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## Cap. 17.

An Act for regulating the Statute Labour, and repairing the Highways and Bridges in the County of *Dumbarton*. [14th April 1808.]

**W**HEREAS the Powers granted by Law in *Scotland* relative to Highways and Bridges, and the Services in Work and Money which are thereby authorized to be exacted and levied, having been found insufficient to amend and keep in repair the Roads and Bridges within the County of *Dumbarton*, an Act was passed in the Twenty-sixth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, for regulating the Statute Labour therein, and granting a Conversion in lieu thereof in the said County; but the same is about to expire, and other and further Powers being necessary in order effectually to carry the Intention of the said Laws into Execution; May it therefore please Your Majesty, That it may be enacted; and be it enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That all and every Person who is or shall be at any Time after the passing of this Act, in his own Right or in the Right of his Wife, in the actual Possession and Enjoyment as Proprietor or Life-renter of the *Dominium utile* of Lands lying in the County of *Dumbarton*, valued in the Cess Books of the said County at One hundred Pounds *Scots* of valued Rent, and the eldest Son of every Person possessed of Two hundred Pounds *Scots* of valued Rent as above.

Trustees for executing the Act.

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the Provost and any One of the Baillies of *Dumbarton*, or in the Absence of the Provost the Two Baillies, the eldest Baillie of *Kirkintilloch*, and the Baron Baillie for the Time being on each of the Estates of *Roseneath* and *Cumbernauld*, One of the Guardians or Trustees of Minors, and the Factor or Baron Baillie for the Time being of each non-resident Heritor, such Minors and Heritors having One hundred Pounds *Scots* of Valuation as aforesaid, shall be and they are hereby nominated and appointed Trustees for making and repairing the Highways, Roads, and Bridges, within the said County, and for executing all other the Powers by this Act given and granted: Provided always, that such Factors or Baron Baillies shall only be entitled to vote in the Absence of their Constituents; and in respect there are few Persons qualified to act as Trustees in the Landward Part of the Parish of *Dumbarton*, the Proprietor of the Lands of *Garshake*, and the Proprietor of the Estate of *Bonhill* for the Time being, are hereby specially nominated Trustees within the District in which that Part of the said Parish shall be included, but to have no Vote in the General or Adjourned Meetings herein-after appointed, unless duly qualified in Terms of this Act.

Qualification  
of Factors.

II. Provided always, and be it enacted, That no such Baron Baillie, or Factor, shall be capable of acting as a Trustee in the Execution of this Act, unless he shall be qualified to act as a Commissioner of Supply for the said County, or unless he shall be in his own Right or in the Right of his Wife, in the actual Possession or Receipt of the Rents and Profits of Lands or Heritages of the clear yearly Value of Twenty-five Pounds *per Annum*; or be possessed of and entitled to a Personal Estate alone, or Real and Personal Estate together, of the Value of Five hundred Pounds; nor shall any such Baron Baillie or Factor not qualified to be a Commissioner of Supply be capable of acting in the Execution of this Act, until he shall have taken and subscribed the Oath following, before any Two or more of the said Trustees, who are hereby authorized and required to administer the same; that is to say,

‘ I do swear, That I truly and *bona fide* am, in my own Right, (or, in the Right of my Wife, as the Case may be) in the actual Possession or Enjoyment of Lands or Heritages of the clear yearly Value of Twenty-five Pounds; or possessed of or entitled to a Personal Estate alone, or Real and Personal Estate together, of the Amount or Value of Five hundred Pounds. So help me GOD.’

Penalty on  
acting if not  
qualified.

III. And be it enacted, That if any Person not having the Qualification or not being of the Description aforesaid, shall act as a Trustee, every such Person shall, for every such acting, forfeit the Sum of Twenty Pounds Sterling, to be applied for Reparation of the Roads lying within that District in which he has acted.

Meetings of  
Trustees.

IV. And be it enacted, That the said Trustees or any Five or more of them, shall, in order to carry this present Act into Execution, meet at *Dumbarton*, upon the Thirtieth Day of *April* One thousand eight hundred and eight, or as soon thereafter as may be convenient, and thereafter yearly upon the same Day, and at the same Place that the Commissioners of Supply for the said County of *Dumbarton* shall be directed by the Land Tax Act of the Year then current to assemble for the Purpose of assessing the Land Tax and of choosing a Convener, Collector, and Clerk; and that the said Trustees so

so assembled at the aforesaid General Meeting shall have Power, and are hereby empowered to adjourn to the next or any after lawful Day if they shall see cause so to do, and to name a Preses or Chairman of their Meeting, and a Clerk during Pleasure, who shall attend the Meetings of the said Trustees, and shall enter their whole Proceedings regularly in a Book to be kept for that Purpose; and likewise shall as often as required by any Person or Persons having an Interest in the same, make and give out Copies or Extracts of the Orders or Proceedings of the Trustees, within Three Days after such Requisition, (at such certain moderate Fee for the same, as shall be fixed by the said Trustees at a General Meeting assembled), and that such Copies or Extracts shall contain the Warrant for putting these Orders into Execution, and that the said Trustees in their first General Meeting or Adjourned Meeting aforesaid, at which not less than Five Trustees shall be present, shall divide the County into Districts, which Districts, when so fixed, shall not be again altered during the Continuance of this Act; and the said Trustees at such General or Adjourned Meeting, and in all their subsequent Annual General Meetings or Adjourned Meetings assembled, shall have Power, and they are hereby empowered to nominate and appoint One or more of their own Number to act without Salary, as Surveyor or Surveyors in any of the Districts aforesaid, in which his or their Qualification lies; and at the said General Meetings the said Trustees shall appoint early and convenient Times for the first Meetings in each Year of the Trustees within the respective Districts so fixed as aforesaid, and that the Trustees at such District Meetings assembled shall have Power afterwards to adjourn as they shall see cause.

Trustees to  
appoint a Pre-  
ses and Clerk,

and Surveyor.

V. And be it enacted, That the Trustees of the different Districts, shall (under the Restrictions aftermentioned) superintend and have the Direction and Cognizance of the several Roads and Bridges within their respective Districts, and shall have Power to appoint the Order in which the same shall be made or repaired, and to appropriate the Services and Monies to be exacted and raised by virtue of this Act from each District within such their respective District only: Provided always, that (with the Exception of the Proprietor of the Lands of *Garskake*, and the Proprietor of the Lands of *Benhill*, who are specially empowered to act within the District in which the Landward Part of the Parish of *Dumbarton* shall be situated), no Trustee shall be entitled to act at any District Meeting, who is not at the Time qualified to act as a Trustee in respect of Lands lying within the Bounds of such District, unless where such Trustee may be qualified in respect of Lands lying in different Districts, and which separately are under the valued Rent aforesaid, in which last Case such Trustee shall be entitled to act at the District Meetings of the District within which his ordinary Place of Residence, or the ordinary Place of Residence of the Person for whom he acts may be; provided any Part of the Lands in respect of which he acts lies within such District; and that the said Trustees in such District Meetings assembled, shall be and are hereby empowered to appoint a Preses or Convener, and if necessary a Depute Clerk, for each District, and to adjourn from Time to Time; and that the Preses or Convener of such respective District Meetings shall have Power and he is hereby empowered and required to call Meetings of the Trustees for the said District, as often as he shall be required so to do by any Two Trustees within such Districts, upon Ten Days previous Notice to be given at the Church

Trustees to  
superintend  
Roads and  
Bridges.

Doers within the District, and in case any Difference of Opinion in such District Meeting shall arise among the said Trustees, concerning the Application of the Services or Money, any One of the Trustees who shall either think himself aggrieved, or shall think such Application improper, may complain to the next General Meeting, or to the next Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the said County, if joined in such Complaint by any One of the other Trustees in such District, Eight Days Notice in Writing being always given to the Clerk of the District Meeting of their Intention to bring an Appeal, and the Matter thereof, which General Meeting or Quarter Sessions shall have Power, and are hereby empowered to hear and determine the same, but the Work shall notwithstanding proceed as directed by the Majority of the District Meeting, until the Determination of such Appeal, unless where any new Line of Road is directed to be opened and made, in which Case the Work, or opening and making the said Road, shall not proceed or be carried into Execution, until the Determination of the said Appeal; and in both Cases the Sentence or Determination of the said General Meeting or Quarter Sessions shall be final and conclusive, without being subj & to Review by Bill of Advocation or Suspension, or by Process of Reduction, or in any Manner of Way whatever; and it shall be lawful for any Two Trustees to act at a District Meeting in case the other Trustees do not attend; and all Meetings under the Authority of this Act shall begin to be held at Mid-day and not earlier; and each Member shall defray his own Expence, but without disabling or restraining the said Trustees from making and giving a reasonable Allowance to Collectors, Clerks, Overseers, and other Officers for their Trouble, which they are hereby empowered to do.

Trustee to  
appoint Overseers  
and other  
Officers.

VI. And be it also enacted, That the said Trustees in District Meetings assembled, shall have Power, and are hereby empowered to appoint Overseers and other Officers within their respective Districts, and to remove or dismiss them, and appoint others as they shall find necessary; and the said Overseers may, by a Justice of the Peace of the Bounds, be made Constables for the special Purpose of acting as Constables in the Business of the Highways and Roads, and for that Purpose only; and any Person refusing to accept of the Office of Overseer shall forfeit the Sum of Three Pounds Sterling.

Collector and  
Treasurer to  
give Security.

VII. And be it further enacted, That the Collector or Collectors, Treasurer or Treasurers appointed by the said Trustees, shall give Security to the Amount at least of One Year's Receipt.

District Meetings to call  
for Copies of  
the Tax Roll.

VIII. And be it enacted, That the said Trustees in the respective Districts aforesaid, at their first Meeting after the passing of this Act, or at any subsequent Meeting, shall have full Power, and they are hereby required to call for Copies or Extracts of the Tax Roll or Valuation List of the Lands in their respective Districts, and which Copies or Extracts duly attested, the Collector of the Land Tax in the said County is hereby directed to furnish them with, upon receiving Five Shillings Sterling for each Copy or Extract; and therefrom the said Trustees shall make up for the Purposes of this Act, exact Rates or Accounts of the valued Rent of every Possession in each District, whether the same be occupied by Owners or Tenants; and in case Two or more Possessions stand *in Cumulo* the said Trustees shall call upon the Proprietors or their Factors  
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to give in a Division of the said *Cumulo* Valuation proportioned among the different Possessors, which State shall be subject to the Revisal of the Meeting, and they shall have full Power to alter and correct the same when it appears to them inaccurate and improper, and to determine accordingly; and if any Proprietor or Factor shall refuse to give in the said State, the Trustees are hereby empowered to demand the whole Assessment corresponding to such *Cumulo* Valuation from any of the Proprietors, who shall have Recourse on the other Possessors for a rateable Proportion; and Lists shall be made up of all Persons keeping Horses, and of the Number of Horses kept by each Person; and likewise exact Lists shall be made up of all Persons whatever chargeable for the Statute Labour as after mentioned, and the said Lists shall from Time to Time be revised and altered by the respective District Meetings, as any Change of Persons or Circumstances may require.

IX. And be it enacted, That all Occupiers of Land, whether Heritors, Tenants, or Sub-tenants, shall be liable by themselves, or proper Persons to be employed by them to perform Eight Hours of actual Labour on the Highways in the District in which their Lands lie, each Day for Six Days annually, with their whole Farm Horses, Carts, and Graith, and their whole Tools, labouring Utensils, and Servants, at any Time from the Twenty-fifth Day of *May* to the Twenty-fifth Day of *August* in each Year, when required by the said Trustees or a Quorum of them, or the Surveyor appointed by them, or in the Option of the Trustees in each District, the said Occupiers of Lands shall in lieu of actual Labour be liable to pay a Conversion in Money not exceeding Forty Shillings Sterling for each Ploughgate or Three Pounds Sterling for each One hundred Pounds *Scots* of valued Rent; and the said Rate or such Part thereof as shall be fixed by the said Trustees of each District, shall be levied on each Ploughgate or Subdivision of a Ploughgate, or upon each hundred Pounds *Scots* of valued Rent, according to the Proportions above specified, and so on in Proportion for a larger or smaller Valuation or Quantity of Land; and the Trustees in each District who make Choice of the Mode of Assessment by Ploughgate shall make up a List of the Ploughgates therein, and each Estate and Farm shall be held to contain as many Ploughgates as the Arable Lands might reasonably keep of Ploughs if under Tillage, or as the several District Meetings shall from the Circumstances of each Case upon Examination find reasonable; and the Trustees are hereby empowered to take such Proofs as they shall think necessary for ascertaining the Number of Ploughgates, and Copies of such Lists as are made up by them shall be transmitted to the Clerk of the General Meetings and entered in the Books to be kept by him; and if any Person shall think himself aggrieved thereby, he may complain to the next General Meeting or Quarter Sessions for Redress, whose Determination shall be final and conclusive for that Year, without being subject to Review by Bill of Suspension or Advocation, or Process of Reduction, or in any Manner whatsoever; provided always, that Grounds let for any Term of Years not exceeding Three Years without a Lease, shall be construed to be in the actual Possession of the Proprietor; and he shall be liable to perform Statute Labour therefor, or pay the Conversion in lieu thereof as aforesaid accordingly.

Heritors and all Occupiers of Lands liable in Statute Labour or Conversion.

List of Plough Gates to be made up.

X. And be it further enacted, That all Innkeepers, Carters, Carriers, and all Persons keeping Horses for Riding, Draught, or Carriage,  
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All Persons keeping Horses not being Occupiers of

Lands, to pay  
Conversion in  
lieu of Labour.

not being Occupiers of Land, shall in lieu of Statute Labour pay yearly to the said Trustees a Sum not exceeding Twelve Shillings Sterling, for each Horse, as the Rate of the said Conversion shall be settled, by a General Meeting of Trustees for the whole County.

Carriers and  
other Persons  
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of Lands to  
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position for  
their Horses,  
or in Option  
of Trustees to  
perform Sta-  
tute Labour  
or pay Con-  
version.

XI. And be it enacted, That if the aforesaid Carters, Carriers, and Householders, or Persons keeping Horses, shall likewise be Occupiers of Land, they shall be subject and liable either in the Composition Money due for their Horses and themselves, or in the Option of the Trustees for the respective Districts in the Statute Labour, or in the Composition in lieu thereof, for the Land so occupied by them, which Occupiers of Land by this Act are liable to perform and pay; and that where the Valuation of the Possession of an Owner or Occupier of Land shall not extend to Fifty Pounds Scots, he shall in the Option of the said District Trustees, either be liable to perform the Statute Labour, or pay the Composition for his Possession; or the said District Trustees may hold him as a Keeper of Horses or Householder, and levy from him the Composition in lieu of Statute Services, which they are entitled to levy from Persons keeping Horses or Householders as aforesaid, as they shall judge expedient.

Persons liable  
in personal  
Service or  
Conversion.

XII. And be it further enacted, That all Cottagers, Householders, Labourers, Manufacturers, Tradesmen, and others, not liable to send out Carts or Wains, (except Apprentices under Indentures for a Term of Years, who receive no Wages, or whose Wages do not exceed Six Shillings Sterling, weekly, and also Farm Servants hired by the Year or Half Year) shall be obliged when required to perform Six Days Work annually on the Highways, by themselves, or in the Option of the Trustees, to pay a Sum not exceeding Five Shillings Sterling each Person, for the said Six Days Work; and it is hereby declared, that all those who are liable to perform Services in Terms of this Act, shall be obliged to perform the same, at any Time from the Twenty-fifth Day of *May* to the Twenty-fifth Day of *August*: Provided nevertheless, that no such Person shall be obliged to perform Statute Work on any Road out of the District in which he resides; and that it shall be lawful for the Trustees in their annual District Meeting assembled, to free or exempt from any Part of the said Work or Payment of the Conversion thereof, all such Persons as shall appear to them to be in indigent Circumstances, or unable to perform the same.

Lowering the  
Conversion in  
certain Dis-  
tricts.

XIII. And whereas, there are but few Bye Roads in that Part of the County situated to the West of *Lochlomond*, and of the River *Leven*, and a great Population therein, and in the Town of *Dumbarton*, which renders it unnecessary to levy the Conversions hereby allowed in lieu of Labour, to the full Amount thereof in the Town and in that Part of the County aforesaid; be it therefore enacted, That in the Town of *Dumbarton*, and in the Districts to the West of *Lochlomond* and the River *Leven*, the Conversions of the Six Days Labour to which all Occupiers of Land, Heritors, and Tenants are liable as aforesaid, shall not exceed the Sum of Twelve Shillings Sterling on each Ploughgate, or Eighteen Shillings Sterling on each One hundred Pounds Scots of valued Rent, and so in Proportion for a larger or smaller Valuation or Quantity of Land; and the Conversions of the Statute Labour of each Cottager, Householder,

Householder, Labourer, Manufacturer, Tradesman, or others, liable in personal Services as aforesaid, shall not exceed the Sum of Two Shillings and Sixpence Sterling each Person.

XIV. And be it enacted, That every Person liable in such Statute Work as aforesaid, who shall neglect or refuse to perform the same, or to make Payment of the converted Prices thereof when required, within Ten Days after such Requisitions made to them either personally or at their Dwelling Houses, or by Advertisements at the Parish Churches on a *Sunday* after the Forenoon Service is ended, shall be liable in Manner following; *videlicet*, Each Person failing to perform the Statute Work or to pay the Conversion, shall be liable in double the Sum at which his Service or Labour shall be converted; and the Whole of these Conversions in Money shall be levied in virtue of a Warrant under the Hand of any One Justice of the Peace of the said County, proceeding upon the Oath of the Collector or Overseer, that such Person has not paid or has been absent; and, that such Warrants shall contain Authority for arresting the said Persons Effects, and for pouding and distraining the same; and that the Officer to whom the same shall be directed, shall summarily seize and distrain the readiest Goods or Effects of the said Person, and shall at the End of Three Days after such Distress, sell the same by publick Roup or Auction to the highest Offerer, at the Market Town or Village next to the Grounds of the Lands upon which such Distress was made, for Payment of the Sum for which such Person or Persons shall respectively be liable, and of the necessary Charges, rendering the Overplus to the Owner; and no Suspension, Appeal, Complaint or Action shall stop the Performance of the Statute Services or Payment of the converted Prices thereof, for that Year in which they have been appropriated; saving always nevertheless to the Parties, their Redress by a Complaint to the Trustees at their next General Meeting, or to the next Quarter Sessions, either from the Persons by whom they shall have been aggrieved, or out of their several Duties, Services, and Conversions for the Year next after the Determination of any such Complaint.

Persons neglecting to perform the Statute Work or pay the Conversion to be liable in double the converted Sum to be levied by pouding.

XV. And be it further enacted, That the respective District Meetings shall annually on or before the last *Tuesday* of *March* make up an exact and regular Report, containing an Account of the whole Money received and expended on Highways and Bridges; and also of the Number of Persons who have performed Statute Work, or paid the Composition for the same, the Work performed, and the Offences committed for the preceding Year, within the District under their Direction respectively; and such Report signed by the Preses and Clerk of the respective District Meetings, shall be transmitted by the said Clerk to the Clerk of the General Meeting to be held at *Dumbarton*, at least Eight Days before the General Annual Meeting; and shall by the Clerk of the General Meeting be entered in his Book, and laid before the Trustees at their said Meeting; and in case of Failure to make out and transmit such Report, the Preses and Clerk of the District Meeting so failing, shall each be liable in a Penalty or Fine of Five Pounds Sterling for each Offence, to be levied by Distress in Manner before mentioned.

District Meetings to make up annual Accounts.

XVI. And be it enacted, That it shall be lawful for the Trustees of a District, provided Two-Thirds of those present at a Meeting agree to do so, to borrow upon the Credit of the Conversion Money within such

District Trustees may borrow Money on the Credit of the Conversion

for making  
new Roads,  
&c. and may  
enter into  
Contracts.

District, such Sums of Money as the said Trustees shall deem expedient; either for making any new Line of Road, or repairing any Road or Roads within the District which may require an extraordinary Repair, so that these Sums do not in all at any Time exceed Four Years Amount of the Conversion Money of such District, and the Meeting at which such Loan is to be proposed, shall be called specially for the Purpose, Notice thereof being always given Ten Days at least previous to such Meeting upon a *Sunday*, by Advertisements at the Parish Church Doors; and the said Trustees shall be authorized to assign to the Lenders, the Proportion after mentioned of the said Conversion Money, for such a Term of Years as shall be sufficient to repay the Sums borrowed, and the Interest thereof; and the said Trustees shall further be empowered to enter into Contracts or Agreements for making, repairing, and upholding the said Roads, for any Term not exceeding Four Years, as the said Trustees shall think fit; it being however provided that not more than One Half of the said Conversion Money in any District shall either be assigned in Security for Loans, or appropriated for such Contracts for making, repairing, and upholding the said Roads, the remaining Half of the said Funds being always reserved to be disposed of at the Annual District Meetings, or Adjourned Meetings.

Empowering  
Overseers to  
take Materials  
for making  
and repairing  
the Roads.

XVII. And be it further enacted, That the said Overseers (after having first obtained a Warrant for so doing, under the Hand of One or more Justice or Justices of the Peace), shall be and are hereby empowered to take out of any Lands that shall appear to them most proper and convenient (not being Gardens, Orchards, planted Walks, Lawns, or Pleasure Grounds, or the Avenue to any House, or any Piece or Parcel of Ground which has been set apart as a Nursery for Trees previous to the passing of this Act, or the Banks of *Lochblomond*, or the Beds or Banks of Rivers in the Districts West of *Leven*, or the Sea Shore, without Permission from the Proprietors) Stones, Sand, Gravel, and other Materials for making and repairing the said Roads, doing the least Damage possible, and making Satisfaction to the Owner or Occupier of the Grounds, the Amount of such Satisfaction to be ascertained by any Two Justices of the Peace of the said County as herein-after directed.

Preventing  
Obstructions  
on the Roads,  
and to remove  
Nuisances.

XVIII. And be it further enacted, That no Person shall leave Carts or other Carriages, a longer Time than may be necessary, or (with the Exception of Materials for repairing the said Roads, and that under the Authority and with the express Approbation of One or more Trustees) shall lay or cause to be laid any Timber, Stone, Lime, Dung, Compost, Soil, or Matter whatsoever, on or within Five Yards of the said Roads, unless within a sufficient Fence, except Materials for building Houses and inclosing Grounds, no Part however of which shall be laid on the Road, or into the Ditches or Drains along the Sides thereof; and any Person or Persons so offending and convicted thereof before any One or more Justice or Justices of the Peace, upon his or her own Confession or upon the Oath of One or more Witness or Witnesses shall forfeit a Sum not exceeding Forty Shillings Sterling for each Offence, to be recovered and levied in the same Manner, as the converted Price of Labour, One Half to be paid to the Informer, and the other Half to be applied in making and repairing the Road within the District; and if any such Materials or other Matter or

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Thing shall be allowed to lie and remain on any of the said Roads, for the Space of One Day, it shall moreover be lawful for the said Trustees or any Two of them to sell the same by publick Auction, and to apply the Proceeds thereof, after deducting Expences to the Repair of the said Roads; and no Person under the Forfeiture or Penalty aforesaid, to be recovered and applied as aforesaid, shall make, erect, or construct any Saw Pits, Tan Pits, Lint Ponds, Quarry or Gravel Pits, within Five Yards of the said Roads, nor any Lime Kilns, Brick Kilns, Cinder Kilns, Furnaces, or other Nuisances within Twelve Yards of the said Roads, besides being obliged immediately to remove the same, unless the same shall be fenced off in such Manner as to prevent any Danger or Detriment to Persons travelling on the said Roads.

XIX. And be it enacted, That no Person shall haul or draw, or cause to be hauled or drawn upon any Part of the Roads any Tree, Log, Piece of Timber, or any Stone, or other Thing whatsoever, otherwise than upon a Wheel Carriage; nor shall any Person suffer any Tree, Log, Piece of Timber, Stone, or other Thing, which shall be conveyed on a Wheel Carriage to drag upon any Part of the said Roads; nor shall any Person turn a Plough upon any Part of the said Roads, or pasture Horses, or Cattle of any Kind on the Sides thereof; and all Logs of Timber exceeding Twenty-four Feet in Length, shall be carried on Four Wheels, or on a Double Carriage; and whoever shall be convicted in Manner before mentioned of any of the said Offences, shall for every such Offence forfeit a Sum not exceeding Forty Shillings, to be recovered and applied in Manner before directed; and no Person shall make any new Cut or Opening across any Part of the said Roads for the Purpose of directing any Watercourse, or otherwise, without the Authority of Two or more Trustees of the District previously obtained in Writing, and whoever shall be convicted as aforesaid of such Offence, shall forfeit a Sum not exceeding Forty Shillings Sterling for each Offence, to be recovered and applied as above directed, besides being obliged to restore the Road so injured to its former State.

No Timber or Stone to be drawn on the Roads, except on a Wheel Carriage, &c.

No Person to turn a Plough or pasture Cattle.

XX. And be it enacted, That no Person shall make or erect any House or other Buildings, excepting only Stone Fences or Walls not exceeding Six Feet in Height within Twenty Feet of the Centre of any of the said Roads, and any Person so offending shall forfeit a Sum not exceeding Five Pounds Sterling for each Offence, to be recovered and applied as above directed; and the Persons so offending shall also be obliged when ordered to do so by any Two or more Trustees, immediately to remove every such House or other Building, and upon their failing to do so within Thirty Days from the Time that a Notification in Writing has been given by any Two Trustees of the Encroachment, it shall be lawful for the District Trustees to order the said Buildings to be removed, and to charge the Offenders with the Expence of doing so, to be recovered in the same Manner with the other Forfeitures and Penalties as above directed.

No Buildings to be erected within Twenty Feet of the Centre of the Roads.

XXI. And be it further enacted, That each Heritor, Proprietor, or Owner of Ground adjacent to any of the Highways or Roads within the County aforesaid, shall at a proper Season of the Year as soon as conveniently may be after the passing of this Act, reduce the Hedges on the

Hedges to be kept at a certain Height, and Gates to open into the Field.

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Sides of the said Highways to a Height not exceeding Five Feet (excepting the Fences of Pleasure or Garden Grounds) and shall by annually lopping or cutting them at a proper Season of the Year keep them at or under the said Height; and after the passing of this Act every Gate adjacent to the said Highways shall be so constructed as to open inwards only into each Field or Inclosure; and opposite to every Gate or Entry communicating with the said Highways there shall be laid a covered Way or Bridge of Stones over the Drain on the Side of the Highways, which covered Way or Bridge must be constantly kept free and clear that the Water may pass through below the same; and in case any Heritor, Proprietor, or Occupier of Ground adjacent to the said Highways, shall omit and fail to perform any of the Requisites above mentioned, it shall be competent for any Two of the Trustees hereby appointed, by an Order signed by them, to ordain the same to be performed at the Expence of the Heritor, Proprietor, or Occupier as aforesaid, such Expence to be recovered by Application to any One of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace, who shall also award against the Offender the Expences of the Application.

Roads may be widened.

XXII. And be it enacted, That the said Trustees, or any Five of them, in a General or District Meeting assembled, shall be and hereby are empowered to widen or cause to be widened any Road to a Breadth not exceeding Thirty Feet, exclusive of the Ditches or Drains on each Side thereof; provided always, that in the Entries to Towns or Villages the said Trustees assembled as aforesaid, shall have Power to widen such Entries to a Breadth not exceeding Forty Feet, and for these Purposes the Trustees shall be empowered to remove Fences and Houses whose Side Walls do not exceed Twelve Feet in Height or other Obstructions, Six Months Notice being always given to the Proprietors or Possessors of Houses before the same are removed; and Satisfaction being always made to the Proprietors or Possessors of Houses before the same are removed, and Satisfaction being always made to the Owner or Owners and Lessees of Land, for so much Ground as shall be taken to widen the said Roads above and beyond Twenty Feet Wide of clear passable Road, and for the Fences and Houses removed.

But not till Payment of Damages.

XXIII. And be it enacted, That no Road shall be widened or Houses or Fences removed till actual Payment of the Satisfaction ascertained be made to the said Owner or Owners and Lessees of the Lands where such Road or Roads is or are widened in Manner herein directed.

For erecting new Fences.

XXIV. Provided always, and be it enacted, That when any Fences are removed, new and sufficient Fences shall be made by the Owner or Owners and Lessees of Lands within Eight Calendar Months after the Removal of such Fences, under Forfeiture of a Sum equal to the Money paid to them for the same; such Forfeiture to be applied towards the Repair of the Roads in such District.

Power to agree for Purchase of Ground.

XXV. And be it enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Trustees, and they are hereby empowered to contract and agree with all Bodies Politic or Corporate, and all Persons holding Lands under Entail, or subject to Life-rents, or other Incumbrances, with Tutors, Curators, Trustees, and every other Person though under legal Disability; and

and all such Persons are hereby empowered and required to contract and agree with the Trustees, and to sell, let, and convey, to them, all such Lands, Houses or other Premises, as shall be necessary for repairing, altering or widening the said Roads.

XXVI. And be it enacted, That if in the taking Possession of the Ground necessary for altering or widening the said Roads, or if in removing any House, Fence, or other Impediment, the respective Owners or Occupiers of such Lands, Houses, or other Impediments, shall not come to a voluntary Agreement with the Trustees for the Value thereof, or for the Damage sustained by, and the Recompence to be made to such Owners or Occupiers, it shall be lawful for either Party to apply to the Sheriff Depute or Sheriff Substitute of the County of *Dumbarton*, who shall be empowered to determine the same, with all Costs that may arise therefrom; and the said Sheriff Depute or Sheriff Substitute shall summon a Jury to consist of not fewer than Twelve qualified Persons, to inquire into the Value of such Ground, Houses, or other Impediments, into the Damage sustained by the Proprietors, and into the Recompence to be made by the Trustees for such Damage; and the Jury being sworn and impanelled shall return a Verdict upon the Matters submitted to their Inquiry and Judgement, which shall be final; and the said Sheriff Depute or Substitute shall adjudge the Value and Recompence thereby awarded to be paid to the Person or Persons having Right thereto; and upon the Sum awarded being paid by the Trustees to the Person or Persons to whom they have been so adjudged, or in case of his, her, or their refusing to accept, upon being consigned in the Hands of the Treasurer of the Bank of *Scotland*, or of the Royal Bank of *Scotland*, or in the Hands of the Manager of any Branch of either of the said Banks kept within the County of *Dumbarton*, the Trustees shall have Right to remove the Owners or Occupiers of such Ground, Houses, or other Premises, to enter into the Possession and Use thereof for the Purposes aforesaid, as fully and effectually as if such Owners or Occupiers had executed regular Dispositions of the same, and Infeoffment had followed in favour of the Trustees; and the said Proceedings and Orders of the Sheriff Depute or his Substitute, shall be final, and not removable or questionable by Bills or Letters of Advocation or Suspension to or by any other Court whatsoever, any Law or Usage to the contrary notwithstanding.

On Disagreement with Owners the Value to be ascertained by a Jury.

XXVII. Provided always, and be it enacted, That in the Event of such Jury awarding a greater Compensation than the Trustees shall have offered, but less than the Owner or Owners, Occupier or Occupiers, shall have required, the Expence of such Jury shall be defrayed and borne by the said Trustees and the said Owner or Owners, Occupier or Occupiers equally; but in case the Jury shall award to such Owner or Owners, Occupier or Occupiers, the Sum so required or any greater Sum, the Whole of the said Expence shall be paid by the said Trustees; and on the other Hand if the said Jury shall award the Sum offered by the said Trustees, or a less Sum, the Whole of the said Expences shall be paid by the Owner or Owners, Occupier or Occupiers: Provided always, that in all Cases where any Person or Persons shall by reason of Absence be prevented from treating with the said Trustees, such Costs and Expences shall be borne and paid by the said Trustees; and provided

Expence of Jury by whom to be paid.

vided also, that after having offered to the Proprietor or Proprietors, Occupier or Occupiers of any Lands or Houses, such Sum as the said Trustees shall think reasonable, it shall and may be lawful for them to enter into or upon such Lands or Houses for the Purposes of this Act, and no stop shall in the mean Time be put to the Operations of the said Trustees on Pretence of settling the said Damage, or that they have not been satisfied and paid; and in case any Person interested shall apply for and obtain from any Judge competent, a Warrant for stopping the Execution of any of the Purposes to be carried on under the Authority of this Act, the said Judge shall be and is hereby empowered and directed to recall such Warrant, or remove any Sift obtained as aforesaid, provided sufficient Caution is found by the Trustees therein named for the Amount of such Damages as may ultimately be awarded to the Person suing for the same, and ascertained in Manner herein-before prescribed.

Money payable to Person under Entail or Disability, how to be disposed of.

If 200 l. and upwards.

XXVIII. And be it enacted, That whatever Money shall be paid by Agreement, or by Award as aforesaid, for Lands, Tenements, Houses, or other Subjects so taken or used by the Trustees, which were held under Entail, or subject to Life-rent Annuities, or other Incumbrances, or belonging to any Corporation, married Woman, Minor, Lunatic, Idiot, or other Person under legal Disability or Incapacity, such Money, in case the same amount to Two hundred Pounds or upwards, shall be under the Authority and Direction of the Court of Session, and shall, without Delay be paid into the Bank of *Scotland*, or Royal Bank of *Scotland*, or such other Bank as the Court shall direct, upon the highest Interest that can be got, in order that it may be applied, with the Approbation and by the Authority of the said Court, in the Purchase of Land Tax, or in the Discharge of any Debt or Incumbrance affecting the said Lands, Houses, or other Subjects, or affecting other Lands, Houses, or Subjects belonging to the same Persons, and settled to the same or like Uses, or under the like Conditions and Limitations; and when such Money cannot be applied to these or like Purposes, then the same shall be laid out in the Purchase or on the Security of other Lands, Houses, and other Subjects of the like Nature; and the Rights and Titles thereof shall be devised to the same Person or Persons, or for their Benefit, to the same Series of Heirs, for the same Uses and Purposes, and under the same Provisions, Conditions, and Limitations, as the Lands, Houses, and other Subjects taken and used for the Purposes of this Act, were devised and settled, or such of them as shall be then existing and capable of taking effect; and in the mean Time, until such Purchase or Security can be effected, the Interest of such Money shall be paid, by Authority of the said Court, to the Person or Persons who for the Time would have been entitled to the Rents and Profits of the Lands, Houses, or other Subjects so taken and used by the said Trustees.

If less than 200 l. and above 20 l.

XXIX. And be it enacted, That if such Money be less than Two hundred Pounds, but shall exceed Twenty Pounds Sterling, then at the Option of the Person or Persons who for the Time being would have been entitled to the Rents and Profits of the Lands, Houses, and other Subjects conveyed to or taken by the Trustees for the Purposes of this Act, to be signified in Writing under their respective Hands, or under the Hands of their Tutors, Curators, or Trustees, in Cases of Minority, Lunacy, or Trust, to be paid  
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into one or other of the said Banks, under the same Direction and Authority, to be applied in the Manner before directed; or otherwise the same shall be paid, at the like Option, to Two Trustees to be named by the Person or Persons making such Option, and approved of by Two or more Trustees under this Act, in order that such Money, and the Interest arising thereon, may be applied in the Manner before directed, so far as the Circumstances of the Case shall make it practicable.

XXX. And be it enacted, That where such Money shall be less than Twenty Pounds Sterling, then the same shall be applied to the Use of the Person or Persons who for the Time being would have been entitled to the Rents and Profits of the Lands, Houses, and other Subjects so taken and conveyed for the Purposes aforesaid, in such Manner as the Trustees, or any Two or more of them, shall think fit, or in case of Trust to his or their Trustees, or in case of Minority, or Lunacy to his, her, or their Tutors or Curators for the Use and Benefit of such Person or Persons so entitled respectively.

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XXXI. And be it further enacted, That in case any Person or Persons to whom any Sum or Sums of Money shall be awarded for the Purchase of any Lands, Houses or other Subjects, 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 Trustees, 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, Houses, or other Subjects, be not known or discovered, then and in every such Case it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Trustees, or any Two or more of them, to order the said Sum or Sums of Money so awarded as aforesaid, to be paid into the Bank of Scotland or Royal Bank of Scotland, to the Credit of the Parties interested in the said Lands, Houses, or other Subjects (describing them) subject to the Order, Controul, and Disposition of the Court of Session; 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 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 Publick 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 Scotland or Royal Bank of Scotland, 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.

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XXXII. 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 said Bank in pursuance of this Act, for the Purchase of any Lands, Houses, or other Subjects, or of any Estate, Right, or Interest, in any Lands, Houses, or other Subjects, to be purchased in pursuance thereof, the

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Person or Persons who shall have been in the Possession of such Lands, Houses, and other Subjects, 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, Houses, or other Subjects, according to such Possession, until the contrary shall be shewn to the Satisfaction of the said Court of Session; and such Money and the Interest thereof 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, Houses, or other Subjects, or to some Estate or Interest therein.

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

XXXIII. Provided always, 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, Houses, or other Subjects to be purchased under the Authority of this Act, the Purchase Money for the same shall be required to be paid into the said Banks, and to be applied in the Purchase of other Lands, Houses, or other Subjects, to be settled to the like Uses in pursuance of this Act, 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 such Order, to be paid by the said Trustees, who shall from Time to Time pay such Sums of Money for such Purposes as the said Court shall direct.

Roads to be measured and Mile Stones erected.

XXXIV. And be it further enacted, That the said Trustees, or any Five or more of them, in a general or district Meeting assembled, shall cause the Roads to be measured, and Stones or Posts to be erected near the Sides thereof, denoting the Distance of each Mile, and also Way Posts at all the Cross Roads; and if any Person or Persons shall wilfully break, destroy, damage, pull up, or remove any such Stones, Posts, or Way Posts, or obliterate or deface any Letters or Figures that shall be made, inscribed, or put thereon, and shall be thereof convicted before any One or more Justice or Justices of the Peace for the County of *Dunbarton*, or of the County where the Offender or Offenders shall reside, such Person or Persons so offending, shall respectively forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Twenty Shillings Sterling for every Stone or Post so wilfully broken, destroyed, damaged, pulled up, removed, obliterated, or defaced, to be levied and recovered in the same Manner as other Penalties are by this Act directed to be recovered and levied; and such Forfeitures shall be applied One Moiety to the Informer, and the other Moiety in repairing the Stones or Posts so broken up, damaged, or defaced, or in supplying new ones in their Stead; and if there shall be any Overplus of such Forfeitures, the same shall be laid out in repairing the said Roads; and if any Person or Persons shall wilfully throw down, destroy, or damage any of the Bridges upon the said Roads, or the Ledges or Parapet Walls, or other Parts thereof, and shall be convicted as aforesaid, of any such Offence, every such Person shall, besides paying the Expence of repairing the Damage done, forfeit a Sum not exceeding Ten Pounds Sterling, to be recovered as aforesaid, One Half of which Penalty shall be paid to the Informer, and the other Half shall be applied in repairing the  
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Roads and Bridges within the District where the said Damage shall have been done; and in case the Person or Persons so offending and convicted shall have no sufficient Goods and Chattels, whereon such Forfeitures may be levied, then it shall and may be lawful for any One or more Justice or Justices of the Peace aforesaid, by Warrant under his or their Hand or Hands, to commit such Person or Persons to the Common Gaol of the County, there to remain for any Space not exceeding Three Calendar Months, or until Payment of the Penalty aforesaid.

XXXV. And be it enacted, That the Trustees of Districts within the County shall be empowered to apply such a Proportion of the Conversion Assessment levied in the District, as they shall judge fit and expedient for repairing and building Bridges within the said District, and when it happens that a Bridge either to be repaired or built, is so situated as to unite separate Districts, the Expence of the same shall be defrayed by the Districts in Proportion, always to the Amount of the Conversion Assessment respectively levied therein.

Conversions to be applied in repairing Bridges.

XXXVI. And whereas great Inconvenience is often occasioned to the Public for Want of proper Powers to alter the Direction and Course of improper and inconvenient Roads, and to shut up superfluous and useless Roads: Be it therefore enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to the said several District Meetings, or to any Person or Persons in the County conceiving themselves interested therein, to apply by Petition, to any of the General County Meetings to have such Alterations made, or such superfluous and useless Roads shut up, which General Meetings shall thereupon name a Committee of at least Five Commissioners, Three of whom to be a Quorum, to inspect such Roads, and to report their Opinion of what is proposed to the next General Meeting, and shall also order the said Petition to be intimated Two Calendar Months before the Meeting of such Committee, to the Proprietor or Proprietors of the Grounds through which the Roads lead, either personally or at their Dwelling Houses, if they reside within the County, or if they do not, to the Possessors of the Grounds; and by public Advertisements at the Church Doors of that and the Two next adjacent Parish Churches, immediately on the dismissing of the Forenoon Congregation, and upon such Report being made to the then next General Meeting, they shall hear all Parties having Interest therein, and they are hereby empowered, if they see just Cause, to ordain the Direction and Course of any Road leading through any Part of the said County to be altered and changed, and also to ordain any superfluous or useless Road or Roads to be shut up: Provided always, that nothing herein contained shall be construed to confer on the said Trustees a Power to alter the Course of or shut up any Turnpike Road: Provided always, that it shall be made appear to the said General Meeting, that a new and better Road or Roads can and shall be substituted in the Room of those which shall be altered, and that the Interests of the County will not be hurt by shutting up any such superfluous Roads; and that it will be for the Benefit of the private Proprietor who applies to have the same shut up: And provided also, that such new Road shall in no case be carried through any Lawn, Avenue, Garden, Orchard, or Pleasure or Nursery Ground, adjoining to any Gentleman's Mansion House, so as to incommode the same; and that no Damage be done to any House or Building, or to any Timber that affords Shelter or Beauty to any of the Premises;

Justices may shut up useless Roads and alter inconvenient Roads.

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and the said General Meeting shall appoint the said Committee, or any Three of them, One of them always being a Justice of the Peace, to oversee and fix the Line of Direction for the new Highway, as directed by the said General Meeting, and to set off the Land necessary for the same; as also to fix and ascertain the Proportion of the Compensation directed to be paid for the Damage occasioned by such Alteration, in Manner hereinbefore provided, which shall be borne or defrayed by any Heritor or Heritors receiving Benefit therefrom, and also the Proportion to be paid by such Heritor or Heritors, of the Expence of making and completing such Alteration, such Proportion of such Damage and Expence to be recovered from such Heritor or Heritors in the same Manner that the aforesaid Conversion is hereby directed to be recovered; and in case any Party or Parties shall think him, her, or themselves aggrieved by the Judgement of the said Committee thereon, it shall be lawful for such Party or Parties to appeal to the next General County Meeting, who shall immediately hear and determine the same; and in case any Party or Parties shall be dissatisfied with the Judgement of the said General Meeting thereon, it shall be competent to them to apply to the Court of Session for Redress within Six Calendar Months; and in case the said Court of Session shall affirm the Judgement of the said General Meeting, they shall award full Costs of Suit; and it shall be in the Power of the said General Meeting to defray the Expence which may be incurred before the Court of Session out of the County Funds, if they shall see Cause.

Trustees may assess the Districts in 10 s. Scots on each 100 l. Scots of valued Rent.

XXXVII. And whereas it has been found by Experience that the Sum of Ten Shillings Scots upon each One hundred Pounds Scots of valued Rent, authorized to be levied by an Act of the Parliament of Scotland, made in the Second Parliament of King Charles the Second, intituled, *An Act for repairing Highways and Bridges*; is insufficient for the Purposes therein mentioned; be it therefore enacted, That it shall be in the Power of the Trustees of each District at their annual Meeting, to assess the District in a further Sum not exceeding Ten Shillings Scots, upon each One hundred Pounds Scots of valued Rent to be expended and laid out upon the Bridges within the said District; and that the old Assessment of Ten Shillings Scots on each One hundred Pounds Scots shall be and the same is hereby reserved to be at the Disposal of the Justices of the Peace as formerly.

For repairing sudden Damages.

XXXVIII. Provided always, and be it enacted, That in case of any sudden Damage being done to any Bridge or Bridges within the said County, and which may require an immediate Support or Repair, it shall be in the Power of any Two Trustees and they are hereby empowered to give Orders for making such Repair or Repairs, but so as the Sum to be expended thereupon shall not exceed Five Pounds Sterling; and that the Money so expended shall be provided for and paid by the Order of the next General Meeting, on Application to them for that Purpose.

Application of Money levied.

XXXIX. And be it enacted, That the Sums to be raised and levied by virtue of this Act, shall be applied by the said Trustees, wholly and totally to the Uses and Purposes before mentioned, and to no other Purpose or Use whatsoever; and the Trustees at their first Meeting, are hereby authorized to assess the County for the Expence of this Act.



XL. And be it further enacted, That the Extent of the Satisfaction to be made to any Person or Persons for the Damage sustained by such Person or Persons in Consequence of the Powers granted by this Act, except as to altering or widening the Roads as above mentioned, shall be ascertained and determined by a Sentence of Two Justices of the Peace; and that in case such Person or Persons shall think themselves aggrieved by such Sentence they may apply for Redress in Manner herein-after mentioned.

For ascertain-  
ing Damages.

XLI. And be it further enacted, That all Penalties and Forfeitures by this Act imposed, shall be levied by Distress and Sale of the Offenders Goods and Chattels (if not directed by this Act to be otherwise levied) by Warrant under the Hands of any One or more Justice or Justices of the Peace of the said County, or of the County where the Offender shall be or reside; and the Person or Persons distraining such Goods and Chattels are hereby authorised and empowered after the Space of Three Days, after such Distress shall be made and taken, to sell the Goods so distrained by Publick Roup or Auction, and return the Overplus Money (if any be) upon Demand to the Owner or Owners of such Goods and Chattels, after such Penalties and Forfeitures, with the reasonable Charges of distraining, keeping, and selling the same, shall be deducted and paid; and the said Forfeitures when recovered, if not otherwise directed, to be applied by this Act, shall be applied One Moiety to the Informer, and the other Moiety towards carrying this Act into Execution, as the said Trustees shall direct; and all Penalties and Forfeitures contained in this Act, shall be payable over and above all necessary Expences incurred in prosecuting for the same.

Recovery and  
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of Penalties.

XLII. And be it also enacted, That all Actions and Complaints for all or any of the Penalties and Forfeitures imposed by this Act, and for any Wrong or Injury done or suffered in any Matter relative to, or in consequence of any of the Powers by this Act given and granted, shall unless herein otherwise provided, be originally brought before Two or more Justices of the Peace of the said County, and shall be commenced within the Space of Three Calendar Months after the Penalty or Forfeiture is incurred, or Wrong done or Injury suffered, and not afterwards.

Limitation of  
Actions.

XLIII. Provided always, That in case any Person or Persons shall think himself or themselves aggrieved by the Sentence or Judgement of the Justices of the Peace, upon any of the Matters or Things referred to their Determination, it shall and may be lawful to the said Person or Persons to appeal for Redress to the next General Quarter Sessions of the said County, at which not fewer than Three Justices shall be present; and such Appeal shall be lodged within Six Days after the Sentence complained of, and the Sentence of such General Quarter Sessions, shall be final and conclusive, without being subject to Advocation, Suspension, or Reduction, or to Review in any Way whatever.

Allowing an  
Appeal.

XLIV. Provided always, and be it enacted, That nothing in this Act shall subject Clergymen to perform any Services, or to the Payment of any Conversion on Account of their Manfes and Glebes.

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XLV. And be it enacted, That the Powers by this Act given and granted, shall take place from and after the passing thereof, and have continuance

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during the Term of Twenty-one Years, and from thence to the End of the then next Session of Parliament.

Public Act.

XLVI. And be it enacted, That this Act shall be deemed and taken to be a Public Act, and shall be judicially taken Notice of as such by all Judges, Justices, and others, without being specially pleaded.

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