaid; and in default of a ſufficient Number of Jurymen, the ſaid Sheriff or his Deputy or Deputies ſhall return other honeſt and indifferent Men of the Standers-by, or that can be ſpeedily procured to attend that Service, to the Number of Twelve; and all Perſons concerned ſhall have their lawful Challenges againſt any of the ſaid Jurymen when they come to be ſworn, but ſhall not challenge the Array; and the ſaid Commiſſioners are alſo hereby required and empowered from Time to Time, as Occaſion ſhall be or require, to ſummon and call before the ſaid Jury, and examine upon Oath (which Oath any One or more of the ſaid Commiſſioners are hereby empowered to adminiſter) all and every Perſon and Perſons who ſhall be thought neceſſary and proper to be examined as a Witneſs or Witneſſes, touching or concerning the Premiſes; and they ſhall alſo order and cauſe the ſaid Jury to view the Places in Queſtion, if there be Occaſion, and uſe all lawful Ways and Means, as well for their own as for the ſaid Jury's better Information in the Premiſes, as the ſaid Commiſſioners ſhall think fit; and the ſaid Jury ſhall aſſeſs the Damages and Recompence to be given for the ſaid Dwelling Houſes or other Buildings, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, to the reſpective Owner or Owners thereof, according to their reſpective Intereſts therein, and ſhall give in their Verdict thereupon; and after the ſaid Jury ſhall have enquired of and aſſeſſed ſuch Damage, and given in their Verdict, the ſaid Commiſſioners ſhall thereupon order, adjudge, and determine the Sum or Sums of Money ſo aſſeſſed by the ſaid Jury, to be paid to the Perſon or Perſons intereſted in the ſaid Dwelling Houſes or other Buildings, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, according to ſuch Verdict or Inquiſition of the ſaid Jury; which

said Verdict or Inquisition of the said Jury, and the Judgment, Order, or Determination thereupon so had and made, shall be final, binding, and conclusive, to all Intents and Purposes, against all Infants, Issue unborn, Idiots, Lunatics, Femes Covert, Bodies Politic or Corporate, Corporations Aggregate or Sole, Trustees, Feoffees, Guardians, Committees, as well absent as present, claiming in Possession, Reversion, Remainder or Expectancy, or otherwise, and against their several and respective Heirs, Successors, Executors, or Administrators, and against all other Person or Persons whomsoever; and every Verdict and Judgment thereupon shall be fairly entered and kept amongst the Records of the Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the said County of *Stafford*, and the same or true Copies thereof shall be admitted, received and taken as Evidence and Proof in all Courts of Law or Equity and all Places whatsoever; and all Persons shall have recourse to them gratis, and may take Copies thereof, paying Sixpence for every Seventy-two Words, and so in Proportion for any less Number of Words; and the said Commissioners acting in the Premises, shall have Power from Time to Time to impose any reasonable Fine or Fines on such Sheriff or his Deputy, Bailiffs or Agents, making default in the Premises; and on any of the Persons who shall be summoned and returned on such Jury, and shall not appear, without some sufficient Excuse, or who shall refuse to be sworn on the said Jury, or being so sworn shall refuse to give or shall not join in giving his Verdict, or shall in any other Manner wilfully neglect his Duty therein, contrary to the true Intent and Meaning of this Act; and on any Person or Persons, who, being summoned to give Evidence before the said Jury touching the Premises, shall refuse or neglect to appear, after having been paid or tendered a reasonable Sum for his, her, or their Costs, Charges, and Expences, without some sufficient Excuse, or appearing shall refuse to be sworn and give Evidence; so as such Fine, to be imposed on any Sheriff or his Deputy, Bailiff or Agent, shall not exceed the Sum of Fifty Pounds for one Offence; and so as such Fine to be imposed on any Juryman or Witness, shall not exceed the Sum of Five Pounds for one Offence.

Payment of the Costs of summoning a Jury.

LVI. And be it further enacted, That in case any such Jury shall give in or deliver a Verdict for more Money, as a Recompence or Satisfaction for such Damages, than shall have been offered or tendered by the said Commissioners before the summoning or returning of such Jury, then the Costs and Expences of summoning and maintaining such Jury and Witnesses shall be borne and paid by the said Commissioners out of the Money arising by virtue of this Act; but if any such Jury shall give in and deliver a Verdict for no more or for less Money, as a Recompence or Satisfaction for such Damages, than shall have been offered or tendered by the said Commissioners before the summoning or returning of the said Jury or Juries, then the Costs and Expences of summoning and maintaining such Jury and Witnesses shall be borne and paid by the Person or Persons with whom the said Commissioners shall have had any Controversy or Dispute, and shall be recovered in the same Manner as any Penalties and Forfeitures are hereinafter directed to be recovered; and in Cases where Parties by reason of Absence shall have been prevented from treating, such Costs and Expences shall be paid by the said Commissioners.

Lessees for Premises purchased, to give up Possession thereof.

LVII. And be it further enacted, That every Lessee or Tenant for Years or at Will, and every other Person, in Possession of any Buildings, Lands, Tenements, or other Hereditaments which shall be purchased by virtue and

and for the Purpoſes of this Act, ſhall deliver up the Poſſeſſion of ſuch Premiſes to the ſaid Commiſſioners, or to ſuch Perſon or Perſons as they ſhall appoint to take Poſſeſſion of the ſame, upon having Twenty-eight Days Notice from the ſaid Commiſſioners, or the Perſon or Perſons ſo appointed by them, to quit the ſame at ſuch Time or Times as ſhall be required by ſuch Notice, they the ſaid Commiſſioners making ſuch Satisfaction and Compenſation to every ſuch Tenant or Leſſee as aforeſaid, in caſe he or ſhe ſhall be required to quit before the Expiration of his or their Term in the Premiſes, as the ſaid Commiſſioners ſhall deem juſt and reaſonable; and in caſe any Diſpute or Difference ſhall ariſe touching or concerning the ſame, ſuch Satisfaction and Compenſation ſhall be ſettled and aſcertained by a Jury, in ſuch and the like Manner as the Satisfaction and Compenſation to be made by the ſaid Commiſſioners for the Purchaſe of any Buildings, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, is and are herein directed to be ſettled and aſcertained, in caſe of any Difference or Diſpute about the ſame; and ſuch Perſon or Perſons in Poſſeſſion ſhall, at ſuch Time or Times as he, ſhe, or they may be required by the ſaid Commiſſioners, peaceably and quietly deliver up the Poſſeſſion of the ſaid Premiſes to the ſaid Commiſſioners, or to the Perſon or Perſons authorized by them to take Poſſeſſion thereof; and if any ſuch Perſon or Perſons ſo in Poſſeſſion as aforeſaid, ſhall refuſe to deliver up ſuch Poſſeſſion, then and in every ſuch Caſe it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the ſaid Commiſſioners to iſſue their Precept or Precepts to the Sheriff of the ſaid County of *Stafford*, to deliver Poſſeſſion of the Premiſes to ſuch Perſon or Perſons as ſhall in ſuch Precept or Precepts be nominated to receive the ſame; and the ſaid Sheriff is hereby required to deliver Poſſeſſion of the ſaid Premiſes accordingly, and to levy ſuch Coſts as ſhall accrue from the iſſuing or Execution of ſuch Precept or Precepts, on the Perſon or Perſons ſo refuſing to deliver up Poſſeſſion as aforeſaid, by Diſtreſs and Sale of his, her, or their Goods and Chattels.

Surrender of Eſtates of incapacitated Perſons deemed ſufficient to convey the ſame.

LVIII. And be it further enacted, That the Surrender or Conveyance of any Eſtate or Intereſt of any Feme Covert, to any Seven or more of the ſaid Commiſſioners, or to any Perſon or Perſons in Truſt for them, for the Purpoſes of this Act, by Indenture or Indentures of Bargain and Sale, ſealed and delivered by ſuch Feme Covert in the Preſence of and atteſted by Two credible Witneſſes, and to be duly inrolled in His Majeſty's High Court of Chancery within Six Calendar Months next after the making thereof, ſhall as effectually and abſolutely convey the Eſtate and Intereſt of ſuch Feme Covert in ſuch Premiſes, as any Fine or Fines, Recovery or Recoveries, would or could do, if levied or ſuffered thereof in due Form of Law; and further, that all Bargains and Sales whatſoever to be made of any ſuch Buildings, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, as ſhall be purchaſed by the ſaid Commiſſioners by virtue and for the Purpoſes of this Act, and inrolled as aforeſaid, ſhall have the like Force, Effect, and Operation in Law, to all Intents and Purpoſes, as any Fine or Fines, Recovery or Recoveries whatſoever, would have had if levied or ſuffered by the Bargainor or Bargainors, or any Perſon or Perſons ſeized of any Eſtate in the Premiſes in Truſt for ſuch Bargainor or Bargainors, in any Manner or Form whatſoever.

Satisfaction for Damage done in the Execution of this Act.

LIX. And be it further enacted, That if any Perſon or Perſons whomſoever ſhall ſuſtain any Damage in his, her, or their Lands, Tenements, or other Hereditaments, by reaſon of the Execution of any of the Powers given

given by this Act, then and in every such Case, Satisfaction and Compensation shall be made by the said Commissioners to such Persons respectively, out of the Monies to be raised by virtue of this Act; and in case of any Difference or Dispute between such respective Persons and the said Commissioners, respecting the Amount of such Damages, such Damages shall be settled and ascertained by a Jury, in such and the like Manner as any Sum or Sums of Money to be paid by the said Commissioners for the Purchase of any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, is and are herein directed to be settled and ascertained in case of any Difference or Dispute about the same; and the same shall be recovered, levied, and applied in such and the like Manner.

Sites of Premises purchased to be laid open as Parts of the Highways.

LX. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Commissioners to cause all and every the Buildings, Erections, Projections, and Encroachments, which shall at any Time be purchased under the Powers and for the Purposes of this Act, or of any of them, or any Part of them, to be appropriated to the Purposes of this Act or otherwise, to be taken down, and to cause so much of the Sites thereof, and of any other Lands to be purchased under the Powers and for the Purposes of this Act, to be added to or laid into the Streets, Ways, Lanes, or other public Passages or Places, or to be formed and made into any new Streets, Ways, Lanes, or public Passages or Places, for the Purpose of making Communications between any of the present Streets, Ways, Lanes, or other public Passages or Places, in such Manner as the said Commissioners shall judge proper; and the Land so added to or laid into the respective Streets, Ways, Lanes, or other public Passages or Places respectively, shall for ever afterwards be deemed Part thereof; and the same, and also such as shall be formed into any new Street, Way, Lane, or other public Passage or Place as aforesaid, shall be used as common public Highways.

For Sale of Parts of purchased Premises not wanted by the Commissioners.

LXI. And whereas some Part or Parts of the said Buildings, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, to be so purchased, taken, or used, for the Purposes of this Act, may happen to be more than will be necessary or wanted for the Purposes of this Act; be it therefore further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Commissioners, or any Seven or more of them, and they are hereby authorized and empowered to sell or dispose of, and to convey or cause to be sold or disposed of and conveyed, such Part or Parts of the said Buildings, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, to any Person or Persons willing to contract, agree for, or purchase the same, and the Money arising therefrom shall be paid and applied for the Purposes of this Act.

First Offer to whom to be made.

LXII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That in case the said Commissioners shall think proper to sell or dispose of any of the same Buildings, Lands, Tenements or Hereditaments, as may not be necessary to be made Use of for the Purposes of this Act, they shall first offer the same for Sale to the Person or Persons from whom the same shall have been purchased; and if such Person or Persons shall then and thereupon refuse or shall not agree (except with respect to or on account of the Price thereof) to purchase the same respectively, an Affidavit to be made and sworn before a Master or Master Extraordinary in the High Court of Chancery, or before Two of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the said County of *Stafford* (who are hereby respectively empowered to take such Affidavit) by some Person or Persons no way interested in the said Buildings, Lands, Tenements,

nements, or Hereditaments, ſtating that ſuch Offer was made by or on the Behalf of the ſaid Commiſſioners, or that ſuch Offer was then and there refuſed or was not agreed to by the Perſon or Perſons to whom the ſame was made, ſhall in all Courts whatſoever be ſufficient Evidence and Proof that ſuch Offer was made, and was refuſed or not agreed to by the Perſon or Perſons to whom ſuch Offer was made (as the Caſe may be); and in caſe ſuch Perſon or Perſons ſhall be deſirous of purchaſing ſuch Buildings, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, and he, ſhe, or they and the ſaid Commiſſioners ſhall differ or not agree with reſpect to the Price thereof, then the Price or Prices thereof ſhall be ſettled and aſcertained by a Jury, in ſuch and the like Manner as any Sum or Sums of Money to be paid by the ſaid Commiſſioners for the Purchaſe of any Buildings, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, is and are herein directed to be ſettled and aſcertained in caſe of any Difference or Diſpute about the ſame; and the ſame ſhall be recovered, levied, and applied, in ſuch and the like Manner.

Application of Compenſation where amounting to 200l.

LXIII. And be it further enacted, That if any Money ſhall be agreed or awarded to be paid for any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments purchaſed, taken, or uſed by virtue of the Powers of this Act for the Purpoſes thereof, which ſhall belong to any Corporation, Feme Covert, Infant, Lunatic, or Perſon or Perſons under any Diſability or Incapacity as aforeſaid, ſuch Money ſhall, in caſe the ſame ſhall amount to or exceed the Sum of Two hundred Pounds, with all convenient Speed be paid into the Bank of *England*, in the Name and with the Privity of the Accountant General of the High Court of Chancery, to be placed to his Account *ex parte* the Commiſſioners for executing this Act, purſuant to the Method preſcribed by the Act of the Twelfth Year of His late Majeſty King *George* the Firſt, Chapter Thirty-two, and the General Orders of the ſaid Court, and without Fee or Reward, to the Intent that ſuch Money ſhall be applied, under the Direction and with the Approbation of the ſaid Court, to be ſignified by an Order made upon a Petition to be preferred in a ſummary Way by the Perſon or Perſons who would have been entitled to the Rents and Profits of the ſaid Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, in the Purchaſe of the Land Tax, or towards the Diſcharge of any Debt or Debts, or ſuch other Incumbrances or Part thereof, as the ſaid Court ſhall authorize to be paid, affecting the ſame Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, or affecting any other Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments ſtanding ſettled therewith to the ſame or the like Uſes, Truſts, Intents, or Purpoſes; or where ſuch Money ſhall not be ſo applied, then the ſame may be laid out and inveſted, under the like Direction and Approbation of the ſaid Court, in the Purchaſe of other Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, which ſhall be conveyed and ſettled to, for, and upon ſuch and the like Uſes, Truſts, Intents, and Purpoſes, and in the ſame Manner as the Meſſuages, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments which ſhall be ſo purchaſed, taken, or uſed as aforeſaid, ſtood ſettled or limited, or ſuch of them as at the Time of making the Conveyance and Settlement ſhall be exiſting, undetermined and capable of taking Effect; and in the mean Time and until ſuch Purchaſe ſhall be made, the ſaid Money ſhall by Order of the ſaid Court of Chancery, upon Application thereto, be inveſted by the ſaid Accountant General, in his Name, in the Purchaſe of Three Pounds *per Centum* Conſolidated, or Three Pounds *per Centum* Reduced Bank Annuities; and in the mean Time and until the ſaid Bank Annuities ſhall be ordered by the ſaid

Court to be ſold for the Purpoſes aforeſaid the Dividends and Annual Produce of the ſaid Conſolidated or Reduced Bank Annuities ſhall from Time to Time be paid, by Order of the ſaid Court, to the Perſon or Perſons who would for the Time being have been entitled to the Rents and Profits of the Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments ſo hereby directed to be purchaſed in caſe ſuch Purchaſe or Settlement were made.

Application of Purchaſe Money under 200l. and above 20l.

LXIV. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That if any Money ſo agreed or awarded to be paid for any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments purchaſed, taken, or uſed for the Purpoſes aforeſaid, and belonging to any Corporation, or to any Perſon or Perſons under any Diſability or Incapacity as aforeſaid, ſhall be leſs than the Sum of Two hundred Pounds, and ſhall exceed the Sum of Twenty Pounds, then and in all ſuch Caſes the ſame ſhall, at the Option of the Perſon or Perſons for the Time being entitled to the Rents and Profits of the Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments ſo purchaſed, taken, or uſed, or of his, her, or their Guardian or Guardians, Committee or Committees, in caſe of Infancy or Lunacy, to be ſignified in Writing under their reſpective Hands, be paid into the Bank in the Name and with the Privity of the ſaid Accountant General of the High Court of Chancery, to be placed to his Account as aforeſaid, in order to be applied in Manner herein-before directed, or otherwiſe the ſame ſhall be paid at the like Option to Two Truſtees to be nominated by the Perſon or Perſons making ſuch Option, and approved of by Seven or more of the ſaid Commiſſioners for executing this Act, (ſuch Nomination and Approbation to be ſignified in Writing under the Hands of the nominating and approving Parties) in order that ſuch Principal Money and the Dividends ariſing thereon, may be applied in any Manner herein-before directed, ſo far as the Caſe be applicable, without obtaining or being required to obtain the Direction or Approbation of the ſaid Court of Chancery.

Application where not more than 20l.

LXV. Provided alſo, and be it further enacted, That when ſuch Money ſo agreed or awarded to be paid as laſt before mentioned ſhall not exceed Twenty Pounds, then and in all ſuch Caſes the ſame ſhall be applied to the Uſe of the Perſon or Perſons who would for the Time being have been entitled to the Rents and Profits of the Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments ſo purchaſed, taken, or uſed for the Purpoſes of this Act, in ſuch Manner as the ſaid Commiſſioners, or any Seven or more of them, ſhall think fit; or in caſe of Infancy or Lunacy, then to his, her, or their Guardian or Guardians, Committee or Committees, to and for the Uſe and Benefit of ſuch Perſon or Perſons ſo entitled reſpectively.

In caſe of not making out Titles, or if Perſons cannot be found, Purchaſe Money to be paid into the Bank.

LXVI. And be it further enacted, That in caſe the Perſon or Perſons to whom any Sum or Sums of Money ſhall be awarded for the Purchaſe of any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments to be purchaſed by virtue of this Act, ſhall refuſe to accept the ſame, or ſhall not be able to make a good Title to the Premiſes, to the Satisfaction of the ſaid Commiſſioners, or any Seven or more of them; or in caſe ſuch Perſon or Perſons, to whom ſuch Sum or Sums of Money ſhall be ſo awarded as aforeſaid, cannot be found; or if the Perſon or Perſons entitled to ſuch Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments be not known or diſcovered; then and in every ſuch Caſe it ſhall be lawful for the ſaid Commiſſioners, or any Seven

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or more of them, to order the ſaid Sum or Sums of Money ſo awarded as aforeſaid, to be paid into the Bank of *England*, in the Name and with the Privity of the Accountant General of the ſaid Court of Chancery, to be placed to his Account to the Credit of the Parties intereſted in the ſaid Lands or Hereditaments [*deſcribing them*] ſubject to the Order, Controul, and Diſpoſition of the ſaid Court of Chancery; which ſaid Court, on the Application of any Perſon or Perſons making Claim to ſuch Sum or Sums of Money, or any Part thereof, by Motion or Petition, ſhall be and is hereby empowered in a ſummary Way of Proceeding, or otherwiſe, as to the ſame Court ſhall ſeem meet, to order the ſame to be laid out and inveſted in the Public Funds, and to order Diſtribution thereof, or Payment of the Dividends thereof, according to the reſpective Eſtate or Eſtates, Title or Intereſt, of the Perſon or Perſons making Claim thereunto, and to make ſuch other Order in the Premiſes as to the ſaid Court ſhall ſeem juſt and reaſonable; and the Caſhier or Caſhiers of the Bank of *England* who ſhall receive ſuch Sum or Sums of Money, is and are hereby required to give a Receipt or Receipts for ſuch Sum or Sums of Money, mentioning and ſpecifying for what and for whoſe Uſe the ſame is or are received, to ſuch Perſon or Perſons as ſhall pay any ſuch Sum or Sums of Money into the Bank as aforeſaid.

Reſpecting diſputed Titles.

LXVII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That where any Queſtion ſhall ariſe touching the Title of any Perſon to any Money to be paid into the Bank of *England* in the Name and with the Privity of the Accountant General of the ſaid Court of Chancery, in purſuance of this Act, for the Purchaſe of any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, or of any Eſtate, Right, or Intereſt in any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments to be purchaſed in purſuance thereof, or to any Bank Annuities to be purchaſed with any ſuch Money, or to the Dividends or Intereſts of any ſuch Bank Annuities, the Perſon or Perſons who ſhall have been in Poſſeſſion of ſuch Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments at the Time of ſuch Purchaſe, and all Perſons claiming under ſuch Perſon or Perſons, or under the Poſſeſſion of ſuch Perſon or Perſons, ſhall be deemed and taken to have been lawfully entitled to ſuch Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, according to ſuch Poſſeſſion, until the contrary ſhall be ſhewn to the Satisfaction of the ſaid Court of Chancery; and the Dividends or Intereſt of the Bank Annuities to be purchaſed with ſuch Money, and alſo the Capital of ſuch Bank Annuities, ſhall be paid, applied, and diſpoſed of accordingly, unleſs it ſhall be made appear to the ſaid Court that ſuch Poſſeſſion was a wrongful Poſſeſſion, and that ſome other Perſon or Perſons was or were lawfully entitled to ſuch Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, or to ſome Eſtate or Intereſt therein.

The Court may order reaſonable Expences of Purchaſes to be paid by the Commiſſioners.

LXVIII. Provided alſo, and be it further enacted, That where by reaſon of any Diſability or Incapacity of the Perſon or Perſons, or Corporation entitled to any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments to be purchaſed under the Authority of this Act, the Purchaſe Money for the ſame ſhall be required to be paid into the ſaid Court, and to be applied in the Purchaſe of other Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments to be ſettled to the like Uſes in purſuance thereof, it ſhall be lawful for the ſaid Court to order the Expences of all Purchaſes from Time to Time to be made in purſuance of this Act, or ſo much of ſuch Expences as the Court ſhall deem reaſonable, together with the neceſſary Coſts and Charges of obtaining

ing such Order, to be paid by the said Commissioners, or any Seven or more of them, who shall from Time to Time pay such Sums of Money for such Purposes as the said Court shall direct.

For ascertaining the Limits of the Town, for the Purposes of this Act.

LXIX. And for ascertaining the Limits of the said Town, be it further enacted and declared, That it shall be lawful for the said Commissioners; and they are hereby authorized and empowered, from Time to Time to ascertain and fix the Limits or Boundaries of the said Town of *Wolverhampton*, and Notice of the Day, Hour, and Place of Meeting of the said Commissioners for ascertaining and fixing the same, shall from Time to Time be given in some Newspaper published or circulated in the said Town of *Wolverhampton*, and also a like Notice fixed on the principal outer Door of the Parish Church of *Wolverhampton* aforesaid, for Two *Sundays* before such Day or Days of Meeting; and the Limits or Boundaries so from Time to Time ascertained and fixed, and being within the said Township, shall be deemed and taken to be, to all Intents and Purposes the Limits or Boundaries of the said Town for the Purposes of this Act; and all the Powers, Provisions, and Authorities herein contained, shall extend to and be executed and put in force within such Limits or Boundaries: Provided always, that no Garden or Field, or Ground not built upon, within the Limits aforesaid, shall be rated by virtue of this Act, except such Gardens as shall adjoin to, and be occupied or possessed as appurtenant to any Messuage or Dwelling House within the said Town: Provided also, that no House or Houses to be hereafter erected or built within the Limits aforesaid, in any new Street, or upon or along any of the present Streets or Roads (not being built upon or adjoining to the Foundations of any former Houses) shall be liable to the Payment of any Rate or Assessment under the Authority of this Act, until Six Months after the said Street or Streets respectively shall be lighted and cleansed in such Manner as other Streets shall be then lighted and cleansed under the Authority of this Act; and the Rate which shall be then assessed and paid, shall be held to be paid for or on account of the Half Year from the *Lady Day* or *Michaelmas* respectively which shall immediately precede the Time appointed by the Commissioners for such Payment.

Appointment of Assessors.

LXX. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Commissioners, or any Seven or more of them, once or oftener in every Year, as they shall see Occasion, under their Hands to nominate and appoint, and they are hereby empowered to nominate and appoint Three or more Residents in the said Town to be Assessors of the Money by this Act directed to be raised, and from Time to Time to issue their Order or Precept to the said Assessors to be appointed as aforesaid, specifying how much in the Pound shall be raised by Taxation upon all Messuages, Tenements, Buildings, and Hereditaments within the said Town; and which said Rates or Assessments so to be made, raised, and assessed as aforesaid for the Purposes of this Act, shall be levied and assessed in the Proportions following; (that is to say,) upon all and every Person or Persons who shall rent or occupy within the said Town of *Wolverhampton*, any Houses, Tenements, Buildings, or other Hereditaments, of the yearly Rent or Value of Four Pounds, and under the yearly Rent or Value of Seven Pounds, any Sum not exceeding Sixpence in the Pound in any One Year; and upon all and every Person and Persons who shall as aforesaid rent or occupy, within the said Town, any Houses, Tenements, Buildings, or other Hereditaments, of the yearly Rent or Value of Seven Pounds,

Pounds, and under Ten Pounds, any Sum not exceeding Nine-pence in the Pound in any One Year; and upon all and every Perſon and Perſons who ſhall as aforeſaid rent or occupy, within the ſaid Town, any Houſes, Tenements, Buildings, or other Hereditaments of the yearly Rent or Value of Ten Pounds, and under Fifteen Pounds, any Sum not exceeding One Shilling in the Pound in any One Year; and upon all and every Perſon and Perſons who ſhall as aforeſaid rent or occupy, within the ſaid Town, any Houſes, Tenements, Buildings, or other Hereditaments of the yearly Rent or Value of Fifteen Pounds and under Twenty Pounds, any Sum not exceeding One Shilling and Sixpence in the Pound in any One Year; and upon all and every Perſon and Perſons who ſhall as aforeſaid rent or occupy, within the ſaid Town, any Houſes, Tenements, Buildings, or other Hereditaments of the yearly Rent or Value of Twenty Pounds, and under Thirty Pounds, any Sum not exceeding Two Shillings in the Pound in any One Year; and upon all and every Perſon and Perſons who ſhall as aforeſaid rent or occupy, within the ſaid Town, any Houſes, Tenements, Buildings, or other Hereditaments of the yearly Rent or Value of Thirty Pounds and upwards, any Sum not exceeding Two Shillings and Sixpence in the Pound in any One Year; and the ſaid Aſſeſſors are hereby required and commanded to rate and aſſeſs the ſame accordingly, which ſaid Tenants and Occupiers ſhall pay, and are hereby made liable to pay, the Whole of every ſuch Rate, according to the true Annual Value or Rent of all ſuch Houſes, Tenements, Buildings, or other Hereditaments and Premiſes whatſoever, to be occupied by him, her, or them reſpectively.

Rates to be ſigned and allowed.

LXXI. And be it further enacted, That all Rates and Aſſeſſments which ſhall be made in purſuance of this Act as aforeſaid, ſhall be allowed and ſigned by the ſaid Commiſſioners, or any Seven or more of them; and they ſhall and may have Power to amend any ſuch Rates or Aſſeſſments, by inſerting or cauſing to be inſerted the Name or Names of any Perſon or Perſons who ought to have been rated and ſhall appear to have been omitted therein, or by expunging the Name or Names of any Perſon or Perſons whoſe Name or Names ſhall have been inſerted in any ſuch Rate or Aſſeſſment and who ought not to be rated, or by varying, altering, raiſing, or reducing the ſeveral and reſpective Sum and Sums of Money wnich ſhall be charged, rated, or aſſeſſed in ſuch Rate or Aſſeſſment upon any Perſon or Perſons whomſoever; and ſuch Aſſeſſors ſhall appear and bring with them, at any Time or Place when thereto required by the ſaid Commiſſioners, or any Seven or more of them, or by their Clerk for the Time being, a true Copy or Duplicate of ſuch Aſſeſſments, fairly written and ſubſcribed by them, and ſhall deliver the ſame unto the ſaid Commiſſioners, and ſhall, upon any reaſonable Notice, from Time to Time attend upon the ſaid Commiſſioners at any of their Meetings in purſuance of this Act, and at any Court or Courts of Quarter Seſſions, or at any Adjournment thereof, or otherwiſe, as there ſhall be Occaſion, then and there to explain, amend, and juſtify ſuch their Aſſeſſments; and after the ſaid Rates and Aſſeſſments are ſo made and confirmed, the ſaid Commiſſioners, or any Seven or more of them, ſhall and may and they are hereby authorized and required to cauſe the ſame to be collected and received as ſoon as may be, of and from the Perſon and Perſons reſpectively on whom the ſame ſhall be rated, charged, and aſſeſſed.

LXXII. Provided

Exceptions to be rated.

LXXII. Provided always, and be it enacted, That no Perſon ſhall be rated, or pay to the Rates or Aſſeſſments which ſhall be made by virtue of or in purſuance of this Act, for or on account of any Gardens, Garden Grounds or Orchards, within the ſaid Town, during the Time they ſhall or may be occupied for the Purpoſe only of ſelling the Fruit and Produce thereof, or of any Arable, Meadow or Paſture Ground, held or occupied as ſuch, in the ſaid Town; nor ſhall any Perſon be rateable by virtue of this Act, for or in reſpect of any Profits ariſing from Tolls, Stallage, Pennage, Picage, Duties or Emoluments, due and payable to the Lord of the Manor of the Deanry of *Wolverhampton* aforeſaid; nor for any Tithes, Stock in Trade, Money, or Perſonal Eſtate; any Thing herein contained to the contrary notwithſtanding.

Tolls of Navigation not to be aſſeſſed to any Rates under this Act.

LXXIII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That nothing in this Act contained ſhall extend or be conſtrued to extend to authorize a Rate or Aſſeſſment upon the Tolls or Tonnage ariſing or becoming due upon or in reſpect of any navigable Canal made in the ſaid Townſhip of *Wolverhampton*; or upon any Payment ariſing from the weighing of any Coals or other Things upon any Machine already or hereafter to be erected, belonging to any navigable Canal.

How Perſons ſhall be rated who occupy different Houſes.

LXXIV. And be it further enacted, That where any Perſon or Perſons ſhall from Time to Time hold or occupy any different Houſes, Buildings, or other Hereditaments, either adjoining together or ſituated diſperſedly in various Parts of the ſaid Town, at different yearly Rents, or ſhall hold or occupy any diſtinct Parts or Shares of the ſame Houſe or Houſes, Building or Buildings, or other Hereditaments of different Perſons, and no one of ſuch Rents, or no one of them which ſhall be paid to the ſame Perſon, ſhall amount unto Seven Pounds, but the yearly Rent thereof payable to different Perſons, or the Rents ſo payable in the Whole for the Premiſes ſo diſtinctly held or occupied, ſhall amount to Seven Pounds; and where any Perſon or Perſons ſhall hold or occupy any different Houſes, Buildings, or other Hereditaments, or any Parts or Shares thereof as aforeſaid, and no one of ſuch Rents, or no one of them which ſhall be paid to the ſame Perſon, ſhall amount to Ten Pounds, but the yearly Rent thereof payable to different Perſons, or the Rents ſo payable in the Whole for the Premiſes ſo diſtinctly held or occupied, ſhall amount to Ten Pounds or upwards; and where any Perſon or Perſons ſhall hold or occupy any different Houſes, Buildings, or other Hereditaments, or any Parts or Shares thereof as aforeſaid, and no one of ſuch Rents, or no one of them which ſhall be paid to the ſame Perſon ſhall amount to Fifteen Pounds, but the yearly Rent thereof, payable to different Perſons, or the Rents ſo payable in the Whole for the Premiſes ſo diſtinctly held or occupied, ſhall amount to Fifteen Pounds or upwards; and where any Perſon or Perſons ſhall hold or occupy any different Houſes, Buildings, or other Hereditaments, or any Parts or Shares thereof as aforeſaid, and no one of ſuch Rents, or no one of them which ſhall be paid to the ſame Perſon, ſhall amount to Twenty Pounds, but the yearly Rent thereof payable to different Perſons, or the Rents ſo payable in the Whole for the Premiſes ſo diſtinctly held or occupied, ſhall amount to Twenty Pounds or upwards; and where any Perſon or Perſons ſhall hold or occupy any different Houſes, Buildings, or other Hereditaments, or any Parts or Shares thereof as aforeſaid, and no one of ſuch Rents,

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or no one of them which shall be paid to the same Person shall amount to Thirty Pounds, but the yearly Rent thereof payable to different Persons, or the Rents so payable in the Whole for the Premises so distinctly held or occupied, shall amount to Thirty Pounds or upwards; in all and every such Cases such Inhabitant or Occupier shall be considered, for all the Purposes of this Act, as being an Inhabitant or Occupier of House or Houses, Building or Buildings, or Hereditaments, at the yearly Rent of Seven Pounds, Ten Pounds, Fifteen Pounds, Twenty Pounds, or Thirty Pounds or upwards (as the Case shall be) and shall be assessed accordingly for the Tax to be raised and levied for the Purposes of this Act; any Thing herein contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

How Houses let in different Apartments shall be rated.

LXXV. And be it further enacted, That where any Person or Persons shall rent or occupy any House or Houses, Building or Buildings, or other Hereditaments, and shall let any Part or Parts thereof to any Undertenant or Undertenants, the first Taker or Takers of such House or Houses, Building or Buildings, or other Hereditaments, shall be liable to pay the Whole of the Money which shall be assessed on such House, Building, or other Hereditament, for the Purposes of this Act in respect thereof; or the first Taker or Takers, and his, her, or their Undertenant or Undertenants, shall be separately liable to pay such Parts thereof as shall be proportioned to the Parts really and *bonâ fide* payable by them respectively of the Rent of the Whole of such Houses, Buildings, or other Hereditaments, at the Option or Election of the said Commissioners, or any Seven or more of them, such Option to be signified by Writing under the Hands of any Seven or more of such Commissioners.

Collectors to be appointed.

LXXVI. And be it further enacted, That when and so soon as the said Rate or Rates, Assessment or Assessments, shall have been so rated and assessed and signed and allowed by the said Commissioners as aforesaid, the Collector or Collectors appointed by the said Commissioners shall, and he and they is and are hereby required, to collect the same accordingly; and in case any Person or Persons who shall be rated or assessed, or subject or liable to the Payment of any Rate or Assessment to be made or laid or made payable by virtue of this Act, shall refuse or neglect to pay such Rate or Assessment to any Collector to be appointed as aforesaid, for the Space of Ten Days next after personal Demand made by the Collector or Collectors thereof, or Demand in Writing under the Hand of such Collector, and left at the last or usual Place of Abode of the Person or Persons so refusing or neglecting to pay as aforesaid, or on the Premises so charged with such Rate or Assessment; then and in every such Case, it shall and may be lawful to and for any Justice of the Peace for the said County of *Stafford*, by Warrant under his Hand and Seal, to authorize and direct the said Collector or any other Person, to levy such Rate or Assessment, and all Arrears thereof, by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of such Person or Persons so refusing or neglecting to pay as aforesaid, or on the Goods and Chattels so found on such Premises, rendering the Overplus (if any) to the Owner or Owners of the Goods or Chattels to be so distrained, on Demand, after deducting the Costs and Charges of recovering the same, and of such Distress and Sale; or it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Commissioners to recover any such Rate or Rates, Assessment or Assessments, due and payable by virtue of this Act, by Action of Debt or on the Case, in any of His

Majeſty's Courts of Record at *Weſtminſter*, wherein no Eſſoign, Protection, Wager of Law, or more than One Imparlance, ſhall be allowed.

Commiſſioners empowered to reduce Rates, &c.

LXXVII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That if any Perſon or Perſons, Body or Bodies Politic, Corporate or Collegiate, ſhall think himſelf, herſelf, or themſelves aggrieved by any Rate or Rates, Aſſeſſment or Aſſeſſments, to be made in purſuance of this Act, ſuch Perſon or Perſons, Body or Bodies Politic, Corporate or Collegiate, may by himſelf, herſelf, or themſelves, or by his, her, or their Agent or Agents, apply to the ſaid Commiſſioners at any of their ſaid Meetings, and it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the ſaid Commiſſioners, on ſuch Application, to mitigate or reduce ſuch Rate or Rates, Aſſeſſment or Aſſeſſments, and to give ſuch Relief in the Premiſes as to them the ſaid Commiſſioners ſhall ſeem juſt and reaſonable; and it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the ſaid Commiſſioners, upon the Appeal or Complaint of any Perſon or Perſons ſubject and liable to the Payment of any Rate or Rates, Aſſeſſment or Aſſeſſments, by virtue of this Act, to mitigate, reduce, or leſſen ſuch Rate or Rates, Aſſeſſment or Aſſeſſments, and alſo to excuſe or remit the Payment thereof by reaſon of the Inability of ſuch Perſon or Perſons to pay the ſame.

Power for Aſſeſſors, &c. to inſpect Land Tax Aſſeſſments, &c.

LXXVIII. And be it further enacted, That it ſhall be lawful for the ſaid Aſſeſſor or Aſſeſſors ſo to be appointed as aforeſaid, or any of them, or for the Clerk or Clerks to the ſaid Commiſſioners, from Time to Time, and at all convenient Time or Times to inſpect the Book or Books of Aſſeſſments or Rates of the Land Tax or Aſſeſſed Taxes, for the better aſcertaining the Rates and Aſſeſſments to be raiſed and levied by virtue of this Act, and to take Copies thereof (if neceſſary) at the Expence of the ſaid Commiſſioners; and the Clerk or Clerks, Collector or Collectors for the Time being to the Commiſſioners of the Land Tax or of the Aſſeſſed Taxes, acting from Time to Time for the Diviſion wherein the ſaid Townſhip is ſituate, ſhall and are hereby directed and required to permit ſuch Clerk or Clerks at all ſeaſonable Times to inſpect the ſaid Books, and to take Extracts from them or to make Copies of the ſame, paying the Sum of Two Shillings and Sixpence for every ſuch Inſpection.

Power to raiſe Money at Intereſt.

LXXIX. And be it further enacted, That it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the ſaid Commiſſioners, from Time to Time to borrow and take up at Intereſt ſuch Sum or Sums of Money as they ſhall ſee neceſſary, for the Purpoſes of this Act, not exceeding in the whole the Sum of Twenty thouſand Pounds, upon the Credit of the Rates or Aſſeſſments to be laid and collected by virtue of this Act, and by Writing under their Hands and Seals to aſſign all or any Part of the ſaid Rates or Aſſeſſments to ſuch Perſon or Perſons as ſhall lend or advance any Money thereon, or to his or their Truſtee or Truſtees, as a Security for the Principal Money to be advanced, with any legal Intereſt for the ſame; and the Coſts and Expences of ſuch Aſſignment thereof, to be made as herein-after mentioned, ſhall be from Time to Time defrayed by the ſaid Commiſſioners out of the Monies to be ſo borrowed; and every ſuch Aſſignment ſhall be in the Words or to the Effect following;

Form of Security.

'WE of the Commiſſioners appointed by or in purſuance of an Act, paſſed in the Fifty-fourth Year of

'the Reign of King *George* the Third, intituled [*here set forth the Title of this Act*] in Consideration of the Sum of
'advanced and lent by *A. B.* upon the Credit and for
'the Purposes of the said Act, do hereby grant and assign unto the said
'*A. B.* [*or*, to his Trustee or Trustees, *as the Case may require*] his Execu-
'tors, Administrators, and Assigns, such Proportion of the Rates or
'Assessments arising by virtue of the said Act, as the said Sum of
'doth or shall bear to the
'whole Sum which may at any Time be borrowed or become due and
'owing, or be charged upon the Credit of the said Act; to be holden
'from this until the said Sum of
'with Interest at
'*per Centum per Annum* for the same, shall be repaid and
'satisfied. In Witness whereof, we the said Commissioners have here-
'unto set our Hands and Seals, the Day of
'in the Year .

And every such Security shall be good, valid, and effectual, and shall entitle the Person or Persons to whom the same shall be made, his, her, or their Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, to the Payment thereof, and to all Profit and Advantage thereon, according to the true Intent and Meaning of this Act.

Or upon Annuities.

LXXX. And be it further enacted, That in case the said Commissioners shall think it advisable or more advantageous to raise all or any Part of the Money to be borrowed under this Act, by granting Annuities for Lives instead of Assignments as aforesaid, it shall be lawful for any Seven or more of the said Commissioners, and they are hereby authorized and empowered, by Writing under their Hands and Seals, to grant Annuities to any Person or Persons who shall contribute, advance and pay into the Hands of the Treasurer to the said Commissioners, any Sum or Sums of Money which to the said Commissioners shall seem right and proper for the absolute Purchase of any Annuity or Annuities to be paid and payable during the natural Life of every such Contributor, or the natural Life of such Person as shall be nominated by or on the Behalf of such Contributor, at the Time of Payment of his or her Contribution or Purchase Money, provided that no such Annuity shall exceed the Rate of Ten Pounds *per Centum per Annum* upon a single Life; and the Expence of every such Grant shall be defrayed by the said Commissioners; and the Grant of every such Annuity shall be in the Words or to the Effect following:

Form of Security for Grant of Annuity.

"WE of the Commissioners appointed by or in pursuance of
'an Act of Parliament, passed in the Fifty-fourth Year of the Reign
'of King *George* the Third, intituled [*here set forth the Title of this Act*]
'in Consideration of the Sum of
'paid by *A. B.* to *C. D.* the Treasurer appointed in pursuance of the said
'Act, do hereby grant unto the said *A. B.* an Annuity or Yearly Sum of
'out of the Rates or Assessments granted
'or arising by virtue of the said Act; which Annuity or Yearly Sum of
'shall be paid to the said *A. B.* or his As-
'signs, during the Term of his natural Life [*or*, to the said *A. B.* his
'Executors, Administrators, or Assigns, during the natural Life of *C. D.*
'*as the Case may be*] upon the Day of in every
'Year,

‘ Year, during the natural Life of him the ſaid
‘ at the the Firſt Payment thereof to be made on the
‘ Day of next enſuing the Date hereof. In
‘ Witneſs whereof, we the ſaid Commiſſioners have hereunto ſet our
‘ Hands and Seals, the Day of in the Year
‘ .’

And every ſuch Grant ſhall be good, valid, and effectual in the Law to all Intents and Purpoſes, without any Inrolment or Regiſtry of the Memorial thereof; and every Annuity ſo granted as aforeſaid, ſhall be and is hereby charged upon and ſhall be payable and paid by the Treaſurer to the ſaid Commiſſioners, out of the ſaid Rates or Aſſeſſments and other Money to be received by virtue of this Act, according to the Grant of ſuch Annuity.

Power to aſſign.

LXXXI. And be it further enacted, That it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the Perſon or Perſons entitled to any of the Securities for the Money to be borrowed at ſuch legal Intereſt as aforeſaid, or to be raiſed by the granting of Annuities as aforeſaid, and their reſpective Executors, Adminiſtrators, and Aſſigns (as the Caſe may be) at any Time by Writing under their Hands and Seals to transfer ſuch Securities to any Perſon or Perſons whomſoever; which Transfer may be in the Words or to the Effect following;

Form of Aſſignment.

‘ I, *A. B.* being entitled to the Sum of
‘ or an Annuity of ſecured to *C. D.* and his
‘ Aſſigns [*or*, his Executors, Adminiſtrators, or Aſſigns, *as the Caſe may*
‘ *be*] by virtue of an Aſſignment or Grant of Annuity bearing Date the
‘ Day of under the Hands and Seals of
‘ of the Commiſſioners acting in the Execution of an Act
‘ of Parliament paſſed in the Fifty-fourth Year of the Reign of King *George*
‘ the Third, intituled [*here ſet forth the Title of this Act*] upon the Credit
‘ of the Rates or Aſſeſſments granted or payable by the ſaid Act, do
‘ hereby transfer all my Right and Title in and to the ſame Sum [*or An-*
‘ *nuity*] and all Intereſt and other Money now due and owing thereon,
‘ unto *E. F.* his Executors, Adminiſtrators, and Aſſigns; dated this
‘ Day of .’

And a Copy of every Security or Aſſignment, and of every Grant or Annuity, which ſhall have been made in purſuance of this Act, and an Extract or Memorial of every Transfer thereof reſpectively, ſhall be entered in a Book to be kept for that Purpoſe by the Clerk to the ſaid Commiſſioners, which Extract or Memorial ſhall ſpecify and contain the Date, Names of the Parties, and Sums of Money thereby transferred; to which Book any Perſon intereſted ſhall at all ſeaſonable Times have acceſs, and have free Liberty to inſpect the ſame without Fee or Reward; and for the Entry of every ſuch Transfer, the ſaid Clerk ſhall be paid, by the Perſon to whom ſuch Transfer ſhall be made, the Sum of Two Shillings and Sixpence and no more; and every ſuch Transfer, after Entry thereof as aforeſaid, ſhall entitle the Perſon to whom the Transfer ſhall be made, and his or her Executors, Adminiſtrators, and Aſſigns, to the Benefit of the Security thereby transferred, without any other Regiſtry or Inrolment whatſoever.

LXXXII. And

Recovery of Intereſt of Annuity.

LXXXII. And be it further enacted, That it ſhall be lawful for any Perſon or Perſons who ſhall advance or lend any Money upon the Credit of the ſaid Rates or Aſſeſſments, in Default of Payment of the Principal Money which they ſhall ſo lend, or the Intereſt thereof, or in Default of due Payment of any Annuities that ſhall be ſecured to them thereupon (after Demand made at any Meeting of the ſaid Commiſſioners, or on Thirty Days Notice being given to the Clerk or Treaſurer to the ſaid Commiſſioners) to collect, gather, and receive ſuch Proportion of the ſaid yearly Rates or Aſſeſſments by this Act granted, as the Sum by them lent or advanced doth or ſhall bear to the whole Money to be borrowed on the Credit of this Act, and ſhall continue to receive the ſame until all Principal Money and Intereſt, and all ſuch Sum or Sums of Money as ſhall be due by way of Annuity (as the Caſe may be) ſhall be fully paid, as alſo the Coſts and Charges attending ſuch Collection; and ſuch Perſon or Perſons is and are hereby veſted with the ſame Power for recovering and receiving ſuch Rates or Aſſeſſments, as is hereby given to the ſaid Commiſſioners.

Application of the Money.

LXXXIII. And be it further enacted, That all Monies which ſhall be borrowed, and all Monies to be raiſed by the Rates or Aſſeſſments made in purſuance of this Act, ſhall, as the ſame ſhall come in and be received, be iſſued and applied from Time to Time for defraying the Expences, firſt of obtaining this Act, and afterwards of carrying the ſame into Execution, and to or for no other Uſe or Purpoſe whatſoever.

Recovery and Application of Penalties.

LXXXIV. And be it further enacted, That all Penalties, Forfeitures, and Fines by this Act inflicted or impoſed, or authorized to be impoſed, the Manner of levying and recovering whereof is not herein otherwiſe directed, ſhall, upon Proof of the Offences reſpectively before any one or more Juſtice or Juſtices of the Peace for the ſaid County of *Stafford*, either by the Confeſſion of the Party or Parties offending, or by the Oath of one or more Witneſs or Witneſſes (which Oath ſuch Juſtice or Juſtices of the Peace is and are hereby required to adminiſter) be levied by Diſtreſs and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of the Party or Parties offending, by Warrant or Warrants under the Hand and Seal or Hands and Seals of ſuch Juſtice or Juſtices, which Warrant or Warrants ſuch Juſtice or Juſtices is and are hereby empowered to grant; and the Penalties and Forfeitures, when recovered, after rendering the Overplus (if any) upon Demand to the Party or Parties whoſe Goods and Chattels ſhall be ſo diſtrained and ſold (the Coſts, Charges, and Expences of making ſuch Diſtreſs, and the keeping and ſelling thereof, being firſt deducted) ſhall if not directed to be otherwiſe applied by this Act, be paid to the Treaſurer for the Time being to the ſaid Commiſſioners, and applied towards the Purpoſes of this Act, and in Aid of the Rates to be made in purſuance of this Act; but nevertheleſs it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the ſaid Commiſſioners, at any Meeting to be held in purſuance of this Act, to order their Treaſurer for the Time being, in any Caſe in which no Reward has been awarded by any Juſtice to any Informer, to pay ſuch Part of the ſaid Penalties to the Informer as they ſhall judge reaſonable, not exceeding One Moiety thereof; and in every ſuch Caſe where Diſtreſs is directed to be made, levied, or taken by this Act, and ſufficient Diſtreſs ſhall not be found, and ſuch Penalties, Forfeitures and Fines, ſhall not be forthwith paid, it ſhall and may be lawful for ſuch Juſtice or Juſtices of the Peace and he and they is and are hereby authorized and required, by Warrant

or

or Warrants under his or their Hand and Seal or Hands and Seals, to cauſe ſuch Offender or Offenders to be committed to the Common Gaol or Houſe of Correction of the County of *Stafford*, there to remain without Bail or Mainprize, for any Time not exceeding One Calendar Month for the firſt Offence; and for the Second and every other Offence of the ſame kind, for any Time not exceeding Three Calendar Months; unleſs ſuch Penalties, Forfeitures, or Fines, and all reaſonable Charges and Expences attending the ſame, ſhall be ſooner paid and ſatisfied.

Conviction.

LXXXV. And be it further enacted, That all and every Juſtice or Juſtices of the Peace before whom any Perſon or Perſons ſhall be convicted of any Offence againſt this Act, ſhall and may cauſe the Conviction to be drawn up in the following Words, or any other Form of Words to the ſame Effect (that is to ſay),

'BE it remembered, That on this Day of to wit. in the Year of Our Lord A. B. is duly convicted before me [*or*, us] of His Majeſty's Juſtices of the Peace for the County of *Stafford*, of having [*here ſtate the Offence againſt this Act as the Caſe may be*] contrary to the Form of the Statute in that Caſe made and provided; and I [*or*, we, *as the Caſe may be*] do declare and adjudge that the ſaid *A. B.* hath forfeited for his [*or* her, *as the Caſe may be*] ſaid Offence the Sum of Given under my Hand and Seal [*or*, our Hands and Seals, *as the Caſe may be*] the Day and Year firſt above written.'

Diſtreſs not deemed unlawful for want of Form.

LXXXVI. And be it further enacted, That when any Diſtreſs ſhall be made for any Sum or Sums 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 any Proceedings relating thereto; nor ſhall the Party or Parties be deemed a Treſpaſſer or Trepaſſers *ab initio*, on account of any Irregularity which ſhall be afterwards done by the Party or Parties diſtraining, but the Perſon or Perſons aggrieved by ſuch Irregularity may receive full Satisfaction for the Special Damage incurred, by an Action on the Caſe.

Inhabitants may be Witneſſes.

LXXXVII. And be it further enacted, That no Inhabitant of the ſaid Townſhip ſhall in any Action, Proſecution, Information, Cauſe, Hearing, Examination, or Proceeding whatſoever, relating to or concerning the Execution of this Act, or concerning the ſaid Townſhip, be deemed an incompetent Witneſs on account of his, her, or their being charged with or liable to pay any Rate or Aſſeſſment to be raiſed, levied, and collected, by virtue of this Act.

Notice of Actions.

LXXXVIII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That no Plaintiff or Plaintiffs ſhall recover in any Action to be commenced againſt any Perſon or Perſons for any Thing done in purſuance of this Act, unleſs Notice in Writing of ſuch intended Action ſhall have been given to the Clerk or Clerks of the ſaid Commiſſioners, or left at his or their laſt or uſual Place or Places of Abode, Twenty-one Days before ſuch Action ſhall be commenced, ſigned by the Attorney for the intended Plaintiff or Plaintiffs,

tiffs, ſpecifying the Cauſe or Cauſes of ſuch Action; nor ſhall any Plaintiff or Plaintiffs recover in ſuch Action, Satisfaction for Special Damage or otherwiſe, or for any ſuch Irregularity, Treſpaſs, or other Proceedings, if Tender of ſufficient Amends ſhall be made by or on the Behalf of the Party or Parties who ſhall have committed or cauſe to be committed every or any ſuch Irregularity, Treſpaſs, or wrongful Proceeding, before ſuch Action ſhall be brought; and in caſe no ſuch Tender ſhall have been made, it ſhall and may be lawful for the Defendant or Defendants in any ſuch Action, by Leave of the Court where ſuch Action ſhall depend, at any Time before Iſſue joined in ſuch Action, to pay into ſuch Court ſuch Sum of Money as he, ſhe, or they ſhall think fit, whereupon ſuch Proceeding or Order, and Judgment ſhall be had, made, and given in and by ſuch Court, as in other Actions where the Defendant is allowed to pay Money into Court.

Limitation of Actions.

LXXXIX. Provided alſo, and be it further enacted, That no Action or Suit ſhall be brought, commenced, or proſecuted againſt any Perſon or Perſons, for any Thing done or omitted to be done by virtue or in purſuance of this Act, after Three Calendar Months next after the Fact committed, or the Cauſe of ſuch Action ſhall have ariſen; and every ſuch Action ſhall be brought and laid in the County of *Stafford*, and not elſewhere; and the Defendant or Defendants in every ſuch Action or Suit ſhall and may plead, at his, her, or their Election, Specially, or the General Iſſue, and give this Act and the Special Matter in Evidence at any Trial to be had thereupon, and that the ſame was done in purſuance or by the Authority of this Act; and if upon the Trial of ſuch Action or Suit it ſhall appear to have been ſo done, or that ſuch Action or Suit ſhall have been brought before the Expiration of Twenty-one Days next after ſuch Notice ſhall have been given as aforeſaid, or after a ſufficient Satisfaction made or tendered, as aforſaid, or after the Time limited for bringing the ſame as aforeſaid, or be brought or laid in any other County than as aforeſaid, then and in every of the ſaid Caſes the Jury ſhall find a Verdict for the Defendant or Defendants; and in all Caſes where a Verdict ſhall be found for any Defendant or Defendants in ſuch Action or Suit, or the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs therein ſhall diſcontinue the ſame after the Defendant or Defendants ſhall have appeared thereto, or be nonſuited, or if upon Demurrer, Judgement ſhall be given againſt ſuch Plaintiff or Plaintiffs, then and in every ſuch Caſe the Defendant or Defendants ſhall recover Treble Coſts, and have ſuch and the like Remedy for recovering the ſame, as any Defendant or Defendants hath or have for recovering Coſts of Suit in any other Caſe by Law.

Proceedings not to be removed by Certiorari.

XC. And be it further enacted, That no Rate or Rates, Aſſeſſment or Aſſeſſments, nor any Proceeding to be had touching the Conviction of any Offender or Offenders againſt this Act, or any other Matter or Thing to be done or tranſacted in or relating to the Execution of this Act, or in purſuance or by virtue thereof, ſhall be vacated or quaſhed for want of Form, nor be removed or removable by Certiorari or by any other Writ or Proceſs whatſoever into any of His Majeſty's Courts of Record at *Weſtminſter*; any Law, Statute, or Uſage, to the contrary notwithſtanding.

Appeal.

XCI. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That if any Perſon or Perſons ſhall think himſelf, herſelf, or themſelves aggrieved by any

Rate or Rates, Aſſeſſment or Aſſeſſments, or by any Bye Law, Rule, or Order, made in purſuance of this Act, or any other Matter or Thing done or directed to be done, or omitted to be done, in purſuance of this Act, ſuch Perſon or Perſons may, if he, ſhe, or they think fit, apply for Relief to the ſaid Commiſſioners at their next Meeting to be held after Demand made of ſuch Rate or Rates, Aſſeſſment or Aſſeſſments, or next after any ſuch Matter or Thing done and committed by or by any Order of the ſaid Commiſſioners, by which ſuch Perſon or Perſons ſhall think himſelf, herſelf, or themſelves aggrieved; and the ſaid Commiſſioners are hereby authorized and empowered to give ſuch Relief in the Premiſes as to them ſhall ſeem neceſſary; and if ſuch Perſon or Perſons ſhall neglect or omit to apply to the ſaid Commiſſioners as aforeſaid, or not be ſatisfied with the Determination of the ſaid Commiſſioners, he, ſhe, or they may appeal to the Quarter or General Seſſions of the Peace to be held for the County of *Stafford*, within Five Calendar Months next after ſuch Cauſe of Complaint ſhall ariſe, or ſuch Determination of the ſaid Commiſſioners ſhall be made, ſuch Appellant firſt giving or cauſing to be given Twenty-one Days Notice at the leaſt, in Writing, of his, her, or their Intention to bring ſuch Appeal, and of the Matter thereof, to the Clerk or Clerks of the ſaid Commiſſioners, or leaving ſuch Notice for him, her, or them, at his, her, or their laſt or uſual Place or Places of Abode, and within Seven Days after ſuch Notice, enter into a Recognizance before One of His Majeſty's Juſtices of the Peace for the ſaid County, with Two ſufficient Sureties, in the Sum of Fifty Pounds, conditioned to try ſuch Appeal, and to abide the Order of, and pay ſuch Coſts as ſhall be awarded by, the Juſtices at ſuch Quarter or General Seſſions; and the ſaid Juſtices at ſuch Quarter or General Seſſions of the Peace for the ſaid County, upon due Proof of ſuch Notice having been given as aforeſaid, and of entering into ſuch Recognizance, ſhall hear and determine the Cauſe and Matter of ſuch Appeal 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 Determination of ſuch Juſtices ſhall be binding and concluſive.

Public Act.

XCII. 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 the ſame being ſpecially pleaded.

The

The SCHEDULE to which this Act refers.

PREMISES to be taken for an intended Street, from the High Green to the Bottom of Salop Street, in the Town of Wolverhampton.

SITUATION.	DESCRIPTION.	OWNERS.	OCCUPIERS.	
Roundabout -	Houſe - -	Samuel Addey -	Samuel Addey.	
Near Ditto -	Houſe, Stable, and Yard	Ann Davis - -	William Smith.	
Ditto -	Houſe & Appurtenances	Ditto - -	John Chambly.	
Ditto -	Houſe - -	Elizabeth and Mary Savage - -	Void; late Edward Raby.	
Ditto -	Candle Houſe and Stable	Ann Davis - -	William Thurſtans.	
Ditto -	Malthouſe - -	Ditto - -	John & Benjamin Savage.	
Ditto -	Houſe - -	Ditto - -	Margaret Ancher.	
Bloſſoms Fold -	Part of a Houſe, & Stable	John Holmes - -	John Holmes.	
Ditto -	Stable - -	—— Yates - -	—— Yates.	
Ditto -	Houſe - -	Alexander Hordern, Eſq.	John Robothan.	
Ditto -	Houſe and Shops -	Ditto - -	George Wilkinſon.	
Ditto -	Houſe - -	William Mitton, Rd Downes and —— Knowles are Leſſees for Lives - -	Thomas Lane.	
Ditto -	Houſe - -	Ditto - -	Samuel Cotton.	Prebendal Property, within the Prebend of Wobaſton; of which the Reverend George Fieldhouſe Molineux is Prebendary, and Mr. William Mitton, Rd. Downes, and —— Knowles are Leſſees for Lives.
Ditto -	Houſe - -	Ditto - -	Margaret Edwards -	
Ditto -	Houſe - -	Ditto - -	Thomas Cockrane.	
Ditto -	Houſe - -	Ditto - -	Thomas Perry.	
Ditto -	Houſe - -	Ditto - -	Elizabeth Hilditch.	
Ditto -	Houſe - -	Ditto - -	Simeon Lamſdale.	
Ditto -	Houſe - -	Ditto - -	William Atkins.	
Ditto -	Houſe - -	Ditto - -	William Hickman.	
Ditto -	Houſe - -	Ditto - -	Samuel Lamſdale.	
Ditto -	Houſe - -	Ditto - -	Matthew Cockrane.	
Ditto -	Houſe - -	Ditto - -	Thomas Mintrage.	
Ditto -	Houſe - -	Ditto - -	Joſeph Roberts.	
Ditto -	Houſe - -	Ditto - -	Thomas Alport.	
Ditto -	Stable - -	Ditto - -	—— Parker.	
Ditto -	Nine Gardens - -	Ditto - -	William Mitton, William Parker, Joſeph Perks, William Hickman, Matthew Cockrane, Thomas Mintrage, and John Lee.	

Thence in a Line to the Bottom of Salop Street, through Gardens the Property of William Harry Earl of Darlington.

For

For opening a New Street from North Street to communicate with the laſt-mentioned Street.

SITUATION.	DESCRIPTION.	OWNERS.	OCCUPIERS.	
Bloſſoms Fold -	A Dwelling-houſe and Appurtenances now rebuilding - -	William Mitton, Richd Downes and — Knowles - -	Joſeph Perks.	In the Prebend of Wobaſton.
Ditto -	Yard and Three Stables	Ditto - -	Ditto.	
Ditto -	Two Houſes - -	Ditto - -	John Lee.	
Ditto -	Shop - -	Ditto - -	—— Mintrage.	
Ditto -	Ditto - -	Ditto - -	—— Alport.	
Ditto -	Houſe - -	Ditto - -	James Wilkinſon.	
Ditto -	Ditto - -	Ditto - -	Benj. Fullard.	
Ditto -	Ditto - -	Ditto - -	Mary Evans.	
Ditto -	Ditto - -	Ditto - -	Richd Lloyd.	
Ditto -	Ditto - -	Ditto - -	David Evans.	

A New Street—from Temple Street through Bell Street, to Saint John Street.

Temple Street -	Garden - -	Randle Walker -	Thomas Dewſon.
Ditto -	2 Ditto - -	Ditto - -	John Tunnicliffe.
Ditto -	Rope Walk - -	William Walker -	—— Burn.
Ditto -	Garden - -	Ditto - -	James Horton.
Ditto -	Ditto - -	Ditto - -	Robert Jones.
Ditto -	Ditto - -	Ditto - -	Richard Newman.
Ditto -	Ditto - -	Ditto - -	Anthony Goſlin.
Ditto -	Ditto - -	Ditto - -	—— Guiſani.
Ditto -	Croft - -	William Worthington -	William Worthington.
Bell Street -	Houſe, Warehouſe and Shop, with Land on the Back and Front	Sarah Burton, Guardian for Elizabeth and Caroline Burton	William Buckle and his Under Tenant.
Ditto -	Houſe and Garden -	Sarah Aſton - -	James Hayden and his Under Tenant.
Ditto -	Garden - -	Ditto - -	Joſeph Baker.
Ditto -	Ditto - -	Ditto - -	John Jones.
Saint John Street	Houſe and Garden -	Ditto - -	John Lancaſter.
Ditto -	Ditto - - Ditto -	Ditto - -	Richard Walker.
Ditto -	Ditto - - Ditto -	Ditto - -	William Cooper.
Ditto -	Ditto - - Ditto -	Ditto - -	Thomas Wilmot.
Ditto -	Ditto - - Ditto -	Ditto - -	Rev. —— Fiſher.
Ditto -	Land uſed as a Timber Yard - -	Ditto - -	John Jones.

A Croſs Street—from the above New Street, to the Top of Salop Street.

SITUATION.	DESCRIPTION.	OWNERS.	OCCUPIERS.	
Worceſter Street	Houſe and Garden -	Edward Badger - -	Richard Maſon.	Prebendal Property, within the Prebend of Kinvaſton; the Reverend Peter Thoroton Prebendary, and the ſeveral Perſons mentioned in the Column of Owners, are Leſſees for Lives.
Ditto -	Ditto - Ditto -	Ditto - -	—— Brierly.	
Ditto -	Houſe and Two Gardens	Alexander Hordern, Eſq.	Henry Beddow.	
Ditto -	Ditto and Garden	Hand, Widow - -	—— Stockings.	
Ditto -	Croft - - -	Alexander Hordern, Eſq.	Benjamin Hill.	
Ditto -	Two Gardens - -	Ditto - -	- - - -	
For widening Cock Street.				
Cock Street -	A Porch with Rooms or Building over the ſame - - -	John Gough, Eſq. -	John Wyke.	

For widening Worceſter Street, and continuing the ſame as far as the Toll Gate leading from Wolverhampton towards Penn, and for widening Little Brick Kiln Street, and Two Roads leading therefrom, videlicet, one leading from Brick Kiln Street to the End of Worceſter Street, and the other to or towards the ſaid Toll Gate.

Worceſter Street	Houſe - - -	Charles Harper - -	Andrew Jones.	
	Ditto and Yard -	Ditto - - -	Charles Harper.	
	Ditto and Shops -	Thomas Noake - -	Thomas Noake.	
	Houſe - - -	Mrs. Hale - -	Thomas Hand.	
	Ditto - - -	Joſeph Dyke - -	George Weſton.	
	Houſe - - -	Ditto - - -	Elizabeth Padmore.	
	Ditto - - -	Ditto - - -	John Hancox.	
	Ditto - - -	James Johnſon - -	Late Burton; now void.	
	Ditto - -	Ditto - - -	—— Phillips.	
Adjoining Little Brick-kiln Street, on the Weſt Side the Road leading to Penn - -	10 Gardens - -	Alexander Hordern, Eſq.	Thomas Auſtwick, Job Cadwick, William Evans, Charles Cook, Joſeph Porter, Jeſſe Jeavons, William Bickley, Thomas Anſon, and —— Morris	In the Prebend of Kinvaſton.
On the Eaſt Side of the ſaid Road	3 Plots of Land or Gardens - -	Ditto - - -	William Bacon, Thomas Piatt, John Jones, John Done, Charlotte Hughes, James Hill, Thomas Earp, and Sarah Biſhop.	
For widening and improving Temple Street.				
At the Corner of Temple Street adjoining Worceſter Street - -	Houſe and Small Piece of Land -	Alexander Hordern, Eſq.	Adam Adams - -	Ditto -
On the North Side, and adjoining the above -	7 Gardens - -	Ditto - - -	William Sparrow, William Meyew, James Newman, Joſeph Whitehouſe, —— Fowke, Jeremiah Winn, and James Savage.	

For widening Salop Street.

SITUATION.	DESCRIPTION.	OWNERS.	OCCUPIERS.
Salop Street -	House - - -	James Perry, Esq. -	William Gould.
	Ditto - - -	Elizabeth Hollis -	Elizabeth Hollis.
	Ditto - - -	Ditto - - -	——— Rowley.
	Ditto - - -	Ditto - - -	——— Poolton.
	Ditto - - -	Ditto - - -	Richard Smith.
	Ditto - - -	Ditto - - -	Samuel Nichols.
	Ditto - - -	Wm Welch - -	John Hand.
	Ditto - - -	Ditto - - -	Joseph Foster.
	Ditto - - -	Thomas Bird - -	Thomas Magness.
	Ditto - - -	Ditto - - -	Daniel Nixon.
	Ditto - - -	Ditto - - -	William Timmins.
	Ditto - - -	Ditto - - -	James Ratcliffe.
	Ditto - - -	Ditto - - -	Sarah Jones.
	Ditto - - -	William Swatman -	Joseph Acton.
	Ditto - - -	Ditto - - -	Thomas Dalton.
	Ditto - - -	Ditto - - -	James Walker.
	Ditto - - -	Ditto - - -	Robert Sherry.
	Ditto - - -	William Allen - -	——— Sambrook.
	Ditto - - -	Ditto - - -	——— Deverux.
	Land - - -	Richard Fryer, Esq. -	——— Lowe.
	Ditto in Front of House - -	Benjamin Dewson -	Benjamin Dewson.
	Ditto - - -	Ditto - - -	——— Swift.

For widening Saint John Street.

Saint John Street	House - - -	Benjamin Highfield -	Benjamin Highfield.
	Ditto - - -	William Hitchcox -	William Hitchcox.
	House - -	Robert Bill - -	Richard Felton.
	House - -	Robert Bill - -	Joseph Stanson.
	Ditto - - -	Ditto - - -	Void.
	Ditto - - -	Ditto - - -	Thomas Lane.
	Ditto - - -	Ditto - - -	John Hill.
	Ditto - - -	Ditto - - -	Thomas Crowther.

For widening Bell Street.

Bell Street -	House - -	Elizabeth Heath -	Charles Smith.
	Ditto - - -	Ditto - - -	Judith James.
	Plot of Land, with three Privies thereon -	Ditto - - -	Unoccupied.
	House - -	Ditto - - -	Daniel Price.
	Ditto - - -	Ditto - - -	John Legge.
	Ditto - - -	Ditto - - -	John Warner.
	Timber Yard - -	Ditto - - -	—— Powell.
	Piece of Land - -	Walter Grovenor -	Robert Perry.
	Ditto - - -	Charles Hill - -	Charles Hill.
	Ditto - - -	William Hill - -	——— Wilkinson.
	Ditto and Coach House - -	Ditto - - -	Richard and Thomas Farmer.
	Two Gardens - -	Sarah Alton - -	Charles Hill.

For widening Goat Street or North Street.

SITUATION.	DESCRIPTION.	OWNERS.	OCCUPIERS.	
	Houſe - -	Revd John Milner -	—— Potter.	
	Ditto - -	Ditto - - -	William Hammond.	
	Ditto - -	Ditto - -	Thomas Dutton.	
	Ditto - -	Mary Meeſon - -	William Lockett.	
	Land, and Coach Houſe	Honourable Thomas Fitzwilliam -	Honourable Thomas Fitzwilliam.	Prebendal Property within the Prebend of Hilton; the Revd John Fletcher Muckleſtone, Prebendary, and the ſeveral Perſons mentioned in the Column of Owners, Leſſees for Lives.
	Houſe - -	——Jorden -	Thomas Aſtbury.	
	Ditto - -	Ditto - -	Mary Perry.	
	Ditto - -	Ambroſe Tibbatts -	Thomas Oſbourn.	
	Ditto - -	Samuel Bolton -	Widow Burrows.	
	Ditto - -	Ditto - -	—— Weſtwood.	
	Ditto - -	James Nichols -	Widow Woolaſton.	
	Ditto - -	James Short -	James Short.	
	Ditto - -	Ditto - -	James Banks.	
	Pump, at or near the bottom of ſaid Street	George Dutton -	George Dutton.	

For widening the Horſe Fair.

Houſe - -	Ann Davis, Leſſee for Lives -	John Burrows -	In the Prebend of Hilton.
Ditto - -	John Gough, Eſquire -	Richard Brown.	
Ditto - -	Ditto - -	——Adams.	
Ditto - -	Ditto - -	Void.	
Ditto - -	Ditto - -	Ditto.	

For widening Canal Street.

Houſe and Land -	Ambroſe Stringer -	Joſeph Cook.
Ditto - -	Ditto - -	John Hodſon.
Ditto - -	Ditto - -	Charles Eddowes.

For widening the Entrance into Stafford Street.

Houſe, Stable and Yard	Thomas Gibbons -	Thomas Gibbons.
Ditto - -	Ditto - -	——Higginſon.

For widening Pipers Row.

Pipers Row -	Houſe, Shop and Yard	Margaret Law -	William Hayes.
	Houſe - -	George Offley -	George Wright.
	Houſe - -	Ellen Nichols -	Mary Whitehouſe.
	Ditto - -	Ditto - -	George Perry.
	Ditto, Yard, and Appurtenances -	Mary Whitehouſe -	Timothy Hartill.

For widening Bilſton Street.

Bilſton Street -	Houſe and Appurtenances -	Joſeph Holland -	John Fowler.
	Ditto - -	Ditto - -	Thomas Webb.
	Ditto - -	Joſeph Allen -	Thomas Reynolds.
	Ditto - -	Ditto - -	Thomas Buſh.
	Ditto - -	——Brett, Widow -	Joſeph Attrick.
	Ditto - -	Ditto - -	William Foſter.
	Ditto - -	Ditto - -	John Stokes.
	Ditto - -	John Meanly -	Joſeph Draper.
	Ditto - -	——Groſvenor, Widow	——Sturly.

SITUATION.	DESCRIPTION.	OWNERS.	OCCUPIERS.
Bilston Street -	House and Appurtenances	Grosvenor, Widow. -	Phebe Russell.
	Ditto - -	Ditto - -	John Hadly.
	Ditto - -	Churchwardens of Wolverhampton -	Sarah Nicklis.
	Ditto - -	William Alsop - -	Void.
	For opening a New Street to Can Lane, and widening the same.		
New Street -	Land and Wall -	Trustees of the Blue Coat Charity School of Wolverhampton	Use of said School.
	Land and Dryinghouse	Ditto - -	Randle Walker.
	Land - -	John Fryer - -	Joseph Ash.
	Nine Gardens, situate between New Street and Can Lane -	John Fryer - -	Ann Smith, John Bate, Joseph Walton, Sarah Smith, John Groves, Thomas Smith, James Pitt, Joseph Dyke, and John Huff.
	For widening Clark's Lane.		
Clark's Lane -	House, Yard, Stable and Appurtenances -	Daniel Fieldhouse	William Toy.
	House and Warehouse -	James Wim -	William Bedford.
	Land and Buildings -	Andrew Mitchell -	Thomas Kirtlan.
	House - -	Ditto - -	Robert Fenn.
	Candle House, and Appurtenances -	William Buckle -	William Buckle.
	Stable and Land -	William Thacker -	Jeremiah Taylor.
Dudley Street -	House - -	Martin Wilkes -	Benjamin Badger.
	Ditto - -	Sarah Powis -	Sarah Powis.
	For widening Walsall Street.		
Walsall Street -	House - -	Samuel Wood -	Joseph Shaw.
	Ditto - -	———Osbourn -	William Wilson.
	Ditto - -	Job Harding -	James Sharp.
	Ditto - -	Ditto - -	Samson Moseley.
	Ditto - -	Ann Craddock -	——— Doughty.
	Ditto - -	Joseph Baker -	Michael Tombs.
	Ditto - -	John Cadwallader -	William Swain.
	Ditto - -	———Gower, Widow	David Sheldon.
	Ditto - -	Joseph Miller -	Edward Page.
	Ditto - -	Joseph Cadwallader -	Sarah Howe.
	Ditto - -	Richard Horobin -	William Baily.
	Ditto - -	John Savage -	John Savage.
	Ditto - -	Richard Horobin -	John Marlton.
	Ditto - -	Richard Bradley -	Richard Bradley.
	Ditto - -	Richard Bradley -	James Edwards.
	Ditto - -	George Offley -	Thomas Miles.
	Ditto - -	Ditto - -	John Inglebury.
	Ditto - -	Ditto - -	Adam Coates.
	Ditto - -	William Cleman -	Void.
	Ditto - -	Ditto - -	William Cleman.

Gardens, Lands, Meſſuages, and Buildings, in or near Pigſtye Walk, &c.

SITUATION.	DESCRIPTION.	OWNERS.	OCCUPIERS.	
North, or Goat Street	Houſe and Appurtenances	Alexander Hordern, Eſq.	Late Edward Biddle; now void.	
	Ditto, Shop, & Garden	Ditto - -	Chriſtopher Robinſon.	
	Ditto - Ditto -	Ditto - -	Edward Clarke.	
	Ditto - Ditto -	Ditto - -	Joſeph Oſborne.	
	Ditto, Shop & Ditto	Ditto - -	Henry Oſborne.	
	Ditto - Ditto -	Ditto - -	John Ellis.	In the Prebend of Willenhall; the Rev. —— Elliſon, Prebendary.
	Stable - -	—— Foxall -	Richard Evans.	
	Houſe, Yard, & Garden	Ditto - -	William Harper.	
	Shed and Stone Yard -	Ditto - -	—— Wilmott.	
Craddock's Walk	Houſe, 3 Gardens and Summer Houſe -	Ditto - -	—— Rolliſton, Widow.	
North Street -	Building and Land -	William Mitton, Truſtee for Ann Allen, Sarah Donlon, and Richard Lockley -	Edward Harrold.	
Pigſtye Walk -	Garden and Privy -	Alexander Hordern, Eſq.	John Lickly.	
	Brewhouſe, Privy and ſmall Plot of Land	Ditto - -	James Olarenſhaw.	
	Houſe, Brewhouſe, 3 Stables, Yard, Garden, 2 Pigſtyes and Privy - -	Ditto - -	Elizabeth Banks.	
	Houſe, Brewhouſe, Stable, Garden, ſmall Plot of Land and Privy - -	Ditto - -	William Jones.	
	Stable, and Plot of Land	Ditto - -	Benjamin Higgs, Sub-Leſſee, and Occupier.	
	Garden - -	Ditto - -	——Moore.	
	Ditto - -	Ditto - -	James Taylor.	
	Engine Houſe -	Ditto - -	Moſes Stockly & Iſaiah Danks, Conſtables of Wolverhampton.	
	Part of a Slang of Land and void Ground, a Houſe and Stables, to be taken in a ſtraight line from a Building occupied by Richard Lockly to the Eaſt end or top of Pigſtye Walk	Ditto - -	John Lea Hayley, and Meſſrs. Stokes & Fletcher, occupiers.	
	Houſe and Brewhouſe -	Elizabeth Banks, Sub-Leſſee to Alexander Hordern, Eſq. -	Elizabeth Banks.	In the Prebend of Kinvaſton.
	Houſe and Brewhouſe -	Joſeph Riley Ditto, -	William Jones.	

For widening Lichfield Street, and opening a Road therefrom into Berry Street.

SITUATION.	DESCRIPTION.	OWNERS.	OCCUPIERS.	
Lichfield Street	House - -	Joseph Terrat -	James Heape.	
	A Porch - -	Ralph Gough -	Ralph Gough.	
	Ditto, and Rooms over the same - -	Lidia Hill - -	Thomas Hill.	
	House - -	Late William Baker -	Elizabeth Evans.	
	Ditto - -	Ditto - -	Ann Gibbons.	
	Ditto - -	Ditto - -	Widow Tether.	
	Ditto - -	Joseph York - -	Richard Barbor.	
	Ditto and Shop -	Ditto - -	William Green.	
Berry Street -	House - -	Ditto - -	Thomas Owen.	
	Malthouse & Warehouse	Ditto - -	——— Pratt.	
For widening the Footpath leading up Snow Hill.				
	Dwelling House or Warehouse -	William Worthington -	William Worthington.	
Intended New Street from Charles Street to North Street.				
Near Charles Street	Garden - -	James Hordern, Esq. -	John Creswell.	In the Prebend of Featherstone; the Rev. Thomas Walker Prebendary.
	Ditto - -	Ditto - -	——— Turner.	
	Ditto - -	Ditto - -	Major Foxall.	
	Ditto - -	Ditto - -	Daniel Brotherton.	
	Ditto - -	Ditto - -	——— Yarley.	
	Ditto and House -	Ditto - -	Thomas Dobson.	
North Street -	House - -	Elizabeth Walters -	Major Foxall.	
	Ditto - -	Ditto - -	William How.	
	Ditto - -	Ditto - -	John Illidge.	
	Ditto - -	Ditto - -	——— Emery.	
	Ditto - -	John Lingard. -	Daniel Brotherton.	
For widening Horsley Field.				
Horsley Field -	Passage or Plot of Land with two Walls -	Obadiah Walford.	Joseph Mintrage.	
	3 Gardens and Plot of Land - -	Lewis Hayes Petit, Esq.	Benjamin Stanley.	

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