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Cap. 131.

An Act for building a Bridge over the River *Ravensborne*, at or near its Mouth or Outlet into the River *Thames*, in the County of *Kent*, and for making and maintaining proper Approaches thereto.

[27th July 1803.]

WHEREAS the building a Bridge over the River *Ravensborne* at or near its Mouth or Outlet, into the River *Thames*, to extend from the Parishes of *Saint Nicholas* and *Saint Paul Deptford*, in the County of *Kent*, or One of them, to the Parish of *East Greenwich*, in the same County, and the making proper Roads or Approaches to and from the same, will be of great Benefit and Convenience to all Persons residing in the Neighbourhood thereof, or having Occasion to travel to and through the said Parishes from the adjacent Places, and will be of great publick Utility: And whereas the several Persons hereinafter named, have entered into a Subscription to raise a certain Sum towards a joint Stock or Fund for the said Purposes, and for carrying into Execution and completing the same and the several Works hereinafter mentioned: May it therefore please Your Majesty that it may be

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enacted;

Names of Proprietors.

enacted; and be it enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by an with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That, from and after the passing of this Act, *William Ashmore, Daniel Asher Alexander, Edward George Barnard, William Barnard, Adam Bell, Scrope Bernard, John Boyd, Richard Burnitt, Thomas Carter of Bermondsey, William Martin Carter, Thomas Carter of Deptford, Nicholas Cheminant, John Dabbs, George Davis, Beriah Drew, John Dudman, Samuel Enderby, Matthew Finch, Benjamin Cutler Finch, Philip Finnimore, William Flecknell, William Forman, Thomas Gaitskell, Henry Gaitskell, William Gaitskell, John Grout, James Hardwidge, John Hester, George Hutton, John Pascall Larkins, George Lee, Theodore Forbes Leith Doctor of Medicine, William Limbery, John Mason, Charles Miles junior, Samuel Gillam Mills, George Gillam Mills, Thomas Moulden, James Newsome, William Thomas Nicholls, William Nottidge, Joseph Parslow, William Payne, Philip Pearce, George Phillips, Robert Rich, James Riley, John Robertson, William Robertson, John Robertson junior, Thomas Roberts, John Rolls, John Scott, John Sewer, Jeremiah Selmes, Thomas Shipman, Joseph Thorpe Shipman, Anthony Smith, Charles Smith, Isaac Sparrow, Edward Swift, John Varnham, Charles Varnham, Henry Varnham, Richard Williams, Charles Boulter, Robinson Wright,* and all and every other Person and Persons who shall at any Time hereafter subscribe or contribute to the raising of the Capital hereinafter mentioned, and their respective Successors, Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, are and shall be united into a Company for building the said Bridge, and for raising and making proper Roads and Approaches to and from the same, as herein-after mentioned; and for maintaining and repairing the said Bridge, Roads, and Approaches, and for executing the several other Powers vested in them by this Act; and shall be and they are hereby declared to be One Body Politick and Corporate, by the Name of *The Deptford Creek Bridge Company*, and by that Name shall have perpetual Succession and a common Seal; and by that Name shall and may sue and be sued in all Courts and Places, and shall and may have Power and Authority from and after the passing of this Act to purchase Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, to them and their Successors, for erecting the said Bridge, and making, turning, altering, and performing the several Roads, Ways, and Works, hereby authorized to be made, altered, turned, or performed, and for the several Purposes herein mentioned, without incurring any of the Penalties of Mortmain; and also to sell any of the Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, to be purchased by virtue of this Act.

Made a Body Corporate.

Bridge to be built.

II. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Company, and they are hereby authorized and empowered, at their own proper Costs and Charges, by their Agents, Officers, Workmen, and others, to build a Bridge across or over the said River *Ravenborne*, at or near its Mouth or Outlet aforesaid, from the Western Bank or Shore thereof, between the River *Thames* and a certain Place on the said Western Bank or Shore called the *Copperas Dock*, in the Parish of *Saint Paul Deptford* aforesaid, to the opposite Shore, in the Parish of *East Greenwich* aforesaid, in such a Situation as by the said Company shall be thought most advisable; and to dig and make proper Foundations in the said River, and on the Lands and Grounds lying and being on each Side thereof, for the Piers and Abutments of the said Bridge, and to cut and level the Banks

of the said River, in such Manner as they shall think necessary for building the said Bridge; and to cut, remove, take, and carry away, all Trees, Roots of Trees, Beds of Gravel, Sand, Mud, or any other Impediment whatsoever, which may in anywise hinder the erecting and completing the said Bridge, and to turn, widen, alter, or enlarge any and every present Foot, Bridle, or Horse Road or Roads, or Way or Ways, or Highway or Highways leading, or which may lead to the said Bridge, within the Distance of Half a Mile therefrom; and to make all such new or other Roads or Ways to and from the said Bridge, as the said Company may think proper, to facilitate the Approach to the same from *Church Street*, in the Parishes of *Saint Nicholas* and *Saint Paul Deptford* aforesaid, and from *Church Street* in the Parish of *Greenwich* aforesaid, each being at the Distance of One Quarter of a Mile or thereabouts from the said River *Ravensborne*; and to do, perform, and execute all such other Matters and Things as the said Company shall think requisite and necessary, useful or convenient, for erecting, and building, maintaining and supporting, the said intended Bridge or the Approaches thereto, and the Passage over and under the same; and to land on either Side of the said River *Ravensborne*, within the Distance of One Quarter of a Mile of the Scite or intended Scite of the said Bridge, all Materials and other Things to be used in and about the said Bridge, Roads, and Ways, and there to work and use the same; they the said Company making such Satisfaction as herein-after mentioned, to the respective Owners and Occupiers of all such Lands, Grounds, Tenements and Hereditaments as shall be taken or made Use of for the said Purposes or any of them.

III. Provided always, and be it enacted, That every new Road or Way to be made by virtue of this Act, within the Parishes of *Saint Nicholas* and *Saint Paul Deptford* aforesaid, or either of them, shall be made Southward of a certain Street in the said Parish of *Saint Nicholas*, called the *Stowage*, and Northward of a right Line to be drawn from *Church Street* on the North Side of the *New Trinity Almshouses*, in the Parish of *Saint Paul Deptford* to the *Copperas Dock* aforesaid; and that every new Road or Way to be made by virtue of this Act, in the Parish of *Greenwich* aforesaid, shall be made Northward of a right Line to be drawn from the *Copperas Dock* aforesaid, to the East End of a Street or Way called *Skelton's Lane* in the said Parish of *Greenwich*.

Directions for Roads.

IV. And be it further enacted, That the said Bridge, and the Piers and Abutments thereof, shall be built and made with such Materials as the said Company shall think proper and requisite; and the said Bridge shall consist of One or more Arch or Arches as the said Company shall think proper, and in the said Bridge shall be constructed a Draw-bridge or Swing-bridge, and the Space thereunder for the Passage of Vessels, Barges, or Boats, shall be of the Width of Twenty-two Feet at the least, so that the Navigation of the said River may be prejudiced or obstructed as little as possible for such Vessels, Barges, or Boats as do now usually navigate the same; and that the Road or Way over and along the said Bridge, shall be at least Twenty-six Feet wide in the Clear, that is to say, the Part of such Road or Way to be allotted for the Passage for Carriages, Horses, Beasts, and other Cattle shall be Eighteen Feet wide, and a Path or Causeway shall be made for Persons passing on Foot, Four Feet wide and raised Eight Inches above such Passage for Carriages, (except in that Part where

Bridge to contain an Arch or Arches.

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the Draw-bridge or Swing-bridge shall be made or placed); and that no House or Building shall be set up, erected, or built upon the said Bridge, except such Toll House or Toll Houses as the said Company shall think necessary for the Purposes of this Act.

The Bridge not to be a County Bridge, nor to be assessed higher than Ferries until a certain Period.

V. And be it further enacted, That the said Bridge shall not be or be deemed to be a County Bridge, or in any wise to subject the said County of *Kent* to the Repair or Support thereof; and that the said Bridge, or any Part thereof, or any of the Toll Houses or Works thereto belonging, shall not be rated or assessed to the Payment of any Rate or Parochial Rate or Assessment whatsoever, at any higher or other Rate or Value than as hereafter mentioned, that is to say, to the Parish of *Saint Nicholas Deptford*, on the Rate or Value at which any Ferry or reputed Ferry over the said River *Ravensborne* was or stood rated or assessed in the Year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and two; and to the Parish of *Greenwich* aforesaid, on the like Rate or Value as in the Parish of *Deptford* aforesaid, until such Time as the Tolls yearly to be received at any Turnpike or Toll Gate to be erected by virtue of this Act, shall yield or pay to the said Company, after the Payment of the yearly Costs, Charges, and Expences of collecting the said Tolls, and of repairing and supporting the said Bridge, and of repairing, maintaining, lighting, and watching the said Roads, and after the discharging of all Annuities, Debts, and other Outgoings and Incumbrances attending the said Undertaking, a clear yearly Income or net Profit of Eight Pounds for every One hundred Pounds of the Capital or Joint Stock to be raised and contributed by the said Company of Proprietors for the several Purposes of this Act; but from and immediately after the Payment of such yearly Costs, Charges, and Expences, and the Discharge of all Annuities, Debts, and other Outgoings and Incumbrances, such Tolls so herein directed to be received by the said Company of Proprietors shall be liable to be rated or assessed upon or in respect of so much thereof as shall exceed the said Eight Pounds for every One hundred Pounds of the said Capital or Joint Stock aforesaid; and One Moiety thereof shall be rated or assessed in the said Parish of *Greenwich*, and the other Moiety thereof shall be rated or assessed in the said Parish of *Saint Nicholas Deptford*.

No Vessel with fixed Mast to pass under the Bridge, but on Flood Tide.

VI. And be it further enacted, That no Ship, Lighter, or other Vessel, having any fixed or standing Mast or Sail, shall be navigated, passed, or warped, under or through the said Bridge at any other Time or Times than at Flood Tide, or when the Water shall be flowing or running from the River *Thames* into the said River *Ravensborne*; and in case any such Ship, Lighter, or Vessel, shall be navigated, passed, or warped, under or through the said Bridge at any other Time or Season than as aforesaid, the Owners or Owner of every such Ship, Lighter, or Vessel shall for every Offence forfeit and pay the Sum of Ten Pounds, One Moiety thereof shall be paid to the Informer or Informers, and the other Moiety thereof shall belong to the said Company; and the said Owners or Owner shall moreover be answerable and liable to make Satisfaction to the said Company, for any Damage or Injury that shall or may be done to the said Bridge or any Part thereof, by any such Ship, Lighter, or Vessel, and every other Damage and Loss which the said Company may sustain therefrom.

VII. Provided

VII. Provided always, That nothing herein contained, shall extend to prevent any Ship, Lighter, or Vessel, having a moveable Mast or Masts, and having lowered the same with the Sail or Sails thereto belonging, from being navigated, passed; or warped under the said Bridge upon Ebb Tide, or when the Water shall be running out of the said River *Ravensborne* into the River *Thames*, so that there be sufficient Depth of Water for the Purpose as herein-after mentioned, and the said Ship, Lighter, or Vessel can safely pass under the said Bridge or through any Arch or Arches thereof without doing any Damage to the said Bridge, or Arch or Arches.

Vessel having lowered their Masts may pass under the Bridge on Ebb Tide.

VIII. Provided also, That nothing herein contained shall extend, or be construed to extend, so as to oblige or compel the said Company, or their Servants, or any of them, to open or remove any such Draw-bridge or Swing-bridge, at any Time or Times for the Passage of Ships, Lighters, or other Vessels whatsoever; after the Water has ceased flowing from the River *Thames* into the said River *Ravensborne*, or after the Height or Top of what is commonly called Flood Tide.

Bridge not to be moved after High Water.

IX. And be it further enacted, That in order to prevent any Doubt respecting the Time for the Passage of Ships, Lighters, or Vessels with a fixed or standing Mast or Masts, Sail or Sails; through the said Draw-bridge or Swing-bridge, and for the better Information of the Navigators thereof, it shall and may be lawful for the said Company to note or mark, or to affix any Mark or Note upon the said Bridge, or the Pier or Piers, Posts or Piles, or other conspicuous Part or Parts thereof, denoting the Time or Period when the Water from the River *Thames* shall have ceased flowing into the said River *Ravensborne*, or the Height or Top of what is commonly called Flood Tide as aforesaid, at which Time or Period the Tide or Water flowing or running from the River *Thames*, as aforesaid, shall be taken and adjudged to have ceased; and thereafter no Ship, Lighter, or Vessel as aforesaid, with any fixed or standing Mast or Masts, Sail or Sails, shall be navigated, passed, or warped through the said Bridge, until the next Return of Tide, on Forfeiture of the said Penalty and making such Payment as aforesaid: Provided, that no such Mark or Note shall extend to stop the Navigation of such Ships, Lighters, or Vessels sooner than Twenty Minutes before the ceasing of the Flowing of the Tide in the River *Thames* to the Height generally known by the Name of or called High Water Mark.

Company to fix Marks to denote High Water.

X. And be it further enacted, That for the Information of any and every Person navigating any Ship, Lighter, Barge, Boat, or other Vessel under the said Bridge hereby authorized to be made, or through any Arch or Arches thereof, it shall and may be lawful for the said Company to order and direct, or cause to be placed or made some Mark or Marks, Note or Notes upon the Piers, Posts, or Piles of the said Bridge, and the Arch and Arches thereof, or any of them, to denote the Depth of Water at or under the said Bridge and the Arch and Arches thereof respectively; and in case the Owner, Navigator, or other Person having the Care of any Ship, Lighter, Barge, Boat, or other Vessel shall pass or attempt to pass the same under or through the said Draw-bridge or Swing-bridge, or any Arch or Arches of the said Bridge so authorized to be made as aforesaid, unless the Draft of Water of the same respectively,

Company to mark the Depth of Water at the Bridge, &c.

tively, shall be full Six Inches above or clear of the Bed or Channel of the said River *Ravensborne*, at or under the said Bridge or the Arch or Arches thereof, or the said Draw-bridge or Swing-bridge through which the said Ship, Lighter, Barge, Boat, or other Vessel shall pass, or attempt to be passed according to such Mark or Marks, Note or Notes, he or they shall for every such Offence, forfeit and pay the Sum of Ten Pounds, One Moiety thereof shall be paid to the Informer or Informers, and the other Moiety shall belong to the said Company; and the Owners or Owner of such Ship, Lighter, Barge, Boat, or Vessel shall moreover be answerable and liable to make Satisfaction to the said Company for any Damage or Injury done to the said Bridge, or to any Arch or Arches thereof, or to the said Draw-bridge or Swing-bridge, and for every other Damage or Loss which the said Company may sustain therefrom.

Company to
contract for
building the
Bridge, &c.

XI. And be it further enacted, That the Directors of the said Company, or any Five or more of them, shall and may treat, contract, and agree for the Purchase of any Lands, Grounds, Tenements, or Hereditaments, (except the Burial Ground and the Church Yard, or either of them, of the said Parish of *Greenwich*), which the said Directors shall think fit and necessary, or expedient to be purchased for the erecting and building of the said Bridge, and for the repairing and amending, extending, widening, making, and enlarging any new Ways, Roads, or Passages to the same from *Church Street*, in the several Parishes of *Saint Nicholas* and *Saint Paul Deptford* aforesaid, and from *Church Street* in the Parish of *Greenwich* aforesaid, or any of the present Ways, Roads, and Passages leading from the said several Streets to the River *Ravensborne* as aforesaid, with the Owners and Occupiers of the said Lands, Grounds, Tenements, and Hereditaments, and other Persons interested in the same, and shall and may, by and out of the Capital of the said Company, to be raised for the Purposes of this Act, or out of the Tolls and Duties hereby made payable, or any other Monies to be raised by virtue of this Act, pay all and every such Sum and Sums of Money as shall be contracted, agreed, or assessed to be paid by the said Company for the Purchase thereof.

Houses, Gar-
dens, &c. not
to be injured,
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XII. Provided always, and be it enacted, That nothing herein contained shall extend, or be construed to extend, so as to enable the said Company, or the Directors thereof, or any Person or Persons acting by or under their Authority, to take, use, injure, or damage for the Purpose of the said Bridge or any other of the Purposes aforesaid, any House or other Building which was erected and built on or before the First Day of *May* One thousand eight hundred and three, or any Land or Ground which on the said First Day of *May* was set apart and used as or for a Garden, Orchard, Yard, Park, Paddock, planted Walk or Avenue to a House, without the Consent of the Owners and Occupiers thereof respectively, other than and except the several Houses, Lands, Grounds, Gardens, Orchards, Yard, Buildings, Erections, and Hereditaments mentioned or specified in the Schedule hereunto annexed.

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XIII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That if any of the Houses, Lands, Grounds, Gardens, Orchards, Yard, Buildings, Erections, and Hereditaments, mentioned and described in the Schedule hereunto

hereunto annexed, or any of the Persons in whose Possession or Occupation the same or any Part thereof are or is stated or described to be, shall happen to be misnamed or inaccurately described, such Misnomer 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 for and to the Purposes of this Act as fully and effectually as if the same was or were properly named or described in the said Schedule.

not to prevent the Execution of the Act.

XIV. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for all Bodies Politick, Corporate or Collegiate, Corporations Aggregate or Sole, and all Feoffees in Trust, Executors, Administrators, Guardians, Husbands, Committees, or other Trustees and Feoffees whatsoever, for and on Behalf of themselves, their Heirs, Successors, *Cestuique* Trusts, Executors, Administrators, Lunatics, Idiots, and other Contingent Trusts, and for any Infants, Females Covert, or *Cestuique* Trusts, Tenants in Tail, or for Lives, or for any Term or Number of Years, and for all and every other Persons and Person whomsoever, who are or shall be seized, possessed of, or interested in any such Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, to treat, contract, and agree with the said Company for the Sale of such Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, or any Part thereof, or of their Interest therein for the Purposes aforesaid, and to sell and convey the same to the said Company; and that all Contracts, Agreements, Sales, Deeds, Conveyances, and Assurances which shall be so made, shall without any Fine or Fines, Recovery or Recoveries, be valid to all Intents and Purposes, not only to convey the Estate and Interest of the Person and Persons conveying, but also to convey all Right, Estate, Interest, Use, Property, Claim, and Demand whatsoever, of their said several and respective *Cestuique* Trusts, and all Persons claiming and to claim by, from, or under them respectively, any Law, Statute, Usage, or other Matter or Thing whatsoever to the contrary thereof in anywise notwithstanding; and all Bodies Politick, Corporate or Collegiate, Corporations Aggregate or Sole, and all other Persons are and shall be hereby indemnified for what they shall do by virtue or in pursuance of this Act.

Power to Bodies Politick and others to sell and convey.

XV. And be it enacted, That all such Contracts, Agreements, Sales, Deeds, Conveyances, and Assurances, shall be made at the Expence of the said Company of Proprietors, and all Conveyances of any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments to the said Company shall be made in the Form or to the Effect following :

‘ I *A. B.* of _____ in Consideration of the Sum of _____
 ‘ to me paid by the *Deptford Creek Bridge Company*, do hereby
 ‘ grant and release to the said Company, all [*here describe the Premises*
 ‘ *to be conveyed*] and all my Right, Title, and Interest to and in the
 ‘ same and every Part thereof to hold to the said Company and their
 ‘ Successors for ever, by virtue and according to the true Intent and
 ‘ Meaning of an Act made in the Forty-third Year of the Reign of His
 ‘ present Majesty, intituled [*here insert the Title of this Act*].

Form of Conveyance of Lands.

‘ In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my Hand and Seal this
 ‘ _____ Day of _____ in the Year of our
 ‘ Lord _____

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Which said Conveyances shall be kept by the Clerk to the said Company of Proprietors, who shall from Time to Time deliver attested Copies thereof to any Person or Persons whomsoever requiring the same, and such Clerk shall have and receive Two Shillings and no more, for every One hundred Words of such attested Copy, and so in Proportion for any less Number of Words; and every such Conveyance to be made by virtue of this Act, in the Form and Manner or to the Effect aforesaid, shall be valid and effectual to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever, any Law, Statute, Usage, or Custom to the contrary thereof in anywise notwithstanding.

Bodies Politick, &c. refusing to treat, the Value to be settled by a Jury.

XVI. And be it further enacted, That if any Bodies Politick, Corporate or Collegiate, Corporations Aggregate or Sole, or any Person or Persons whomsoever seised, possessed, entitled, or interested in or to any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments so to be purchased as aforesaid, shall neglect or refuse to treat, or shall not agree with the said Company or the Directors thereof, for the Sale of or taking, using, or damaging any such Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, or any Part or Parts thereof, or for their Interest therein, or by reason of Absence shall be prevented from treating with the said Company or the Directors thereof, or shall not or cannot produce and make out a clear Title to the Premises required to be purchased, of which he, she, or they are or may be in Possession, or to the Interest he, she, or they do or may claim therein to the Satisfaction of the said Company or the Directors thereof, at a Meeting to be by the said Directors appointed for that Purpose, of which Eight Days Notice in Writing signed by the Clerk for the Time being to the said Company, shall be given and left at the Dwelling House or Place of Abode of the Head Officer of such Corporation as before mentioned, or of the Owner, Trustee, or other Person interested in such Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, or at the House of the Tenant or Occupier thereof, then and in every such Case, it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Directors to cause Notice in Writing to be signed by the said Clerk to the said Company, to be given or left as aforesaid; of the Sum of Money they are willing to pay for the Purchase of such Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, or for the joint or respective Interests of the said Bodies Politick, Corporate or Collegiate, Corporation Aggregate or Sole, or of any such Owner, Trustee, or other Person or Persons in the same, in which Notice a Time and Place shall be appointed for a Meeting with the said Parties, the same Time to be at least Eight Days after the Delivery of such Notice; and in case such Head Officer, Owner, Occupier, Trustee, or other Person as aforesaid, shall neglect to attend at such Time and Place, or shall refuse to accept the said Sum for the Purchase or Recompence as aforesaid, or shall not then or afterwards produce or evince a clear Title to the Premises, or to the Interest claimed therein to the Satisfaction of the said Directors, or shall refuse to enter into a written Agreement to convey the said Premises to the Satisfaction of the said Directors, then the said Directors, or any Five or more of them, shall cause to be inquired into, ascertained, and assessed by and upon the Oath of a Jury of Twelve indifferent Men of the County of *Kent*, what Recompence or Satisfaction shall be made to the Owners, Proprietors, Occupiers of or other Persons interested as aforesaid, for or upon Account of the taking, using, or damaging such Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, or of the

the respective Interests of the said several Parties therein, for the Purposes of this Act, and in order thereto the said Directors are hereby empowered and required, from Time to Time, as Occasion shall be or require, to summon before the said Jury, and examine upon Oath, which Oath the said Directors, or any Two of them, are hereby empowered to administer to any Person whomsoever, as Witnesses concerning the Premises, and shall and may order and cause the Jury to view the Premises in Question, if there be Occasion, and use all other Ways and Means for the Information of the said Jury, in the Premises, as the said Directors shall think fit, and after the said Jury shall have enquired of, ascertained, and assessed such Recompence, the said Directors shall thereupon adjudge and determine the Sum or Sums of Money so assessed by the said Jury, to be paid to the Corporations, Owners, Proprietors, Occupiers, Trustees, or other Person or Persons aforesaid, according to such Verdict or Inquisition, and the Judgement, Order, or Determination so had and made, shall be final, binding, and conclusive, to all Intents and Purposes, as well against the King's Majesty, His Heirs or Successors, as against all Parties and Persons whomsoever, claiming in Possession, Reversion, Remainder, or otherwise, their Heirs and Successors, (as well absent as present), Infants, Females Covert, Idiots, Lunatics, *Cestuique* Trusts, and Persons under any other Disability whatsoever, Bodies Politick, Corporate or Collegiate, Ecclesiastical or Civil, Corporations Aggregate or Sole, as well as all other Persons whatsoever, and all and every such Owners, Proprietors, and Occupiers, and Persons interested in such Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments shall, upon Payment or Tender of the Money so assessed as aforesaid, or upon paying or depositing the same in Manner herein-after mentioned, be from thenceforth, to all Intents and Purposes, divested of all Right Title, Claim, Interest, and Property of, in, and to the same; and the said Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, shall vest in the said Company, and they shall be deemed in Law to be in the actual Possession thereof, to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever.

XVII. Provided always, and be it enacted, That in case any Person or Persons shall be jointly interested with any other Person or Persons, in any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, so to be taken as aforesaid, and the said Company, or the Directors thereof, shall be desirous to purchase the several or separate Interest of such Person or Persons, and he, she, or they shall refuse or neglect to treat with the Directors of the said Company for the Sale of such his, her, or their several and separate Interests, or shall refuse the Sum or Sums to be offered to him, her, or them, for the same, according to the Method herein-before appointed, or shall not evince or make out a clear Title thereto, to the Satisfaction of the said Directors, then and in every such Case, it shall be lawful for a Jury to be impannelled, summoned, and sworn, in the Manner and according to the Authority and Directions herein-before mentioned, to enquire into, ascertain, and assess what Recompence shall be made to such Person or Persons for such separate and respective Estates and Interests, independent of the Estates or Interests of any other Person or Persons, in the said Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments; and after Payment or Tender of such Recompence so ascertained and assessed by the said Jury, in the Manner herein-after mentioned, for Payment of Monies for the

Separate Rights and Interests may be inquired of by a Jury.

Purchase of Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, such several and respective Estates, Rights, and Interests of such Person or Persons, shall be vested in the said Company, in the same Manner, and to all Intents and Purposes as the same were before such Ascertainment and Assessment vested in such Person or Persons; and the said Company shall have, use, and exercise all the Powers of taking and converting the same Premises to and for the Purposes of this Act, as if they were in Possession of the Entirety of the same Premises, so that the Estates, Rights, and Interests of any other Person or Persons, of or in the same, be not injured or prejudiced thereby.

Jury to be
summoned.

XVIII. And, for the summoning and returning such Jury, the said Directors, or any Five or more of them, are hereby empowered to issue their Warrant to the Sheriff of the County of *Kent*, requiring him to impanel, summon, and return Twenty-four indifferent Persons to appear before the said Directors, at such Time and Place as in such Warrant shall be appointed; and the said Sheriff or his Deputy is hereby required to impanel, summon, and return such Number accordingly, and out of the Persons so impanelled, summoned, and returned, or out of such of them as shall appear upon such Summons, the said Directors shall draw or cause to be drawn by Ballot, Twelve out of the said Twenty-four, and shall administer an Oath to every Person so drawn upon such Jury, which Oath any One of the said Directors, or the Clerk to the said Company, is hereby empowered to administer, and in Default of a sufficient Number of Persons so impanelled, the said Sheriff or his Deputy shall return other honest and indifferent Men of the Standers-by, or that can speedily be procured, to attend that Service, who shall be sworn, in like Manner, until the Number of Twelve shall be completed, which shall be the Jury for the Purposes aforesaid; and all Persons concerned shall have their lawful Challenges against any of the said Jurymen, when they come to be sworn, but shall not be permitted to challenge the Array, or more than Fifteen of the said Persons so to be returned; and the said Company, at the Time and Place aforesaid, shall have full Power, from Time to Time, to impose any reasonable Fine or Fines on such Sheriff, 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, or shall refuse to be sworn on the said Jury, or being so sworn, shall refuse to give or shall not give their Verdict, or in any other Manner wilfully neglect their Duty therein, contrary to the true Intent and Meaning of this Act, and on any of the Persons, who being required to give Evidence before the said Jury, touching the Premises, shall refuse or neglect to appear, or appearing shall refuse to be sworn and give Evidence, and from Time to Time to recover, levy, and apply such Fines in the same Manner as any other Forfeiture or Penalty is by this Act directed to be recovered, levied, and applied, so that no such Fine shall exceed the Sum of Twenty Pounds upon the Sheriff, or his Deputy, or of Ten Pounds upon any other Person for One Offence.

Value of
Lands to be
ascertained,
without Re-
ference to Im-
provements.

XIX. And be it further enacted, That the said Jury shall not take into their Consideration any Improvements which the Premises, the Value whereof shall be to be so ascertained, shall or may receive, by the erecting
of

of the said Bridge, or the making or improving any Road, Street, or Passage, or any of the Works hereby authorized to be done and performed, but the Recompence to be made for the same shall be inquired of, ascertained, and assessed by the said Jury, according to the Condition in which the said Premises are or may be at the Time of the said Inquiry, by or before them; and the said Jury shall be sworn to ascertain and assess such Recompence accordingly.

XX. Provided always, and be it enacted, That Notice in Writing, signed by the Clerk to the said Company, of the Time and Place appointed for the returning of the said Jury, shall either be given to the Person or Persons interested as aforesaid in such Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, or left at the Dwelling House of such Person or Persons, or of the Head Officer of such Corporation, or at his, her, or their last or usual Place of Abode, or with some Tenant or Occupier of the Premises, Eight Days at the least before the Day appointed for the Return of the said Jury.

Notice of Return of Jury to be given to Parties interested.

XXI. And be it further enacted, That if any Body or Bodies Politick, Corporate or Collegiate, Ecclesiastical or Civil, Corporations Aggregate or Sole, or any other Person or Persons whomsoever, Owners of or interested in any Part or Parts of any Houses, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, to be purchased as aforesaid, by virtue of this Act, and which shall be in the actual Possession of One Tenant or several Tenants, shall, by Notice in Writing to be left at the Office of the Clerk to the said Company, within Ten Days next after Application for the Purchase thereof, signify his, her, or their Desire to sell and convey the Whole of such Houses, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, then and in every such Case the Whole of every such House, Building, Land, or Premises, shall be deemed and held to be necessary to be purchased for effecting the Purposes of this Act; and in case such Owners or Persons interested as aforesaid, shall neglect to give such Notice, or being willing to sell such Part and Parts of the Premises aforesaid, cannot agree with the said Directors as to the Sum of Money to be paid for the Part which the said Directors shall think necessary to be purchased, then and in every such Case the Jury who shall be summoned to value the Premises, shall assess the Value of the whole Premises, according to the Condition in which they are at the Time of making such Value, and also the Value of that Part of the Premises which shall remain, after the Company or the Directors thereof shall have taken away so much as they shall think necessary.

Owners not compelled to sell a Part, if inclined to sell the Whole.

XXII. And be it further enacted, That a Memorial of all such Verdicts and Judgements shall be enrolled with the proper Officer for enrolling of Deeds and Conveyances in the High Court of Chancery, (who is hereby required to receive and enrol the same), within Six Calendar Months after such Verdict and Judgement shall be made and given, which Memorial shall be in the Form following, or to the like Effect; (that is to say),

Memorials of Verdicts given by the Jury to be enrolled.

BE it remembered, That pursuant to a Warrant directed to the Sheriff of the County of Kent, dated the _____ Day of _____ in the Year of our Lord _____ under the Hands _____ of _____

Form of Memorial.

of Five or more of the Directors of the *Deptford Creek Bridge Com-*
pany, appointed to put in Execution an Act of Parliament made and
 passed in the Forty-third Year of the Reign of His Majesty King George
 the Third, for building a Bridge over the River *Ravenborne*, at or
 near its Mouth or Outlet into the River *Thames*, in the County of *Kent*,
 and for making and maintaining proper Approaches thereto, the follow-
 ing Persons, among others, to wit, (*A. B. &c.*) were returned and sum-
 moned by the said Sheriff, to assess and ascertain what Recompence
 shall be made to the Owners of and other Persons interested in, [*or if*
for a separate Interest then say, to be made to *C. D.* for his Estate and
 Interest of and in] all, &c. (*describing the Premises to be taken*) for
 or upon Account of the said Premises, [*or of the said Estate and Inte-*
rest of the said C. D. as the Case may be], being taken by the said Com-
 pany, for the Purposes of the said Act; and the said Persons being as-
 sembled at _____ in the Parish of _____ in
 the County of *Kent*, and sworn to assess and ascertain according to Evi-
 dence then to be produced before them, the just and true Value of the
 said Premises, [*or of the said Estate and Interest of the said C. D. as*
the Case may be], and what Recompence ought to be made as aforesaid;
 and after Inquiry had, and Evidence given touching the same, the said
 Persons did find that the just and true Value of the said Premises [*or*
of the said Estate and Interest of the said C. D. as the Case may be],
 and the Recompence to be made as aforesaid, was and should be the
 Sum of _____ Whereupon we, whose Names
 are hereunto subscribed, Directors of the said Company, assembled at
 the Time and Place before mentioned, do hereby adjudge and deter-
 mine the said Sum of _____ to be paid to the
 Person or Persons interested in the said Premises, [*or to the said C. D.*
as the Case may be], as the Recompence or Satisfaction for his, her or
 their several Rights and Interests in the same, [*or for the same*]. Given
 under our Hands, and sealed with the Common Seal of the said Com-
 pany, this _____ Day of _____ in the Year
 of our Lord _____

Memorials to
 be Records,
 and Copies to
 be Evidence.

And the said Memorial shall be deemed and taken to be a Record,
 to all Intents and Purposes, and the same, or true Copies thereof
 attested by the said Officer for enrolling, shall be deemed to be effectual
 Evidence in any Court of Law or Equity whatsoever, and all Persons
 shall and may have Recourse to the same, on Payment of One Shilling,
 and take Copies thereof, paying for every One hundred Words, One
 Shilling; and so in Proportion for any greater or less Number of
 Words.

By whom
 Costs of Jury,
 &c. shall be
 paid.

XXIII. And be it further enacted, That in case any such Jury shall
 give or deliver a Verdict or Assessment for more Monies as a Recompence
 for the Right, Interest, or Property of any Person or Persons, Bodies
 Politick or Corporate, Ecclesiastical or Civil, in any such Lands, Grounds,
 Buildings, Tenements, or Hereditaments as aforesaid, than what shall
 have been proposed or offered by the said Company or the Directors
 thereof, as such Recompence before the summoning and returning the
 said Jury, that then the Costs and Charges of summoning and maintain-
 ing the said Jury, and all the Witnesses, Counsel, Assistants, and Agents;
 consequent

consequent thereon, shall be borne and paid by the said Company; but if any such Jury shall give and deliver a Verdict or Assessment for no more or for less Money as the Recompence aforesaid, than what shall have been proposed or offered by the said Company before the summoning and returning the said Jury, that then the Costs and Charges of summoning and maintaining the said Jury, and all the Witnesses, Counsel, Assistants, and Agents consequent thereon, shall be borne and paid by the Person or Persons, Bodies Politick, Corporate or Collegiate, Ecclesiastical or Civil having such Right, Interest, or Property, which Costs and Charges shall and may be deducted out of the Money assessed and adjudged in Recompence aforesaid, as so much Money advanced to and for the Use of such Person or Persons; and the Payment of the Remainder of such Monies in Manner herein-after mentioned, shall be deemed and taken to all Intents and Purposes to be a Payment of the whole Sum or Sums so assessed and adjudged, or otherwise such Costs and Charges shall and may be recovered by the said Company by such Ways and Means as any Penalties or Forfeitures may be recovered by virtue of this Act, and such Costs and Charges shall be ascertained by One Justice of the Peace acting in and for the County of *Kent*, not interested in the Matters in Question, and he is hereby authorized and required to ascertain the same for the Purposes aforesaid: Provided always, that in all Cases where any Person or Persons shall by reason of Absence from, or being out of *Great Britain*, have been prevented from treating with the said Company, such Costs and Charges shall be borne and paid by the said Company.

XXIV. Provided always, and be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That each and every Jurymen who shall be sworn for the Purposes of this Act, shall for his Trouble and Expence in the Premises, be allowed the Sum of Ten Shillings and Sixpence *per Day* and no more; and the Sheriff for empannelling and returning the said Jury shall be allowed the Sum of One Pound and One Shilling, and the further Sum of One Pound and One Shilling for attending the said Jury when returned; and his Officer for summoning the said Jury the Sum of One Pound and One Shilling and no more upon any Account or Pretence whatsoever, notwithstanding more Assessments than One shall be made.

Allowances
to Jury and
Sheriff.

XXV. And be it further enacted, That upon Payment or Tender of the Money so agreed for, awarded, or assessed as aforesaid, to the Party or Persons respectively entitled to receive the same, or their respective Agents, all the Estate, Right, Title, Interest, Use, Trust, Property, Claim, and Demand in Law and Equity of the Party or Persons respectively, for whose Use such Monies were so paid or so disposed of, into or out of such Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments shall vest in the said Company for the Uses and Purposes of this Act, as fully and effectually as if such Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments had been conveyed to the said Company by Lease and Release, Bargain and Sale inrolled, Feoffment with Livery of Seizin, Fine and Recovery, or any other legal Conveyance whatsoever; and such Monies being so paid or so disposed of, shall not only bar all Right, Title, Interest, Claim, and Demand of the Party or Parties, Person or Persons for whose Use the same were so paid or disposed of, but shall also extend to and be deemed and construed to bar the Dower or Dowry of the Wife or Wives of such Persons respectively, and all Estates Tail in Reversion or Remainder, and the Issue of such Persons respectively, and every Person claiming under them as fully and effectually

On Payment
of Money,
Lands to vest
in the Com-
pany.

tually as a Fine or Recovery would bar such Right, Title, Interest, Claim, or Demand if levied or suffered by the proper Parties, in due Form of Law.

In case of Non-payment or Tender within Six Months, the Verdict shall not be binding.

XXVI. And be it further enacted, That in case the Sum or Sums of Money so assessed by the said Jury, and ordered and adjudged by the said Company to be paid to the Owners or Occupiers and others, for their respective Interests, in the Premises aforesaid, shall not be paid, tendèred, or deposited as herein directed within Six Calendar Months after the same shall have been so assessed, ordered, and adjudged, then and in such Case, the Verdict of the said Jury, and the Order and Adjudication thereon, shall not be binding upon the said Parties, but the same shall be null and void to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever, any Thing herein contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

Company after Payment of Monies assessed to take Possession of Premises.

XXVII. And it is hereby enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Company and their Successors, or their Surveyor, Workmen, or Servants immediately after Payment or Tender as aforesaid, without further Process, to enter into such Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, and convert the same or the Scite thereof for the Purposes of this Act, and to cause such Messuages, Buildings, Erections, or Tenements to be pulled down, and to sell or dispose of the Materials thereof, unless such Premises shall be in the Occupation of any Person or Persons as Tenant or Tenants at Will, or Lessee or Lessees from Year to Year, then the same shall not be entered, converted, or pulled down as aforesaid, until Payment or Tender to such Tenant or Tenants of a Sum of Money equal to Six Calendar Months Rent of the Premises, or until the Expiration of Six Calendar Months next after Notice in Writing signed by the Clerk to the said Company, and left upon the Premises for such Tenant or Tenants, Lessee or Lessees to quit the said Premises, in which case the Rent and Profit of the said Premises to become due after such Payment shall be paid to and received by the said Company or the Treasurer thereof, to be applied for the Purposes of this Act, and on Non-payment thereof the said Company are hereby authorized to distrain and sue for the same, or to bring an Action for Recovery thereof in the same Manner and as fully and effectually as Landlords are by Law intitled to distrain and sue for Recovery of Rent to all Intents and Purposes; and in case any Person or Persons shall refuse to give Possession, then it shall and may be lawful to and for the Directors of the said Company, or any Five or more of them, and they are hereby authorized and required to issue their Precept or Precepts to the Sheriff of the County of *Kent*, to deliver Possession of the Premises to the said Company, or any Person or Persons by them to be named to take Possession thereof on their Behalf, and in such Precept nominated for that Purpose; and the said Sheriff is hereby required to deliver Possession thereof accordingly, and to levy the Costs of the Execution of such Precept or Precepts on the Person or Persons so refusing to give Possession as aforesaid by Distress and Sale of his or their Goods.

Persons entitl'd to Premises, may bring Actions, &c.

XXVIII. Provided nevertheless, and be it further enacted, That any Person or Persons having any Right, Title, Estate, Interest, Claim, or Demand whatsoever in, to, or out of any or either of the said Lands, Grounds, Messuages, Buildings, Tenements, or Hereditaments which shall

shall or may be sold or conveyed to the said Company by virtue of this Act, shall be at Liberty to bring any Action or Actions of Debt for Money had and received to his and their Use against any Person or Persons, or the legal Representatives of any Person or Persons who shall receive the Purchase Money arising from such Sale; and in every such Case the respective Plaintiffs, on Proof of such Title as would enable them to recover such Land and Premises or any Part thereof, or any Estate or Interest in the same, shall recover the said Purchase Money, or so much thereof as shall be equivalent to their Interest in the said Premises, together with such Interest as shall be equivalent to the mesne Profits of the Premises which they would have been entitled to recover, in case this Act had not been made.

XXIX. Provided always, and be it enacted, That if any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments purchased by the said Company shall be in Mortgage to any Person or Persons whomsoever, then and in such Case the said Directors shall and they are hereby required to pay or cause to be paid to the Mortgagee or Mortgagees, his, her, or their Executors, Administrators, or Assigns, upon Application in Writing made to the Directors of the said Company, or to the Clerk or Clerks of the said Company, signed by such Mortgagee or Mortgagees, his, her, or their Executors, Administrators, or Assigns, such Sum or Sums of Money as shall have been so agreed for, ascertained, and determined as aforesaid for the Purchase of such Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, or a competent Part thereof; and such Sum or Sums of Money when so paid shall be and be deemed to be in Discharge of the Principal Money, or Part thereof due on such Mortgage or Mortgages, and Acknowledgement of the Receipt thereof shall be made by Endorsement on the Mortgage Deed or Deeds signed by such Mortgagee or Mortgagees, his, her, or their Executors, Administrators, or Assigns in the Presence of One or more credible Witness or Witnesses, and such Endorsement shall be and deemed to be a full and sufficient Discharge to the said Company from the Mortgagor or Mortgagors, his, her, or their Executors, Administrators, or Assigns; and also a full and sufficient Discharge to the Mortgagor or Mortgagors, his, her, or their Executors, Administrators, or Assigns from the Mortgagee or Mortgagees, his, her, or their Executors, Administrators, or Assigns, for as much Money as shall be expressed in such Endorsement.

Provision for paying off Mortgages of Lands used by the Company.

XXX. 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, damaged, or used by virtue of the Powers of this Act for the Purposes thereof, which shall belong to any Body Politick, Corporate, or Collegiate, or to any Feoffee in Trust, Executor, Administrator, Guardian, Committee, or other Trustee for or on Behalf of any Infant, Lunatick, Idiot, Feme Covert, or other *Cestuique* Trust, or to any Person whose Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments are limited in strict Settlement, or to any Person under any other Disability or Incapacity whatsoever, such Money shall in case the same shall amount to 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 there *ex parte* the said Company; 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

Application of Money if equal to 200l.

Order.

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 or Redemption of the Land Tax, or in Discharge of any Debt or Debts, or of such other Incumbrance or of Part thereof as the said Court shall authorize to be paid, affecting the same Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, or affecting other Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments standing settled therewith to the same or the like Uses, Intents, or Purposes, or where such Money shall not be so applied, then the same shall 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 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 such 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 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 Bank Annuities, or Three Pounds *per Centum* Reduced Bank Annuities, until the same shall be ordered by the said Court to be sold for the Purposes aforesaid, and in the mean Time the Dividends and annual Product 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 said Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, so hereby directed to be purchased, in case such Purchase or Settlement were made.

Application
of Money if
less than 200l.
and equal to
20l.

XXXI. Provided always, and be it 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 Disability or Incapacity as aforesaid, shall be less than the Sum of Two hundred Pounds, and shall exceed or be equal to 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, and 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 any Five or more of the Directors of the said Company, (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.

XXXII. Provided

XXXII. Provided also, and be it enacted, That where such Money so agreed or awarded to be paid as next before-mentioned shall be less than 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 Directors, or any Five or more of them shall think fit; or in case of Infancy or Lunacy, then such Money shall be paid 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.

Application of Money if less than 20l.

XXXIII. 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 Directors; 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 and may be lawful to and for the said Directors or any Five 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 Court of Chancery, to be placed to his Account to the Credit of the Parties interested in the said Lands, Tenements or Hereditaments [*describing them*], subject to the Order, Controul, and Disposition of the said Court of Chancery; which said Court of Chancery, 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 Interests, 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.

Money allowed for Lands, &c. purchased, how to be charged and tendered.

XXXIV. Provided always, and be it 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 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 of this Act, or to any Bank Annuities to be purchased with any such Money, or the Dividends or Interest 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

Where any Question shall arise touching the Title, the Person in Possession shall be deemed entitled thereto.

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 and 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.

Ferries to be purchased.

XXXV. And be it enacted, That the said Company or the Directors thereof, shall and they are hereby required to purchase the present Ferry, or reputed Ferry or Passage over the River *Ravensborne* called the *Greenwich Sunday Ferry*, and the Tolls and Produce thereof, and every other Ferry or reputed Ferry over the said River, for and during the Estate, Term, and Interest of the several Persons now in the Possession and Enjoyment thereof, for such gross Sum or Sums, or yearly Sum or Sums of Money at the Option of the Vendor or Vendors as the same may be reasonably worth; and in case the Owner or Owners of such Ferry or Ferries, or reputed Ferry or Passage cannot agree with the said Company or the Directors thereof, as to the Amount of the Consideration to be paid for the same, then the Amount of such Consideration shall and may be assessed and settled by a Jury to be summoned in Manner herein directed, and the Decision of such Jury shall be final and conclusive; and in case such Purchase shall be made by a gross Sum, then such Sum of Money shall be applied and disposed of in such and the like Manner as any Sum or Sums of Money to be paid for the Purchase of any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments for the Purposes of this Act is or are herein directed to be paid, applied, and disposed of; and in case such Purchase shall be made by a yearly Sum or Sums of Money, then such yearly Sum or Sums of Money shall be paid, applied, and disposed of to such Person or Persons, and for such Intents and Purposes as the Profits or Monies arising from such Ferry, or reputed Ferry or Passage, shall at the Time of such Purchase be payable, applicable, or liable to.

Rent Charges for Ferries to have Priority.

XXXVI. And be it further enacted, That every yearly Sum or Sums of Money so agreed for, or assessed, and settled for the Purchase of any and every such Ferry or Ferries, or reputed Ferries or Passage, shall have a Priority to all other Debts, Claims, and Demands whatsoever, which shall arise or become due by virtue or in pursuance of this Act, and the same shall respectively commence and be payable when and so soon as the said Bridge shall be passable for Foot Passengers; and in case the said yearly Sum or Sums, or any of them shall be in Arrear and unpaid by the Space of Twenty-one Days after the same shall respectively become due and payable, (Demand thereof having been first made of the Treasurer or Clerk to the said Company), then it shall be lawful for the several and respective Persons to whom such yearly Sum or Sums shall be due and payable by themselves or their respective Agent or Agents thereto authorized, to enter upon, seize, and take Possession of the Gates or Toll Bars for collecting the Tolls payable for passing the said Bridge or Ferry, while the said Bridge shall be repairing or rebuilding as the Case shall be, and to collect and levy such Tolls in Manner hereby provided for collecting and levying the same for and until such Time as all such Arrears of the

the said annual Rent or Rents, and all such Monies as during the Time of such Collection shall have grown due, together with all the Charges and Expences attending such Entry and Collection, shall be thereby fully paid and satisfied.

XXXVII. And be it further enacted, That when and so soon as the said Bridge shall be passable for Foot Passengers, every such Ferry, and all the Rates, Tolls, Duties, and Profits arising from or payable for the same, and all the Privileges thereunto belonging, shall be, and is and are hereby declared for ever thereafter to be vested in the said Company, absolutely freed and discharged from any Right, Title, Claim, Interest, or Demand of any Person or Persons whomsoever; and it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Company to cause the Use of every such Ferry to cease and be discontinued; any Law, Statute, or Usage to the contrary thereof in anywise notwithstanding.

XXXVIII. And be it further enacted, That if any Person or Persons shall wilfully or negligently injure, destroy, break down, or otherwise damage, or shall ride on, or drive, or lead any Horse, Beast, Cattle, or Carriage, over or upon any Footpath or Causeway made or to be made on the Side or Sides of any Part or Parts of the said Bridge, or any of the Roads or Ways to be made by virtue of this Act; or if any Driver of any Waggon or other Carriage shall wilfully or carelessly break or damage any of the Posts or Stones which may be erected for the Security of the said Foot Paths or Causeways, or shall scrape off any Mud, Soil, or other Matter or Thing which shall be or lie upon any Part of the said Bridge, or Roads, or Ways, without the Consent of the Directors of the said Company, or shall place or lay any Ashes, Rubbish, Dung, Soil, or other Filth or Annoyance, or cause or permit any Water to run or flow from any Pipe or Pipes placed or to be placed under the said Roads or Ways, save and except in case of Frost or Fire, or leave, place, or permit to remain any Coach, Chariot, Waggon, Cart, or other Carriage, laden or unladen, without any Horse or Beast harnessed or yoked to the same, (except on Account of some Accident having happened thereto, and then only until the same can conveniently be removed or repaired); or any Waggon, Wain, Cart, or other Carriage with any Horse or Beast harnessed or yoked thereto, unless to load or unload, and then no longer than is necessary for that Purpose, or any Privy, Boghouse, Dunghill, Cask, Tub, Block, Water Trough, Timber, Bricks, Mortar, Lime, or any Materials for building, or any Goods or Wares whatsoever, or shoe-Horses, or make any Fires called *Bonfires*, upon any Part of the said Bridge, or the said Roads, Streets, Alleys, and Passages by this Act authorized to be made, repaired, widened, or altered, or the Foot Paths thereof, or adjoining thereto, or shall put, place, or hang any Skin, Leather, or other Thing, in or upon the Fences or Hedges next to or adjoining thereto, or any of them, or any Part thereof, every such Person or Persons, being convicted of the Matters aforesaid, or any of them, upon the Oath of One or more credible Witness or Witnesses, before any One or more Justice or Justices of the Peace for the County of *Kent*, which Oath the said Justice or Justices is and are hereby empowered and required to administer, or by his, her, or their own Confession before the said Justice or Justices, within One Month next after such Offence shall have

have been committed, shall forfeit and pay a Sum not exceeding Five Pounds nor less than Forty Shillings, for any and every such Offence.

Hoads may
be erected by
Leave of the
Company.

XXXIX. Provided always, and be it further enacted by the Authority aforefaid, That it shall and may be lawful for any Person or Persons to erect or fet up, or caufe to be erected or fet up on any Part of the faid Bridge, Roads, Streets, Alleys, and Passages, any Inclofure, Posts, Bars, or Rails, or other Matters or Things, for the Purpose of making Mortar, or depositing Bricks, Lime, or other Materials for Buildings, or repairing any Houfes, Buildings, or other Works, or to place any Water Trough thereon, or near thereto, every fuch Person or Persons having firft obtained Leave from the faid Company for the Purpofes refpectively; and the fame may be continued for fo long Time as the faid Company fhall think fit, but no longer.

Power to cut
Drains, &c.

XL. And be it further enacted, That it fhall and may be lawful to and for the Surveyor or Surveyors, or other Person or Persons acting by or under the Authority of the faid Company, or of the Directors thereof, and to and for any Person or Persons whom he or they fhall appoint, by Order of the faid Company, or of the Directors thereof, to cut and make any Drains or Ditches through or into any Lands or Grounds adjoining or lying contiguous to any Part of the faid Bridge, or any of the faid Roads or Ways, in fuch Manner as fuch Surveyor or Surveyors fhall deem and judge neceffary and proper for amending or keeping in Repair any Part of the faid Bridge, or any of the faid Roads or Ways, making fuch reasonable Satisfaction to the Owners and Occupiers of fuch Lands refpectively, through and into which any fuch Drain fhall be cut, for the Damages which fuch Owners or Occupiers refpectively fhall or may thereby fustain, as fhall be adjudged reasonable by the faid Company, or the Directors thereof, in cafe any Difference fhall arife between fuch Owners or Occupiers, and the faid Company of Proprietors, or their Directors, touching the Amount of any Damages, then and in fuch Cafe the Amount of fuch Damages fhall be fettled by any One or more Justice or Justices of the Peace for the County of *Kent*.

Surveyor to
remove An-
noyances.

XLI. And be it further enacted, That it fhall and may be lawful to and for the faid Surveyor or Surveyors, and fuch Person or Persons as he or they fhall appoint, (by the Direction of the faid Company, or of the Directors thereof), from Time to Time to remove and prevent all Annoyances on any Part or Parts of the faid Bridge, or Roads or Ways, by Rails, Steps, Sign Posts, or other Posts or otherwife, or by any Matter or Thing herein-before mentioned, and to turn any Watercourfes, Sinks, or Drains, running into, along, or out of any Part of the faid Roads or Ways to the Prejudice thereof, and to make the fame as large and deep as he or they fhall think proper, and to cleanfe any Ditch or Watercourfe next adjoining to any Part of the faid Roads or Ways, in cafe the Person or Persons occafioning fuch Annoyance, or who ought to remove the fame, or to cleanfe fuch Ditch or Watercourfe, fhall refufe or neglect fo to do for the Space of Five Days next after Notice in Writing given for that Purpose, figned by the faid Surveyor or Surveyors, the Charges whereof fhall be reimbursed to the faid Surveyor or Surveyors,

veyors by the Person or Persons refusing or neglecting as aforesaid; and in case any such Person shall not, upon Demand, pay and reimburse to such Surveyor or Surveyors such Charges as aforesaid, the same shall and may be recovered by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of such Person, in like Manner as is herein authorized or directed for the Recovery of any Penalty inflicted by this Act; and if after the Removal of any of the said Annoyances, any Person shall offend in like Manner, every Person shall, for every such Offence, over and above such Charges as aforesaid, forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Forty Shillings, One Moiety whereof shall go to the Informer, and the other Moiety shall be applied to the Purposes of this Act.

XLII. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the Members or Proprietors of the said Company to raise and contribute among themselves, in such Proportions as to them shall seem meet and convenient, any Sum of Money towards raising a Capital or Joint Stock for building the said Bridge, and for other the Purposes aforesaid, not exceeding the Sum of Twenty-five thousand Pounds, and that the same be divided into Five hundred Shares, at a Price or Sum of Fifty Pounds *per* Share, and that no Person shall subscribe for or become a Proprietor of less than One Share. Company to raise a Capital.

XLIII. Provided always, and be it enacted, That in case the said Sum of Twenty-five thousand Pounds shall be found insufficient for building and completing the said Bridge, and performing other the Works and Purposes hereby authorized to be done and performed, but not otherwise, it shall be lawful for the said Company, from Time to Time, to raise and contribute among themselves, in Manner and Form aforesaid, and in such Shares and Proportions as to them shall seem meet, or by the Admission of new Proprietors or Subscribers, any further or other Sum of Money which may be necessary, from Time to Time, for completing and perfecting the said Bridge and other the Works and Purposes aforesaid, not exceeding the Sum of Ten thousand Pounds, and every Subscriber, towards raising such further or other Sum of Money, shall be liable to such Forfeitures, and stand interested in the Profits of the said Bridge and other the Works aforesaid, proportionably to the Sum that he, she, or they shall subscribe thereunto, and be considered a Proprietor of the said Company, as generally and extensively, to all Intents and Purposes, as if such further or other Sum had been Part of the Sum originally subscribed. Power to increase Capital.

XLIV. And be it further enacted, That the said Shares into which the said Capital or Subscription Money shall be divided, shall be and the same are hereby vested in the several Persons subscribing the same, and their several and respective Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, proportionably to the Sum each of them shall subscribe and pay thereunto, and every such Share shall be deemed Personal Estate, and the same or any Part thereof shall be transferrable or assignable by the Proprietor or Holder thereof, his Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, from Time to Time, as Occasion may require; and all and every Person and Persons, his, her, or their respective Executors, Administrators, or Assigns, who hath or have already subscribed, or who shall hereafter subscribe any Sum of Money towards raising the Capital or Joint Stock for building Shares vested in the Proprietors, and Dividends made accordingly.

the said Bridge and completing the same, and other the Works and Purposes aforesaid, shall be entitled to receive, after the said Bridge shall be completed, a Distribution proportionate to the Sum so subscribed, of and in the Profits and Advantages therefrom, and shall be deemed and considered a Proprietor of the said Company, and shall bear and pay a proportionate Sum of Money towards carrying on the said Undertaking, in Manner hereafter enacted, directed, and appointed.

Form of
Transfer of
Shares.

XLV. And be it further enacted, That every Transfer or Assignment of any Share or Shares in the said Company shall be in the Form or to the Effect following, and signed by the Proprietor, or his, her, or their Attorney, lawfully authorized, in the Presence of One credible Witness, who shall subscribe his Name and Place of Abode thereto; that is to say,

‘ I *A. B.* of _____ in Consideration of
 ‘ I paid to me by *C. D.* of _____ do hereby bargain,
 ‘ sell, assign, and transfer to the said *C. D.* the Sum of _____
 ‘ in the Capital Stock of and in the *Deptford Creek Bridge Company*,
 ‘ being the Share No. _____ or Shares No. _____ (or Part of the Share
 ‘ No. _____ or Shares No. _____ therein), belonging to me, to hold to
 ‘ the said *C. D.* Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, sub-
 ‘ ject to the same Orders, Rules, Conditions, and Restrictions, under
 ‘ which I hold the same; and I the said *C. D.* do hereby agree to take
 ‘ and accept the said Sum of _____ Pounds, of and in the said Capital
 ‘ Stock of the said Company, subject to the Rules, Orders, Conditions,
 ‘ and Restrictions aforesaid, as Witness _____ Hand, the
 ‘ Day of _____ in the Year _____
 ‘ Signed in the Presence of _____ ”

Shares may be
assigned toties
quoties.

And every such Transferree or Transferrees, Assignee or Assignees, may transfer the same Sum or any Part thereof again, and so *toties quoties*, and every Transfer or Assignment shall, within Sixty Days after the Date thereof, be produced and left with the Clerk or Clerks to the said Company, who shall, within Seven Days then next, cause a Transcript or Copy thereof, or an Entry or Memorial containing the Date, Names of the Parties, and Shares therein transferred, to be made or entered in the said Book or Books to be kept for the Purpose of entering such Transfers, and after such Entry made, but not till then, every such Person to whom such Transfer or Assignment shall be made, his, her, and their Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, shall be considered a Proprietor of the said Company, and be entitled to all Benefit and Advantage to arise from the Sum thereby transferred or assigned, and for the Entry of every such Transfer or Assignment, the said Clerk or Clerks shall be paid by the Party to whom such Transfer or Assignment shall be made, the Sum of Five Shillings, and no more.

No Assignee
to vote till af-
ter Entry of
Transfer.

XLVI. Provided, That no Person shall be entitled to vote in any Question relating to the Affairs of the said Company, unless such Assignment or Transfer, and the Entry thereof, shall have been made Thirty Days at the least prior to the Determination of such Question, and that One full Share, or a Sum equal to One full Share in the Capital Stock of the said Company, be thereby assigned or transferred.

XLVII. And be it further enacted, That in case any Assignment or Transfer of any Share or Shares in the said Undertaking shall be made to more than One Person, or any Share or Shares shall, by Operation of Law, become vested in more than One Person, then the Person first named in such Assignment or Transfer, or in the Entry of the Book for registering the vesting of such Share, shall only be the Person entitled to vote in the Affairs of the said Company.

Only One Assignee entitled to vote.

XLVIII. And be it further enacted, That before any Person or Persons claiming any Share in the said Company, in Right of Marriage, or by virtue of any Bequest or Will, or in any Course of Administration, shall be entitled to receive the Profits arising therefrom, or to vote in respect thereof, or to exercise any Benefit or Advantage resulting therefrom, an Entry of a Copy of the Register of such Marriage, proved by an Affidavit verifying such Copy, and that the Party therein named is a Proprietor of the said Company, to be made by any One or more Person or Persons, and sworn before any of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace, who is hereby authorized and empowered to administer such Affidavit, and an Entry of the Probate of such Will, or of Letters of Administration, as the Case shall require, shall respectively be made by the Clerk or Clerks to the said Company in a Book to be for that Purpose provided, for which Entry the said Clerk or Clerks shall be entitled to receive Five Shillings, and no more.

Enties of Marriage, &c. to be made by the Clerk to the Company.

XLIX. And be it further enacted, That the Name and Addition of every Person subscribing towards the raising of the Capital of the said Company, with the Number of Shares, or the Amount of the Money such Person shall subscribe, shall be fairly and distinctly entered in a Book to be kept by the Clerk to the said Company, and every Person shall write his Name to the Entry of his or her respective Subscription, in order to ascertain the Accuracy thereof, and every Share shall be numbered in numerical Order, for the easy Transfer thereof, as Occasion may require, and a Certificate or Instrument, with the Common Seal of the said Company affixed thereto, shall be delivered to every such Person, upon Demand, specifying the Share to which he or she is entitled in the said Capital, and such Certificate or Instrument shall be admitted in all Courts whatever, as Evidence of the Title of such Person to the Share therein specified, but the Want thereof shall not hinder or prevent the Owner of such Share from selling or disposing thereof, and in case any such Certificate or Instrument shall become defaced, or rendered unfit for Use, or shall be destroyed or lost, and so proved to be to the Satisfaction of the Directors of the Company, a new Certificate or Instrument may be made out, and the Common Seal of the Company affixed thereto, on Payment to the Clerk of the Company of Five Shillings for his Trouble therein.

Mode of Subscription.

L. And be it enacted, That every Notice necessary to be given to any Proprietor of the said Company of any Matter relating to the Affairs thereof, shall be given to the Person appearing by the Entry of his or her Subscription in the Book before mentioned, or by the Entry of any Transfer or Assignment aforesaid to be such Proprietor or left at the Place of Abode mentioned in such Entries respectively, or at the last or most usual Place

Notices given to the Address of Proprietors, according to Entries in the Company's Books, to be of good Service.

of Abode of such Proprietor, and all Payments and Dividends due or to grow due on any Share shall be made to such Person or Persons as by the said Entries shall so appear to be Proprietor or Proprietors thereof; and that no Assignment or Transfer or other Instrument giving Title to any such Share or Shares an Entry whereof shall not have been made in due Time as aforesaid, shall be given or admitted as Evidence either to defeat any Action or Suit brought or to be brought by the said Company prior to such Entry to recover any Call or Calls, or to entitle any Person or Persons to recover any Share or Shares forfeited prior to such Entry, or to make the said Company liable to the Payment of Interest and Dividends to any other Person than such as shall appear in such Entries to be Proprietor of the said Share, in respect of which such Interest or Dividends shall have become due; but that in all Cases such Entries shall be taken and considered as sufficient and conclusive Evidence of the Proprietorship of every Share.

Subscribers
compelled to
pay their Sub-
scriptions.

LI. And be it further enacted, That the respective Persons who have subscribed or who shall hereafter subscribe or advance any Money for or towards making, maintaining, and supporting the said Bridge, Roads, Ways, and Works to be erected or made by virtue of this Act, shall and are hereby required to pay the Sum or Sums by them respectively subscribed, (or such Parts and Proportions thereof as shall from Time to Time be called for by the Directors of the said Company by virtue of the Powers and Directions of this Act), at such Times and Places and in such Manner as shall be directed by the said Directors; and in case any of such Subscribers shall neglect or refuse to pay the same at the Time and Place and in Manner so required for that Purpose, the said Company are hereby empowered to sue for and recover the same in any Court of Law or Equity.

Power to bor-
row Money on
Mortgage or
Annuities.

LII. And be it further enacted, That, after having raised the full Capital of Twenty-five thousand Pounds, it shall be lawful for the said Company from Time to Time to borrow and take up at Interest such Sum or Sums of Money as they may find necessary, either by way of Mortgage on the Credit of the said Bridge and the Tolls thereof and other the Estate and Revenues of the said Company, or by granting Annuities to be payable out of the said Tolls and other the Estate and Revenues of the said Company or any of them during the natural Life or Lives of the Purchaser or Purchasers thereof, or of such Person or Persons as shall be nominated by and on the Behalf of such Purchaser or Purchasers, which Annuity shall be granted and made payable either with or without Benefit of Survivorship and in such Manner as the said Company shall think proper, and shall not be subject to Enrolment or to the Rules and Regulations in any Act of Parliament passed for enrolling Memorials of Annuities in the High Court of Chancery or elsewhere; and the said Company are hereby fully authorized and empowered under their Common Seal, to grant or assign over the said Bridge and the Tolls thereof, and other the Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments, and Revenues of the said Company, or any Part or Parts thereof, as a Security for any Sum or Sums of Money so to be borrowed with Interest for the same, or for the due and regular Payment of the said Annuity or Annuities so to be granted as to them shall seem meet.

LIII. And

LIII. And be it further enacted, That every such Grant or Assignment so to be given as a Security for any such Sum or Sums of Money so to be borrowed by way of Mortgage, shall and may be made in the Words following, or in any other Words to the like Effect, that is to say :

Form of Mortgage.

BY virtue of an Act made and passed in the Forty-third Year of the Reign of His Majesty King *George* the Third, intituled [*here set forth the Title of the Act*], We, the *Deptford Creek Bridge Company*, incorporated by and under the said Act, in Consideration of the Sum of
to us lent and advanced by *A. B.* of
do grant and convey, unto the said *A. B.* his or her Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, the said Bridge and the Toll House or Toll Houses thereunto belonging, and all and singular the Tolls arising by virtue of the said Act, and all our Right, Title, and Interest of, in, and to the same, [*and if any other Property of the said Company shall be mortgaged then insert*], And also of and in all, &c. [*describing the Property*], to hold unto the said *A. B.* his Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, subject to and until the Payment to him or them of the said Sum of
together with Interest for the same, after
the Rate of
per Centum per Annum.
Given under our Common Seal this
Day of
in the Year of our Lord

And all and every Person and Persons, Bodies Politick, Corporate, or Collegiate, Aggregate or Sole, to whom such Grant or Conveyance shall be made, shall be equally entitled to the respective Proportions of the said Tolls and Revenues of the said Company, according to the respective Sums in such Assignment mentioned to be advanced, to secure the Repayment thereof with the Interest, without any Preference by reason of Priority of any Grant or Conveyance, or on any other Account whatsoever.

Mortgagees entitled to Security without Preference.

LIV. And be it further enacted, That every Grant of any such Annuity to be made as herein-before mentioned shall and may be made in the Words, or to the Effect following, that is to say :

Form of the Grant of Annuity.

BY virtue of an Act made and passed in the Forty-third Year of the Reign of His Majesty King *George* the Third, intituled [*here set forth the Title of the Act*], We, the *Deptford Creek Bridge Company*, incorporated by and under the said Act, in Consideration of the Sum of
to us paid by *A. B.* of
do grant unto the said *A. B.* Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, out of the Tolls and Duties of the said Bridge, and other the Revenues of the said Company, One Annuity or yearly Sum of
to be paid and payable to the said *A. B.*
Executors, Administrators, or Assigns for, and during the
natural Life or Lives (*if on more than One Life*), and the Life of the Survivor of them, (*as the Case may be*), and a proportionate Part of the said Annuity up to the Day of the Decease of the said
or to the Day of the Decease of the Survivor
of them (*as the Case may be*).
Given under our Common Seal, this
Day of
in the Year of our Lord
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And every such Grant shall entitle the Purchaser or Purchasers of every such Annuity to the Payment thereof, and to all Benefit and Advantage thereto accruing, according to the Purport, true Intent, and Meaning of this Act.

Entries of Mortgages and Annuities to be made in the Company's Books.

LV. And be it enacted, That a Transcript or Copy of every such Grant or Conveyance, or an Entry or Memorial thereof, containing the Dates, Names of the Parties, and Sums of Money paid, shall be made in a Book or Books to be kept for that Purpose by the Clerk or Clerks of the said Company, which Book or Books shall and may be perused at all seasonable Times by any of the Proprietors or Creditors of the said Undertaking without Fee or Reward.

Mortgages and Annuities transferrable by Indorsement.

LVI. And be it further enacted, That all and every Person and Persons, Body or Bodies Politick, Corporate or Collegiate, Aggregate or Sole, to whom any such Grant or Conveyance shall be made as aforesaid, may from Time to Time personally or by Attorney thereunto duly authorized, transfer such Grant or Conveyance to any Person or Persons, Body or Bodies Politick, Corporate or Collegiate, Aggregate or Sole whatsoever, by Indorsement thereon, which Transfer shall be made in the Words or to the Effect following, and signed in the Presence of One credible Witness, who shall subscribe his Name and Place of Abode thereto, that is to say :

‘ I (or we), do hereby transfer the within Security, and all my, (or our), Right, Title, and Interest in, and to the same, and all Benefit and Advantage to arise therefrom unto _____ Executors, Administrators, and Assigns.

‘ Witness my Hand (our Hands) this _____ Day of _____ in the Year of our Lord _____

‘ Signed in the Presence of _____

Entries of Transfers to be made in Company's Books.

And every Transferree or Transferrees, Assignee or Assignees, may transfer the same Annuity or Mortgage again, and so *toties quoties*, and every Transfer shall within Thirty Days after the Date thereof, be produced and left with the said Clerk or Clerks, who shall within Seven Days then next, cause a Transcript or Copy thereof, or an Entry or Memorial containing the Date, Names of the Parties and Sums therein transferred, to be made or entered in the said Book or Books to be kept for entering the original Grant or Conveyance, or in some other Book or Books to be kept for the Entries of such Transfers, and after such Entry made, but not till then, every Person or Persons to whom such Transfer shall be made, his, her, or their Executors, Administrators and Assigns, shall be entitled to the Benefit of such Grant or Conveyance and the future Payments thereon, and to all Benefit and Advantage therefrom arising, and for the Entry of every such Transfer the said Clerk or Clerks shall be paid by the Party to whom such Transfer shall be made the Sum of Five Shillings and no more.

Interest and Annuities to be paid Half-yearly.

LVII. And be it further enacted, That the Interest of the Money which shall be so borrowed on Mortgage as aforesaid, and the several Annuities so to be granted as aforesaid, shall from the Time the respective

five Principal Money so to be lent or paid shall have been advanced, be paid Half-yearly to the several Parties entitled thereto, in Preference to any Dividends or Distribution to the Proprietors of the said Company or any of them or otherwise, be duly provided for and set apart before such Dividend or Distribution shall be made or declared.

LVIII. And be it further enacted, That the said Bridge, and the Toll House or Toll Houses, and all other Buildings, Stairs, or Conveniences to be erected thereon, or thereto, and all the Ascents or Approaches to the said Bridge, and all Materials which shall from Time to Time be gotten or provided for erecting, building, making, maintaining, and repairing the same, and all Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments so to be purchased by the said Company, and all Roads, Streets, Alleys, and Passages to be made, widened, repaired, or amended in pursuance of this Act, shall at all Times be vested in the said Company, their Successors or Assigns, and they are hereby authorized and empowered to bring any Action or Actions, and to prefer any Bill or Bills of Indictment against any Person or Persons who shall cut, damage, deface, or injure, or cause to be cut, damaged, defaced, or injured the same or any of them, or any Part of any of them, or who shall injure or destroy the said Bridge, Houses, Roads, and other the Works hereby authorized to be done and performed whilst doing, or impede the doing thereof, or who shall steal, purloin, or wrongfully take away Stones, Lead, Iron, Wood, Bricks, Gravel, or other Materials, Machines, Engines, or Utensils provided, or be provided from Time to Time, or used, or intended to be used for the said Bridge, Houses, Roads or other the Purposes of this Act, or which shall belong to the said Company. Bridge vested in the Company.

LIX. And be it further enacted, That when and so soon as the said Bridge shall be erected and built, it shall be lawful for the said Company or the Directors thereof, from Time to Time and at all Times then after, to cause to be demanded, received or taken for Pontage as or in the Name of a Toll, before or after any Passage over the said intended Bridge shall be permitted the several Sums following, that is to say: Tolls.

For every Horse, Mare, or Gelding or other Beast drawing any Coach, Chariot, Chaise, Calash, Curricule, Hearse, or such other like Carriage, Sixpence :

For every Horse, Mare, Gelding, or other Beast drawing any Waggon, Wain, Cart, Dray, or such other like Carriage, having the Fellies of the Wheels of the Breadth or Gauge of Nine Inches, Fourpence :

For every Horse, Mare, Gelding, or other Beast drawing any Waggon, Wain, Cart, Dray, or such like Carriage, having the Fellies of the Wheels of the Breadth or Gauge of Six Inches, Eightpence :

For every Horse, Mare, Gelding or other Beast drawing any Waggon, Wain, Cart, Dray, or such like Carriage, having the Fellies of the Wheels of less Breadth or Gauge than Six Inches, if drawn by Two or more Horses, Mares, Geldings, or other Beasts, Twelvepence ; but in case such Waggon, Wain, Cart, Dray, or such like Carriage shall be drawn only by One Horse, Mare, Gelding, or other Beast, Sixpence for such Horse, Mare, Gelding, or other Beast :

For every Horse, Mare, Gelding, Mule or Ass not drawing, Three pence :

For every Ox or other Neat Cattle, One Penny :

For every Calf, Hog, Sheep, or Lamb, One Halfpenny :

For every Foot Passenger One Penny, and for every Person riding or being in or upon any Waggon, Wain, Cart, Dray, or such like Carriage, except the Driver and One other Person attending the same, One Penny :

How to be collected.

And which said respective Tolls shall be and are hereby vested in the said Company for the Purposes of this Act, and it shall be lawful for the respective Collectors, Toll Gatherers, or Gate Keepers to be appointed by the said Company or the Directors thereof, or by their Lessee or Lessees, to demand, collect, and receive the Tolls hereby granted and made payable, and also to levy the same by Distress of the Horse, Beast, or other Cattle, or the Bridles, Saddles, Harness, or Accoutrements thereof, or of the Carriage or other Article or Goods of any Person liable to pay the same, who shall after Demand thereof made neglect or refuse to pay such Tolls as aforesaid, or to deny or hinder any Passage over the said Bridge until Payment thereof, and in case of such Distress to detain and keep the Cattle, Carriage, Article, or other Goods so distrained until such Tolls, with the reasonable Charges of such Distress, and the detaining and keeping the same shall be paid, and in Default of Payment it shall be lawful for the Person or Persons so distraining, after the Space of Five Days from the making of such Distress, to sell the Cattle, Carriage, Article, or other Goods so distrained at or near the Turnpike where the said Tolls ought to have been paid, returning the Overplus (if any be) upon Demand, to the Owner thereof after such Tolls, and the reasonable Charges of distraining, keeping, and selling the same shall be deducted and paid.

In case of
Dispute con-
cerning Tolls
and Charges,
the Matter to
be settled by
a Justice.

LX. Provided always, and be it enacted, That if any Dispute shall happen about the Quantity of the Tolls due, or the Charges of distraining, keeping, and selling any Distress, it shall and may be lawful to and for the Collector or Person distraining to detain the Distress, or the Money arising from the Sale thereof, until the Quantity of the Tolls, or the Charges of distraining, keeping, and selling the Distress, as the Case may be, shall be ascertained by some Justice of the Peace for the said County of Kent, who, upon Application made to him for that Purpose, shall examine the Matter by Oath of the Parties or other Witnesses or Witnessess, and shall determine the Quantity of Tolls due, and shall also assess the Charges of such Distress and Sale, and all other reasonable Costs, all which Sum or Sums so determined or assessed shall be paid to the Collector before he shall be obliged to return the said Distress, or the Overplus, after Sale thereof, or of any Part thereof.

Power to
erect a
Weighing
Machine.

LXI. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Company, or the Directors thereof, at any Gate or Bar to be erected for the receiving any of the Toll or Tolls as aforesaid, or upon any Part of the said Bridge or Roads before mentioned, to cause to be erected or built a Crane, Machine, or Engine, proper for the weighing of Carts, Waggon, or Carriages, conveying of any Goods or Merchandize whatsoever, and to order all and every, or any such Carts,
Waggon,

Waggon, or Carriages, which shall pass or be passing upon or over the said Bridge and Roads, or any of them, with the Loading thereof, to be weighed, and to receive and take over and above the Tolls already granted the Sum of Twenty Shillings for every Hundred Weight of One hundred and twelve Pounds to the Hundred, which every Cart, Waggon, or Carriage, with the Loading thereof, shall weigh, over and above the Weights hereafter allowed to each of them respectively; that is to say, to every Waggon or Four-wheeled Carriage, having the Fellies or Rollers of the Wheels of the Breadth of Sixteen Inches, Seven Tons; to every Waggon or Wain, or Four-wheeled Carriage, having the Fellies or Rollers of the Wheels thereof of the Breadth of Nine Inches, Six Tons; to every Cart, having the Fellies of the same Dimensions, Three Tons; to every Waggon, having the Fellies of the Wheels of the Breadth of Six Inches, Four Tons; and to every such Waggon so constructed as to roll, and actually rolling a Surface of Eleven Inches by the Wheels thereof, Five Tons; to every Cart having the Fellies of the Wheels of the same Dimensions, Two Tons Seven Hundred; to every Waggon, having the Fellies of the Wheels of less Breadth than Six Inches, Three Tons; and to every Cart, having the Fellies of the Wheels of the same Dimensions, One Ton Seven Hundred; which said additional Toll or Duty hereby granted and made payable, shall and may be collected, levied, and recovered in any of the Cases aforesaid, in such Manner as any other Toll or Duty hereby granted shall or may be levied and recovered, and the Money arising from such additional Duty, shall be applied, by the said Company, for the Purposes of this Act; provided, that no Waggon, Cart, or Carriage, shall be considered as having Wheels, the Fellies or Rollers whereof are of the several Breadths before mentioned, unless the Fellies or Rollers of all the Wheels are of the same Breadth, and in case such Fellies or Rollers are of unequal Breadths, then every Waggon, Cart, or Carriage, shall be taken and considered for the Purposes of this Act, as having the Fellies or Rollers of the Wheels thereof of the Breadth of the lesser Fellie or Roller of any Wheel belonging thereto.

Tolls for
Overweight.

Weights.

LXII. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for the said Company, from Time to Time, at any General Meeting, to lessen, alter, or reduce any of the Tolls hereby granted, for such Time as they shall think proper, and to raise or restore again the Tolls so lessened, altered, or reduced, or any Part thereof, so that the same do never exceed the Tolls hereby granted; and the Tolls so lessened, altered, or reduced, or raised again, shall be collected and recovered in the same Manner as the Tolls hereby granted are directed to be collected or recovered.

Tolls may be
reduced.

LXIII. And be it enacted, That a Table of the Tolls to be taken and collected by virtue of this Act, shall be put and continued at each and every Gate erected on the said Bridge, or on the said Roads or Ways.

Table of Tolls
to be put up
at Turnpikes.

LXIV. And be it further enacted, That the Directors of the said Company shall and may erect, or cause to be erected, such Toll Gate or Turnpike, Toll Gates or Turnpikes, with Toll House or Toll Houses adjoining,

Toll Houses
to be erected.

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ing, or near to the same respectively, or such of them as they shall think proper, upon or across the said Bridge, or the Ascents thereto, or on the said Roads so to be made as aforesaid, for the Purpose of more easy collecting the Tolls hereby made payable, and the same may, from Time to Time be demanded and taken at such Toll Gates or Turnpikes, by such Collectors, or other Person or Persons as the Directors of the said Company, or the Lessee or Lessees thereof shall, from Time to Time appoint.

Penalty on
evading Pay-
ment of Tolls.

LXV. And be it further enacted, That if any Person shall forcibly pass through any Toll Gate or Turnpike so to be erected, with or without any Carriage, Horse, or other Cattle, without first paying Toll for the same, or shall take off, or cause to be taken off any Horse or other Cattle from any Carriage, or shall leave, or cause to be left upon or near the said Bridge, or the said Roads, Streets, Alleys, or Passages, hereby authorized to be made, widened, repaired, or amended by the said Company, any Carriage, Horse, or other Cattle, or any Goods, or shall get or take any other Person or Persons into or upon any Carriage whatever, or upon any Horse or other Cattle, with Intent to evade the Payment of the said Tolls, or any Part thereof, or if any Person shall give to or receive from any Person, other than the Persons appointed to collect the said Tolls, any Note or Ticket to be given by any of the said Collectors or Toll Gatherers, or shall forge or counterfeit any Note or Ticket, or make use of any such forged or counterfeited Note or Ticket, knowing the same to have been forged or counterfeited, every Person so offending in any of the Cases aforesaid, shall, for every such Offence, forfeit the Sum of Five Pounds, whereof One Moiety shall be paid to the Informer or Informers, and the other Moiety to the said Company.

Penalty on
conveying
Persons, &c.
over the River
Ravensborne
for Hire.

LXVI. And be it further enacted, That after the said Bridge shall be completed, if any Person shall for Hire or Recompence, or with Intent to evade the Payment of the said Tolls, convey any Person, Carriage, Horse, Beast, or other Cattle, or any Goods, Article, or Thing, across the said River *Ravensborne*, otherwise than over the said Bridge, every such Person shall, for every such Offence, forfeit and pay the Sum of Five Pounds, One Moiety whereof shall be paid to the Informer or Informers, and the other Moiety shall be paid to the said Company.

Tolls to be
paid but Once
a Day.

LXVII. And be it further enacted, That any Person who shall have paid the Tolls hereby granted for or in respect of any Horse or Cattle, shall, on the same Day, to be computed from Twelve of the Clock at Night to Twelve of the Clock in the succeeding Night, be permitted to pass and repass any Time or Times, as often as he, she, or they shall think proper, through all or any of the Gates to be erected by virtue of this Act, for or in respect of the same Horse or Cattle for which such Toll shall have been so paid, and that no Person having paid the Toll at any Gate to be erected by virtue of this Act, for such Horses or other Cattle, and returning the same Day, to be computed as aforesaid, with the same Horses drawing a Carriage, shall be subject or liable to pay any greater Toll in respect of the Horses or Cattle drawing such Carriage, than will, with what shall have been paid for such Horses or Cattle, make up the complete Toll authorized to be collected for the Horses or Cattle drawing such

such Carriage by virtue of this Act, every such Person respectively producing a Note or Ticket, denoting such respective Payment, which Note or Ticket the said Collectors or Toll Gatherers are hereby required, on Demand, to give *gratis* on Receipt of the Tolls: Provided always, that nothing herein contained shall extend to exempt any Foot Passenger, or any Person or Persons riding or being in any Waggon, Wain, Cart, Dray, or such like Carriage, not being the Driver thereof, or Person as aforesaid, attending the same, as before mentioned, from Payment of the said Toll for each and every Time he or she may pass through any Gate or Gates to be erected by virtue of this Act, or to exempt from Payment of the said Tolls, or any of them, in respect of any and every Horse or Horses, or other Cattle, drawing any Cart, Waggon, or Carriage loaded with Timber, Bricks, Tiles, Lime, Mortar, Sand, or Stones, for each and every Time such Horse or Horses, or other Cattle, shall pass through any Gate or Gates to be erected by virtue of this Act, unless on the Return of such Cart, Waggon, or Carriage, empty or unladen, or unless such Cart, Waggon, or Carriage, shall have first paid the said Toll in passing over the said Bridge empty or unladen, before each Time of returning loaded as aforesaid.

LXVIII. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for the said Company, according to such Method as they shall think proper, to let to farm, or demise all and every the said Tolls for any Term or Terms of Years, not exceeding Three Years, for such Rent or Rents, and under such Covenants, Conditions, and Agreements, as the said Company shall think fit, and on the Execution of every such Demise or Lease, the Lessee of such Tolls shall have the Power of appointing any Collector or Toll Gatherer, and be entitled to the Share or Proportion of any and every Penalty for evading the Toll hereby made payable to the said Company.

The Tolls may be let on Lease.

LXIX. And be it further enacted, That all and every the Toll Collectors or Toll Gatherers so to be appointed by virtue of this Act, shall place or cause to be placed on some conspicuous Part of the Fronts of the Toll Houses or Toll Gates at which he or they shall be respectively stationed, and so that the same shall appear to publick View, his and their Christian and Surnames, painted in Black, on a Board with a White Ground, in large and legible Characters, each Letter whereof shall be Two Inches in Length at least, and of a proportionable Breadth, and that such Board shall be and remain at such Toll House or Toll Gate during the Whole of the Time the Person whose Name shall be expressed thereon shall be on Duty thereat, and if such Board shall not be put up, and remain in Manner aforesaid, the Collector or Toll Gatherer so neglecting to comply with the Directions above mentioned, shall, for every Offence, forfeit and pay the Sum of Ten Shillings to the Person who shall make Information thereof.

Collectors to affix their Name on Toll Gate.

LXX. And be it further enacted, That the Master or Owner, or Owners of every Barge, Boat, Ship, or Vessel, which shall pass upon the said River under and through the said Bridge, shall be and is hereby made answerable and responsible, and liable to make Satisfaction to the said Company for any Damage or Injury that shall or may be done to the

Masters and Owners of Vessels liable for Damage done to the Bridge.

said

faid Bridge, or any Part thereof, by any such Barge, Boat, Ship, or Vessel respectively.

Penalty on Persons wilfully damaging the Bridge.

LXXI. And be it further enacted, That if any Person shall wilfully and maliciously pull down and destroy, or begin to pull down or destroy the said Bridge, or any Part thereof, or any Toll House, or any Posts, Rails, or Fences to be erected by virtue of this Act, every Person so offending, on being thereof lawfully convicted, shall be subject and liable to the like Pains and Penalties as in Cases of Felony, and the Court, by and before whom such Person shall be tried, shall have Power and Authority to cause such Person to be punished in like Manner as Felons are directed to be punished by the Laws or Statutes of this Realm, or in Mitigation of such Punishment, such Court may, if they think fit, award such Sentence as the Law directs, in Cases of petty Larceny.

When Bridge impassable a Ferry to be provided.

LXXII. And be it further enacted, That in case the said Bridge shall at any Time become impassable or unsafe for Travellers or Carriages, the said Company shall and are hereby required to cause the same to be forthwith rebuilt or repaired and made safe and commodious for the Passage of Travellers, Cattle, and Carriages, and in the mean Time until the said Bridge shall be so rebuilt or repaired, and made safe and commodious, it shall be lawful for the said Company, and they are hereby required during all such Time as the said Bridge shall be impassable or unsafe as aforesaid, to provide a proper and convenient Ferry for the Passage of Travellers, Cattle, and Carriages over the said River as near to the said Bridge as conveniently may be; and it shall be lawful for such Person or Persons as the said Company shall appoint for the Purpose, to demand, collect, and receive for the Passage of such Travellers, Cattle, and Carriages in and over the said Ferry before they respectively shall be permitted to pass, the like Tolls as are hereby authorized to be taken for passing over the said Bridge, any Thing herein-before contained to the contrary notwithstanding; and which Tolls shall and may be recovered by such Ways and Means as the Tolls for passing through any Gate or Gates to be erected by virtue of this Act, can or may be recovered.

First and other Meetings to be holden.

LXXIII. And be it further enacted, That the First Meeting of the said Company shall be holden at the House, known by the Name or Sign of the *Roman Eagle*, situate in the Parish of *Saint Paul Deptford*, aforesaid, on the Second *Monday* next after the passing of this Act, between the Hours of Eleven of the Clock in the Forenoon and One of the Clock in the Afternoon, and afterwards shall annually, on the First *Wednesday* in the Month of *June*, assemble at such Place, not being more than Six Miles distant from the said Bridge, as the Directors of the said Company for the Time being shall at any Meeting appoint; and in case no Place or Hour shall have been appointed, then at such Place and Hour whereat the last General Meeting was holden; and the said Proprietors, or the major Part of them appearing at any such Meeting, may adjourn the same as they shall think fit, and may hold any other Meetings at the same or any other Place, from Time to Time, as often as they shall think proper; and that Five Members or Proprietors of the said Company, each holding Two or more Shares, being present, shall constitute and be considered a Meeting of the said Company, to every Intent and Purpose whatsoever.

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LXXIV. And be it further enacted, That if any Nine or more of the said Company, being severally Proprietors of Two Shares or upwards in the said Company, shall think it expedient to hold a General Meeting of the said Company, and shall request the same by Notice in Writing under their respective Hands, delivered to the Clerk of the said Company for the Time being, specifying in every such Notice the Business intended to be proposed at such Meeting, then the said Clerk shall within Ten Days after the Delivery of such Notice call such Meeting, to be held at such Time and Place as he shall judge expedient, and for that Purpose shall summon each of the said Proprietors by Notice in Writing to be delivered at their respective Places of Abode or other Place to be by them for that Purpose appointed, of which the said Proprietors may have given Notice to the said Clerk in such Manner as the said Company shall have for that Purpose ordered and directed, so that such respective Places be within the Space of Six Miles from the said Bridge; and all Proceedings at such Meeting with respect to the Matters specified in such Notice only, shall be as valid and effectual to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever, as if the same had been done at any Meeting to be held in the Manner herein-before appointed.

Extraordinary Meetings may be held.

LXXV. And be it further enacted, That the Proprietors present at every Meeting shall in the first Place choose and elect from among themselves a Chairman, and that all Motions and Questions to be made and put at such Meetings shall be decided by a Majority of the Proprietors present, and if the Numbers on each Side shall happen to be equal the Chairman of the Meeting shall in every such Case give the casting Vote although he may have voted before.

Questions to be decided by the Majority of Votes.

LXXVI. And be it further enacted, That every Person who shall be the Proprietor of Two Shares or One hundred Pounds or upwards, and less than Five Shares or Two hundred and fifty Pounds, shall have One Vote at every Meeting of the said Company; and the Proprietor of Five Shares or Two hundred and fifty Pounds or upwards, and less than Ten Shares or Five hundred Pounds, shall have Two Votes; and the Proprietor of Ten Shares or Five hundred Pounds or upwards, and less than Fifteen Shares or Seven hundred and fifty Pounds, shall have Three Votes; and the Proprietor of Fifteen Shares or Seven hundred and fifty Pounds or upwards, and less than Twenty Shares or One thousand Pounds, shall have Four Votes; and the Proprietor of Twenty Shares or One thousand Pounds or upwards of the said Stock, Five Votes and no more, at every Meeting to be held by the said Company.

Regulations of Votes.

LXXVII. And be it enacted, That such Vote and Votes may be given by every Proprietor in Person, or by his or her Proxy or Proxies, constituted under the Hand and Seal of such Proprietor, every such Proxy being a Proprietor in the said Undertaking, and every such Vote by Proxy shall be as good and sufficient to all Intents and Purposes as if such Principal had voted in Person, the Appointment of which Proxies may be made according to the Form following, that is to say:

Votes to be given in Person or by Proxy.

I *A. B.* of *One of the Proprietors of the*
Deptford Creek Bridge, do hereby nominate, constitute, and ap-
 point *C. D.* of *to be my Proxy in my Name, and in*
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' my Absence to vote or give my Assent or Dissent to any Business,
 ' Matter, or Thing relating to the said Bridge, that shall be mentioned
 ' or proposed at any Assembly of the Company of Proprietors of the said
 ' Bridge, to be held between the Day of
 ' and the Day of in such Manner
 ' as he the said C. D. shall think proper, according to his Opinion and
 ' Judgement for the Benefit of the said Bridge, or any Thing appertain-
 ' ing thereto.

' In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my Hand and Seal the
 ' Day of

Appointment
 of Directors,
 Auditors, and
 Treasurer.

LXXVIII. And be it further enacted, That the said Company shall at
 their First or some subsequent Meeting within Two Calendar Months after
 the passing this Act, and annually afterwards, on the First *Wednesday* in
 the Month of *June* in every Year, nominate and appoint by Ballot, of
 and out of the Proprietors of the said Company who shall be respectively
 possessed of at least Five Shares of the Capital of the said Company,
 Twenty-four Persons to be Directors and Managers of the said Company,
 and Three Persons to be Auditors of the Accounts of the said Company,
 and One Person to be Treasurer of the said Company for One Year, and
 the Powers of the said Directors, Auditors, and Treasurer shall continue
 for One Year or until others shall be chosen, and shall then cease and
 determine; and the Proprietors assembled at the General Meeting to be
 annually held on the First *Wednesday* in the Month of *June*, shall proceed
 to the Nomination of other Directors, Auditors, and Treasurer, or may
 re-appoint the same Persons or any of them, to be Directors, Auditors,
 and Treasurer for the Year ensuing; or until others shall be chosen:
 Provided always, that no Person holding any Place, Office, Employ-
 ment, or Contract under the said Company, shall be capable of being a
 Director, Auditor, or Treasurer of the said Company: And provided
 also, that it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Company at any
 Meeting ordinary or extraordinary, to remove any Director, Auditor, or
 Treasurer, and to nominate and appoint another Person qualified as afore-
 said, in the Room or Stead of any and every Director, Auditor, or
 Treasurer so removed; or who shall die, refuse to act, or cease to hold
 or possess such Shares herein-before required to be possessed by him to
 qualify him for being Director, Auditor, or Treasurer; or of any and
 every Director, Auditor, or Treasurer who shall hold any Place, Office,
 Employment, or Contract under the said Company; and every Person so
 nominated and appointed by the said Meeting shall have the like Power
 and Authority as if he had been nominated by the said annual General
 Meeting.

General
 Meetings for
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 rectors to
 consist of
 Forty Shares.

LXXIX. Provided always, That if at any such General Meeting there
 shall not be Ten Persons present either as Principals or Proxies, who
 shall be possessed of or entitled to Forty Shares in the said Undertaking,
 no Choice of any Directors, Auditors, or Treasurer shall be made at that
 Time, but then and in such Case there shall be another General Meeting
 of the said Company of Proprietors holden at the same Place upon that
 Day Three Weeks, and so from Time to Time until there shall be such
 Persons present either as Principals or Proxies, at such General Meeting,
 having such Number of Shares as aforesaid, and such Choice of such
 Directors,

Directors, Auditors, or Treasurer shall then take Place, and not before, and the Persons then chosen to be Directors, Auditors, and Treasurer shall have the same Powers and Authorities as they would have had, and shall continue in such Office until such Time as they would have done had they been chosen by any such General Meeting on the First Day appointed for holding the same.

LXXX. And be it enacted, That the said Directors shall choose from among themselves a Chairman and Deputy Chairman, and in case it shall happen that at any Meeting of the said Directors the Chairman and Deputy Chairman so chosen shall not attend, then the Directors present shall appoint a Chairman for the Occasion, and all Questions to be made at any Meeting of the Directors shall be decided by a Majority of the Directors present, and if the Numbers on each Side shall happen to be equal, the Chairman of the Meeting shall in every such Case have the decisive or casting Vote, although he may have voted before; and that all the Powers and Authorities hereby vested in or directed to be exercised by the said Directors may be exercised by the major Part of them present at their respective Meetings, the whole Number present being not less than Five; and the said Directors shall meet at such Times and Places, and shall from Time to Time adjourn themselves to such other Times and Places as they shall think fit, and in order to defray the Expences of their several Meetings, the said Directors shall from Time to Time receive out of the Capital Stock of the said Company, such Sum or Sums of Money as shall be directed and determined by the said Company.

Regulations
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Meetings of
Directors.

LXXXI. And be it further enacted, That the said Directors shall and may contract and agree for the Purchase of any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments taken or used for the Purposes of the said Bridge, or of any other the Purposes of this Act, and shall and may settle, determine, and adjust all Matters, Questions, and Differences which shall or may arise between the said Company and the several Owners and Persons interested in any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments which shall or may be taken, used, damaged, or affected by the Execution of any of the Powers hereby granted, and shall and may make Agreements, Contracts, and Bargains with the Workmen, Agents, and Persons employed or concerned in making and completing the said Bridge, and of all and every Part and Parts thereof, and of the several Roads and Ways and other Works to be made or erected by virtue of this Act; and the said Directors shall choose or appoint One or more Clerk or Clerks, Collector or Collectors, Receiver or Receivers, Solicitor or Solicitors, Surveyor or Surveyors, and such other Officer or Officers, Servant or Servants of the said Company as they shall think proper, and from Time to Time remove them or any of them, and appoint others as they shall find necessary or convenient; and may also appoint and direct Payment of such Salary and Allowances to such Officers and Servants, and to all other Persons employed by the said Company as they shall think reasonable, and shall and may take such Security for the due Execution of the respective Offices aforesaid by such Person or Persons thereto appointed as they shall think proper; and the said Directors shall, subject nevertheless to the Orders and Directions of such Meetings as aforesaid, have full Power and Authority to direct and manage all and every the Affairs of the

Power of Directors.

faid Company, and the faid Directors shall, by themselves or by their Clerk or Clerks, keep a full and true Account of all Money disbursed, and Payments made by the faid Directors, and by all and every Person and Persons employed by or under them, and of all and every Sum and Sums of Money which they shall receive on Behalf or in respect of the faid Undertaking, from any Officer or Officers, or from any Person or Persons whomsoever, and shall regularly, by themselves or their Clerk or Clerks as aforesaid, write, insert, and enter in a Book or Books, to be from Time to Time provided at the Expence of the faid Company of Proprietors for that Purpose, Notes, Minutes, or Copies, as the Case shall require, of every such Contract, Bargain, Receipt, and Disbursement, and of all other their Orders and Proceedings, to which Book or Books every Proprietor, upon every reasonable Request, shall have free Access for his or her Information.

Calls of Money from Proprietors to be made by Directors.

LXXXII. And be it enacted, That the faid Directors shall have Power from Time to Time to make such Call or Calls of Money from the Subscribers to and Proprietors of the faid Undertaking, to defray the Expences of, or to carry on the same, as they from Time to Time shall find wanting or necessary for those Purposes, so that no such Call shall exceed the Sum of Ten Pounds for every Fifty Pounds at any One Time, and so in Proportion for every Share which any Person or Persons shall or may be possessed of or entitled unto in the faid Undertaking, and such Calls shall not be made but at the Distance of Two Months at the least from each other; and every Owner and Owners of any Share or Shares in the faid Undertaking, shall pay his, her, or their rateable Proportion of the Monies to be called for as aforesaid, to such Person or Persons, and at such Time and Place as the faid Directors shall from Time to Time appoint and direct; and if any Person or Persons shall neglect or refuse to pay his, her, or their rateable or proportionable Part of the Capital of the faid Company so called for as aforesaid, at the Time and Place appointed by such Directors, or within Thirty Days next ensuing, he, she, or they so neglecting or refusing, shall forfeit and pay the Sum of Twenty Shillings for every Share which he, she, or they shall possess in the faid Undertaking; and in case any Person or Persons shall neglect or refuse to pay his, her, or their rateable Calls as aforesaid, for the Space of Six Calendar Months next after the Time so appointed for Payment thereof, then and in every such Case he, she, or they shall be sued for Recovery of the faid Call or Calls, or otherwise at the Option of the faid Company, shall forfeit his, her, or their respective Share and Shares in the faid Undertaking, and all the Benefit and Profits thereof; all which Shares so forfeited shall be vested in the faid Company, in Trust for and for the Benefit of all the Rest of the faid Proprietors, in Proportion to their respective Interests in the faid Undertaking, or shall, at the Discretion of the faid General or Special Meetings, be publicly sold for the Use of the Rest of the faid Proprietors whose Shares and Interests shall not have been forfeited as aforesaid: Provided nevertheless, That no such Penalty on, or Forfeiture of any Share or Shares in the faid Undertaking, shall be or be deemed to be incurred, save and except Notice of such Call or Calls in Writing, signed by the Clerk or Clerks of the faid Company, shall have been given to or left at the Place or Places, or at the usual Place or Places of Abode of the Owner or Owners of such Share or Shares respectively; and the same Penalty or Penalties, Share or Shares,

Shares, shall likewise be declared to be incurred or forfeited at the next General or Special Meeting of the said Company, after such Notice given.

LXXXIII. And be it further enacted, That the Executors or Administrators of any Owner or Owners of any Share or Shares in the said Undertaking, who shall die before such Call or Calls shall have been made for the full Sum to be advanced on any Share or Shares which he, she, or they shall have been possessed of or entitled to, and also the Trustee or Trustees, Committee or Committees of any Lunatick or Lunaticks, Guardian or Guardians of any Infant or Infants, who shall or may become entitled to any Share or Shares in the said Undertaking, shall be indemnified against all and every Person and Persons whomsoever, for or on Account of his, her, or their having paid any Sum or Sums of Money called for as aforesaid to complete every such Subscription; and in case such deceased Owner or Owners shall not have left Assets sufficient, or the Executors or Administrators, Trustee or Trustees, Committee or Committees, Guardian or Guardians, shall refuse or neglect to answer such several Calls, it shall and may be lawful to and for the Directors of the said Company to admit any other Person or Persons to be a Proprietor or Proprietors of the Share or Shares of such deceased Owner or Owners, on Condition that he, she, or they so admitted, do and shall, on or before such Admission, pay to the Executors or Administrators of such deceased Owner or Owners, or to the Trustee or Trustees, Committee or Committees of any Lunatick or Lunaticks, or to the Guardian or Guardians of any Infant or Infants, or to any other Person or Persons who may be entitled to his, her, or their Effects, the full Sum and Sums of Money which shall have been paid by such Owner or Owners, by virtue of any Call or Calls, or otherwise, upon such Share or Shares, or such other Sum or Sums of Money as the same can be sold for; and in case no Person or Persons shall be found who is or are willing to be admitted on such Conditions as aforesaid, for the Space of Three Months, to be computed from the Death of such Owner or Owners, or from the Time such Lunatick or Lunaticks, Infant or Infants, shall become entitled to any Share or Shares in the said Undertaking, then and in such Case such Share or Shares shall be forfeited to and become vested in the Rest of the Proprietors of the said Company, for their proper Use and Benefit, in Proportion to their respective Interests in the said Undertaking, and shall be subject to be sold and disposed of in like Manner as other forfeited Shares may be sold and disposed of by virtue of this Act.

Executors to pay Calls.

LXXXIV. And be it further enacted, That after any Call of such Money shall have been made as aforesaid, no Person or Persons shall sell or transfer any Share or Shares which he, she, or they shall possess in the said Undertaking, on Pain of forfeiting his, her, or their respective Shares therein, to the said Company, in Trust for the Benefit of all the said Proprietors, unless he, she, or they, at the Time of such Sale or Transfer, shall have paid and discharged the whole and entire Sum of Money which shall have been called for on each Share so sold or transferred, such Forfeiture, nevertheless, to be notified and declared in such Manner as Forfeitures of Shares in other Cases are herein directed to be notified and declared.

Money called for to be paid before any Shares are sold.

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Mode of Proceedings in Actions for Recovery of Calls.

LXXXV. And be it enacted, That in any Action which may be brought against the Subscriber or Subscribers to, or Owner or Owners of, any Share in the said Capital, to recover any Sum or Sums of Money due by reason of any Call or Calls, or by reason of Forfeiture for Non-payment thereof in due Time, it shall be sufficient for the said Company to declare or alledge that the Defendant or Defendants, being a Proprietor or Proprietors of such or so many Share or Shares in the Capital Stock of the said Company, is or are indebted to the said Company in such Sum or Sums of Money as the Call or Calls in Arrear shall amount unto, upon such or so many Share or Shares belonging to the Defendant or Defendants, as the Case may happen to be, and that he or they made Default of Payment in due Time, whereby an Action hath accrued to the said Company by virtue of this Act, without setting forth the special Matter, and on the Trial of such Action it shall only be necessary to prove that the Defendant or Defendants, at the Time of making such Call or Calls, was or were a Proprietor or Proprietors of the Share or Shares in respect of which such Call or Calls were made, by the Production of the Entry of such Subscription, or of the Entry of the Assignment or Transfer aforesaid, and that such Call or Calls were made or resolved upon without proving any other Matter, and the said Company shall thereupon be entitled to recover what shall appear due, together with the Amount of every Forfeiture in respect to the Sum so due, and after Judgement shall be given in any such Action, Execution shall not be stayed by Reason of any Writ of Error brought by the Defendant or Defendants therein, unless such Defendant or Defendants, with Two sufficient Sureties, shall first become bound to the said Company by Recognizance, to be acknowledged in the Court in which such Judgement shall be given in double the Sum adjudged to the said Company by such Judgement, and the Costs of such Action, to prosecute the said Writ of Error without Delay, and also if the said Judgement be affirmed, or the said Writ of Error be non-proffed, to satisfy and pay the Amount of the said Judgement, together with the Costs of the said Action, and Treble the Costs, occasioned to the said Company by the said Writ of Error.

Officers to account.

LXXXVI. And be it further enacted, That all Officers and Persons so to be appointed shall, under their Hands, at such Time and Times, and in such Manner as the Directors of the said Company shall direct, deliver to the said Directors, or such Person or Persons as they shall appoint, true and perfect Accounts in Writing, of all Effects, Matters, and Things committed to their Charge, by virtue of this Act, and also of all the Monies which shall have been by such Officer or Officers, and Person or Persons respectively received, and paid and disbursed, and for what Purposes, together with the proper Vouchers for such Payments, and pay all such Monies as shall remain in their respective Hands to the said Directors, or to such Person or Persons as they shall appoint, and all the said Officers and Persons so accounting as aforesaid, shall, upon Oath, (which Oath the said Directors, or any Two or more of them, are hereby empowered and required to administer), verify their said Accounts; and if any such Officer or Person, Officers or Persons, shall not make and render, or shall refuse to verify, upon Oath, any such Account, or to produce or deliver up the Vouchers relating to the same, or to make Payment as aforesaid, or shall not deliver to the said Directors, or to such Person or Persons as they

they shall appoint, within Fourteen Days after being thereunto required by the said Directors, or any Two of them, by Notice in Writing, signed by the Clerk to the said Company, given to or left at the usual or last Place of Abode of any such Officer or Person, all Effects, Books, Papers, Deeds, Writings, and Things, in his or their Custody or Power, relating to the Execution of this Act, or shall refuse or neglect to pay such Monies as upon the Balance of any Account or Accounts shall appear to be in his or their respective Hands, to the said Directors, or as they shall direct or appoint, then and in either of the Cases aforesaid, the said Directors may and are hereby authorized and empowered to bring, or cause to be brought, any Action or Actions, in the Name of such Company, in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster*, against the Officer or Officers, Person or Persons so neglecting or refusing as aforesaid, in order for the Recovery of the Monies, Effects, Books, Papers, Deeds, Writings, and Things that shall be in the Hands of such Officer or Officers, Person or Persons respectively, with Costs of Suit; or if Complaint shall be made by the said Directors, or any one of them, or by such Person or Persons as they shall appoint for that Purpose, of any such Refusal or Neglect as aforesaid, to any one or more Justices of the Peace for the County or Place wherein such Officer or Officers, Person or Persons so neglecting or refusing shall be and reside, such Justice or Justices may, and is and are hereby authorized and required, by a Warrant or Warrants, under his or their Hands and Seals, to cause the Officer or Officers, Person or Persons so refusing or neglecting to be brought before him or them, and upon his or their appearing or not being to be found after the issuing of such Warrant or Warrants, Oath being made thereof, to hear and determine the Matter in a summary Way, and if upon the Confession of the Party or Parties, or the Testimony of any credible Witness or Witnesses upon Oath, it shall appear to such Justice or Justices that any of the Monies that shall have been collected or raised by virtue of this Act, shall be in the Hands of such Officer or Officers, Person or Persons, such Justice or Justices may and is and are hereby authorized and required, upon Nonpayment thereof, by a Warrant or Warrants under his or their Hands and Seals, to cause such Money to be levied by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of such Officer or Officers, Person or Persons offending in the Premises respectively; and if no Goods or Chattels of such Officer or Officers, Person or Persons, can be found sufficient to answer and satisfy the said Money and Charges of distraining and selling the same, or in case it shall appear to such Justice or Justices, by the Confession of the Party so offending, or by the Testimony of any credible Witness upon Oath, that any Books, Deeds, Papers, or Writings, relating to the Execution of this Act, shall be in the Custody or Power of any such Officer or Officers, Person or Persons, and he or they shall refuse to deliver the same as aforesaid, then and in either of the said Cases such Justice or Justices shall commit every such Offender to the common Gaol of the County or Place where such Offender shall be and reside, there to remain without Bail or Mainprize, until he shall give and make a true and perfect Account and Payment as aforesaid, or until he shall compound with the said Company, and shall have paid such Composition in such Manner as they shall appoint, (which Composition the said Directors; or any Five of them, are hereby

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by empowered to make), and until he or they shall deliver up such Effects, Books, Deeds, Papers, and Writings, as aforesaid, or give Satisfaction in respect thereof to the said Company, or to the Directors thereof.

Power for
lighting
Bridge and
Road.

Persons wil-
fully break-
ing Lamps
subject to
Forfeiture.

LXXXVII. And be it further enacted, That the Directors of the said Company shall have full Power and Authority to cause such and so many Lamps to be erected upon or near the said Bridge, Roads, Streets, or Ways before mentioned, or any of them, or any Part thereof, as they shall think proper, and to fix any of such Lamps, and the Posts and Irons thereof, in, upon, or against the Walls of any Houses or other Buildings, in, upon, or against such other Places, and to be altered, taken down, or removed, in such Manner as to them shall seem fit, and to cause such Lamps, or any of them, to be lighted at such Seasons of the Year, in such Evening, and in such Hours of the Evening, and to be kept burning for so many Hours as to them shall seem necessary and proper; and if any Person or Persons shall wilfully break, throw down, or otherwise damage any of the said Lamps which shall be so erected by the said Company, or any of the Posts, Irons, or other Furniture thereof, or extinguish any of the said Lamps when lighted, it shall be lawful for any One or more Justice or Justices of the Peace for the County of *Kent*, or of the Justices of the Peace or other Magistrate of the County, City, or Place wherein such Person or Persons shall reside or be, and he and they is and are hereby required, upon Oath made of the Commission of any such Offence, by any one or more credible Witness or Witnesses, to issue any Warrant or Warrants for apprehending the Party accused; or it shall be lawful for any Person or Persons whomsoever who shall see such Offence committed, to apprehend, as also for any other Person or Persons to assist in apprehending such Offender or Offenders, and by Authority of this Act, and without any other Warrant to convey him, her, or them before such Justice of the Peace for the said County, or to deliver him, her, or them, into the Custody of a Peace Officer, in order to be secured and conveyed before such Justice of the Peace, to be dealt with as herein-after is directed, and the Party or Parties accused being brought before any such Justice, it shall be lawful for such Justice, either by the Confession of the Party or Parties, or on Proof of the Offence by the Oath of One or more credible Witness or Witnesses, to convict such Offender or Offenders, who shall thereupon, for the First Offence, respectively forfeit the Sum of Twenty Shillings for each Lamp so broken, thrown down, damaged, or extinguished as aforesaid; and for the Second Offence, the Sum of Forty Shillings; and for the Third and every other subsequent Offence, the Sum of Three Pounds, and full Satisfaction shall be made to the said Company by such Offender or Offenders, for the Damages so by him, her, or them done as aforesaid, with the Charges of repairing the same, and which shall be ascertained by such Justice of the Peace, and in case such Offender or Offenders shall not, upon Conviction, pay such Forfeiture, and make such Satisfaction as aforesaid, such Justice of the Peace is hereby required to commit him, her, or them, to the House of Correction, there to be kept to hard Labour for any Time not exceeding Three Calendar Months, unless such Forfeiture and Satisfaction shall be sooner paid; and One Moiety of the said

said respective Forfeitures, when recovered, shall be paid to the Informer or Informers, and the other Moiety shall be applied for the Purposes of this Act; and if any Person shall accidentally break, throw down, or otherwise damage any of the said Lamps, or any of the Posts, Irons, or other Furniture thereof, and shall not make a Satisfaction to the said Company, upon Demand, by the Clerk, Treasurer, or Surveyor thereof, for the Damage, it shall be lawful for any Justice of the Peace for the County of *Kent*, or of the Justice of the Peace or other Magistrate of the County, City, or Place wherein such Person shall reside or be, and such Justice or Magistrate is hereby required, upon Complaint to be made by the said Company, or by the Clerk, Treasurer, Surveyor, or other Officer thereof, to summon the Party complained of, and upon his or her Appearance, or making Default to appear, Oath being made that the Party complained of was served with such Summons, or that the same was left at his or her Dwelling House or Place of Abode, if known, or that he or she could not be found, such Justice or Magistrate shall proceed to examine the Matter complained of, and upon Proof thereof, either by the Confession of the Party complained of, or by the Oath of One or more credible Witness or Witnesses, shall award and order such Satisfaction to be made by the Party complained of, for the Damage so by him or her done, together with such Costs as the said Company shall have incurred, and as to the said Justice or Magistrate shall appear just and reasonable, and shall cause the Sum so awarded, (in case the same be not paid upon the making of such Award or Order), together with such Costs, to be levied by Distress and Sale of the Offender's Goods and Chattels, rendering to him or her the Overplus, (if any be), upon Demand, after the Charges of prosecuting such Complaint, and of such Distress and Sale, shall be deducted, and in case sufficient Distress cannot be found, such Justice or Magistrate, or any other Justice or Magistrate, shall commit the Party complained of to the common Gaol or House of Correction for the County, City, or Place aforesaid, until he or she shall pay the Sum and Costs so awarded, for any Time not exceeding the Space of Three Calendar Months.

Persons accidentally breaking Lamps, to pay the Damage.

LXXXVIII. And be it further enacted, That the Directors of the said Company are hereby empowered, from Time to Time, if they see Occasion, to appoint such a Number of fit and able-bodied Men, as they shall think proper, to be armed and clothed in such Manner as the said Directors shall direct, to be employed as Watchmen, Guards, or Patrols, either on Foot or on Horseback, upon the said Bridge, or any of the said Roads, Streets, or Ways before mentioned, and to appoint any Person or Persons to be Superintendant or Superintendants thereof, and from Time to Time to remove any of the said Superintendants, Watchmen, Guards, or Patrol, and to appoint others in their Room, and from Time to Time to make such Rules, Orders, and Regulations, for the better governing the Superintendants, Watchmen, Guards, or Patrols, and for the watching and guarding the said Bridge, Roads, Streets, or Ways, and keeping the Peace thereon, and on every of them, as the said Directors shall think proper.

Guarding and watching the Bridge and Roads.

LXXXIX. And be it further enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That the Superintendant, Watchmen, Guards, and Patrols, shall use their best

Duty of Patrols and Watchmen.

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deavours to prevent Fires, Murders, Burglaries, Robberies, Disturbances, Breaches of the Peace, and all Outrages, Misdemeanors, and Disorders on the said Bridge, Roads, and other Places, or near or adjoining thereto, and to that end are hereby jointly and severally empowered and required without further Warrant, to arrest apprehend, and detain in the Watch House of either of the said Parishes of *Greenwich*, *Saint Nicholas Deptford*, or *Saint Paul Deptford*, or in any other Watch House or convenient place (whether provided or appointed by the said Company or otherwise), all Malefactors, Rogues, Vagabonds, and other disorderly and suspicious Persons, who shall be found committing any Disorder or Offence, or loitering, wandering, or misbehaving themselves, or whom the said Superintendent, Watchmen, Guards, or Patrols, shall have just Cause or Reason to suspect of any evil Design, and the Person or Persons so apprehended to convey as soon as conveniently may be before One or more of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace acting in and for the County of *Kent*, to be examined and dealt with according to Law.

The Com-
pany may
make Bye
Laws.

XC. And be it further enacted, That the said Proprietors or the major Part of them, at any Meeting assembled, shall or may order and dispose of the Custody of the Common Seal of the said Company and the Application thereof, and also make, ordain, and constitute such and so many Bye Laws, Rules, and Ordinances as to them shall seem meet and convenient for the better Government of the said Company, and the Officers, Servants, Workmen, and Persons to be employed by the said Company, and for the whole complete and total Superintendance and Management of the said Undertaking and the Affairs thereof, and to alter, change, revoke, repeal, or make void the same from Time to Time, and as often as the said Proprietors or the major Part of them assembled as aforesaid, shall judge necessary and convenient, and to impose and inflict such reasonable Fines and Forfeitures upon all or any Person or Persons offending against the same, not exceeding the Sum of Five Pounds for any One Offence, as to the said Proprietors or the major Part of them shall seem meet, such Fines or Forfeitures to be levied and recovered by such Ways or Means as Fines or Forfeitures are by this Act directed to be levied and recovered, which Bye Laws, Rules, and Ordinances being reduced into Writing under the Common Seal of the said Company of Proprietors shall be printed, and shall be binding upon and observed by all Persons whomsoever and shall be sufficient in any Court of Law or Equity to justify all Persons who shall act under the same, provided that such Bye Laws, Rules, and Ordinances be not contrary or repugnant to the Provisions and Directions in this Act contained, or to the Laws of that Part of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland* called *England*.

Damage done
to Roads by
Water Pipes,
to be repaired
without De-
lay.

XCI. And be it further enacted, That whenever any of the said Roads, Streets, Lanes, Alleys, and Passages so to be made, repaired, widened, or altered by the said Company, shall be broken up, for the Purpose of laying, altering, or repairing any Pipe or Aqueducts, Pipes or Aqueduct or the Plug or Plugs thereof, the Person or Persons breaking up the same, and the Person or Persons for whom or by whose Order the same shall be so done, shall and they are hereby required at their own proper Costs and Charges to lay, alter, or repair such Pipe or Aqueduct, Pipes or Aqueducts,

ducts, Plug or Plugs without the least Delay or Intermiſſion, and forthwith afterwards to amend and repair the Road, Street, Lane, Alley, or Paſſage ſo broken up in a good and ſubſtantial Manner and to the Satisfaction of the ſaid Directors of the ſaid Company, and in caſe of Default it ſhall be lawful for the ſaid Directors whether ſuch Pipe or Pipes, Aqueduct or Aqueducts, Plug or Plugs, ſhall have been ſo laid, altered, or repaired or not, to order any Perſon or Perſons to repair, amend, and make good the ſaid Road, Street, Lane, Alley, or Paſſage, and the Charges thereof ſhall be paid to ſuch Perſon or Perſons by the Perſon or Perſons for whom or by whoſe Order the ſaid Road, Street, Lane, Alley, or Paſſage was ſo broken up; and in Default of Payment thereof for the Space of Ten Days next after Demand ſhall be made for the ſame, ſuch Charges, together with a further Sum of One Penny equal to every Two-pence thereof, ſhall and may be recovered and levied by Diſtreſs and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of the ſaid Perſon or Perſons making Default, by Warrant under the Hand and Seal of any Juſtice of the Peace for the County of *Kent*, directed to any Perſon or Perſons for ſo doing, rendering the Overplus (if any), to the Owner or Owners of ſuch Goods and Chattels after deducting the reaſonable Charge of ſuch Diſtreſs and Sale.

XCII. And be it further enacted, That all Penalties and Forfeitures by this Act impoſed, the Manner of levying and recovering whereof is not hereby otherwiſe particularly mentioned, ſhall, upon Proof of the Offence and Conviction of the Offenders reſpectively, by or before any One or more of His Maſtey's Juſtices of the Peace or Magiſtrate for the County, City, or Place wherein the Offence ſhall be committed or the Party ſhall reſide, either by the Confeſſion or Confeſſions of the Party or Parties, or by the Oath or Oaths of One or more credible Witneſs or Witneſſes, which Oath ſuch Juſtice or Magiſtrate is hereby required to adminiſter, be levied and recovered by Diſtreſs and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of the reſpective Parties offending, by Warrant under the Hand and Seal of ſuch Juſtice or Magiſtrate, and the Overplus (after ſuch Penalties and Forfeitures and the Charges of ſuch Diſtreſs and Sale are recovered and deducted), ſhall be returned upon Demand, to the Owner of ſuch Goods and Chattels, and One Moiety of all ſuch Penalties and Forfeitures when ſo levied and recovered, ſhall, if not herein-before directed to be otherwiſe applied, from Time to Time be paid to the Informer or Informers, and the other Moiety to the Clerk to the ſaid Company to be applied for the Purpoſes of this Act; and in caſe ſufficient Diſtreſs cannot be found it ſhall be lawful for any ſuch Juſtice or Magiſtrate, and he is hereby authorized and required by Warrant under his Hand and Seal, to cauſe ſuch Offenders reſpectively to be committed to the common Gaol for ſuch County, City, or Place, there to remain without Bail or Mainprize for ſuch Time as ſuch Juſtice or Magiſtrate ſhall direct, not exceeding Three Calendar Months, unleſs ſuch Penalties and Forfeitures and all reaſonable Charges attending the Proſecution ſhall be ſooner paid and ſatisfied.

Manner of recovering Penalties and Forfeitures.

XCIII. And be it further enacted, That where any Penalties or Forfeitures are by this Act directed to be levied by Warrant of Diſtreſs, and ſufficient Diſtreſs cannot be found within the County, City, or Place wherein the Party ſhall be convicted, then upon Oath made before any

Justice

Mode of recovering Penalties where ſufficient Diſtreſs cannot be found in

the Places of
Conviction.

Justice of the Peace or Magistrate of any other County, City, or Place where sufficient Distress can be found, of the Hand Writing of such Justice or Magistrate issuing such Warrant and set thereto. the Goods and Chattels of the Person or Persons against whom such Warrant shall be issued, shall be subject and liable to such Distress in such other County, City, or Place where the same shall or may be found, and the said Penalties and Forfeitures may by virtue of such Warrant, on the Justice or Magistrate of such other County, City, or Place, writing his Name on the Back thereof, be levied and recovered by Distress and Sale by the Person or Persons bringing such Warrant or to whom such Warrant shall have been originally directed, in the same Manner as if such Goods and Chattels had been found in the County, City, or Place wherein the Offender had been convicted.

Penalties may
be mitigated.

XCIV. And be it further enacted, That it may be lawful for any Justice of the Peace or Magistrate by whom any Conviction shall be pronounced or made from Time to Time where he may see Cause to mitigate, compound, or lessen any of the Penalties or Forfeitures aforesaid so as such Mitigation or Composition doth not extend to remit above One Moiety of such Penalty or Forfeiture.

XCV. And be it further enacted, That all Justices of the Peace or Magistrates before whom any Person shall be convicted of any Offence against this Act, shall and may cause the Conviction to be drawn up in the following Form or to the like Effect, that is to say :

Form of Con-
viction.

‘ Kent (or other } BE it remembered, That on the Day of
‘ Place) to wit. } in the Year of the
‘ Reign of His Majesty A. B. is convicted before
‘ me C. D. One of His Majesty’s Justices of the Peace for the said County
‘ [or before me C. D. stating the Name of any other Magistrate than a Justice
‘ of Peace] by virtue of an Act of Parliament made in the Forty-third
‘ Year of the Reign of His Majesty King George the Third, intituled, [here
‘ set forth the Title of this Act, and specify the Offence and the Time and
‘ Place when and where the same was committed, as the same shall be].
‘ Given under my Hand and Seal.’

Appeal given
to the Quar-
ter Sessions.

XCVI. And be it further enacted, That if any Person or Persons shall think himself, herself, or themselves aggrieved by any Order or Judgement made or given in pursuance of any Rule, Bye Law, or Order of the said Company, or by any Order, Judgement, or Determination of any Justice or Justices of the Peace relating to any Matter or Thing in this Act mentioned or contained, such Person or Persons may appeal to the Justices of the Peace or Magistrates at any Sessions of the Peace to be holden for the County or Place wherein the Cause shall arise, within Four Calendar Months after such Cause of Appeal shall have arisen; first giving Ten Days Notice in Writing of his, her, or their Intention to bring such Appeal, and of the Cause or Matter thereof to the Clerk to the said Company, or to the Body or Bodies Politick or Corporate, Person or Persons to be appealed against, and within Four Days after such Notice entering into a Recognizance unto the said Company, or to the Body or Bodies Politick or Corporate, Person or Persons aforesaid, as the Case may require, before some Justice of the Peace

Peace or Magistrate of the County or Place wherein such Appeal shall be intended to be made with Two sufficient Sureties in a sufficient Penalty not less than Forty Pounds, conditioned to try such Appeal, and to abide the Order of and to pay such Costs as shall be awarded by such Justices or Magistrates at such Sessions, of the entering into which Recognizance Notice shall be given to the Clerk of the said Company, Body or Bodies Politick or Corporate, or Person or Persons aforesaid, within Two Days then next after, expressing the Name of the Justice before whom the same shall be entered into and the Names of the said Sureties; and the said Recognizance shall be delivered on Demand to the Clerk of the said Company, or to such Body or Bodies Politick or Corporate, or Person or Persons aforesaid, by such Justice or Justices who shall have taken the same; and the said Company, or such Body or Bodies Politick or Corporate, Person or Persons, shall or may bring in any of His Majesty's Courts at *Westminster*, such Action for the Recovery of the Penalty of such Recognizance as they may be advised, in case the said Recognizance shall become forfeited, and the Justices or Magistrates at such Sessions, upon the Admission or due Proof of such first mentioned Notice having been given, and of such Recognizance having been entered into and the Notice thereof as aforesaid, shall hear and finally determine the Causes and Matters of every such Appeal and award such Costs to the Party appealed against, as the said Justices or Magistrates shall think proper, and the Determination of the said Justices or Magistrates in their said Sessions shall be binding and conclusive to all Intents and Purposes.

XCVII. And be it further enacted, That no Conviction, Order, Judgment, or other Proceeding touching or concerning any of the Matters or Things by this Act authorized or required, shall be quashed or vacated for want of Form only, or be removed or removeable by *Certiorari* or any other Writ or Process whatsoever, into any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster*, any Law or Statute to the contrary notwithstanding; and where any Distress shall be made, or any Money to be levied by virtue of this Act, the Distress itself shall not be deemed unlawful, nor any of the Parties making the same be deemed Trespassers on Account of any Defect or want of Form in the Summons, Conviction, Warrant of Distress, or other Proceeding relating thereto, nor shall any of the Parties distraining be deemed a Trespasser or Trespassers *ab initio*, on account of any Irregularity which shall afterwards be done by any of the Parties distraining, but the respective Persons aggrieved by such Irregularity shall and may recover full Satisfaction for the special Damage in any Action upon the Case; provided that no Plaintiff shall recover in any Action for such Irregularity, if Tender of sufficient Amends to him or her hath been made by or on the Behalf of the Defendant or Defendants, before such Action brought or paid into Court, with a Submission of Payment of Costs at or before the Time of pleading therein.

XCVIII. And whereas several Persons guilty of Offences against this Act may be transient People, unknown to the Collectors, Surveyors, or other Officers under this Act, be it therefore further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Collectors, Surveyors, or other Officers respectively, to seize and detain any such unknown Person or Persons

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Proceedings
not to be
quashed for
want of Form.

For securing
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guilty of any Offence as aforesaid, and to convey him, her, or them before any One or more Justice or Justices of the Peace for the said County of *Kent*, without any Warrant or other Authority than this Act for so doing, and such Justice or Justices of the Peace respectively, is and are hereby empowered and directed to proceed immediately to the Conviction or Acquittal of such Offender or Offenders, and on such Conviction to commit the Person or Persons so offending to the Common Gaol or House of Correction for the said County, for the Times herein and hereby directed for such Offences, unless the respective Penalty by him, her, or them incurred for such Offence or Offences shall be sooner paid.

Justices to administer Oaths and act although Proprietors.

XCIX. And be it further enacted, That in all Cases where Cognizance is given to any Justice or Magistrate, Justices or Magistrates by this Act, it shall and may be lawful for such Justice or Magistrate, Justices or Magistrates to administer an Oath or Affirmation to any Person for his or their more certain Information in the Matters then depending, and may also act in all Cases notwithstanding his being a Proprietor of the said Company.

Punishment for giving false Evidence.

C. And be it further enacted, That all and every Person and Persons who shall give false Evidence in any Examination to be taken by virtue of this Act, or where in pursuance of this Act, any Oath or Affirmation is required to be taken, shall swear or affirm falsely, shall be subject to such Pains, Penalties, and Disqualifications as Persons guilty of wilful and corrupt Perjury, are or for the Time being shall be subject or liable to by the Laws and Statutes of this Realm.

Limitation of Actions.

CI. And be it further enacted, That no Action or Suit shall be commenced against the said Company, or any Person or Persons for any Thing done in pursuance or under colour of this Act, until Fourteen Days Notice thereof shall be given in Writing to the Clerk to the said Company, or to the Person or Persons against whom such Action or Suit is intended to be brought, or after sufficient Satisfaction or Tender thereof hath been made to the Party or Parties aggrieved, or after Six Calendar Months next after the Fact committed for which such Action or Suit shall be so brought, and every such Action shall be brought, laid, and tried in the City of *London* and not in any other Place, and the Defendant or Defendants in such Action may plead the General Issue, and give this Act and the special Matter in Evidence at any Trial or Trials which shall be had thereupon, and that the Matter or Thing for which such Action shall be so brought, was done in pursuance and by the Authority of this Act; and if the said Matter or Thing shall appear to have been so done, or if it shall appear that such Action or Suit was brought before Fourteen Days Notice thereof given as aforesaid, or that sufficient Satisfaction was made or tendered as aforesaid; or if any such Action or Suit shall not be commenced within the Time before for that Purpose limited, or shall be laid in any other County or Place than as aforesaid, then the Jury or Juries shall find for the Defendant or Defendants therein, and if a Verdict or Verdicts shall be found for such Defendant or Defendants, or if the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs in such Action or Actions shall become nonsuited
or

or suffer a Discontinuance of such Action or Actions, or if upon any Demurrer or Demurrers in such Action or Actions Judgement shall be given for the Defendant or Defendants therein, then and in either of the Cases aforesaid such Defendant or Defendants shall have Treble Costs, and shall have such Remedy for recovering the same as any Defendant or Defendants may have for his, her, or their Costs in any other Case by Law.

CIL And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That this Publick Act shall be taken and allowed in all Courts of Justice as a publick Act; and all Judges, Justices, and others are hereby required to take Notice thereof as such without the same being specially pleaded.

The SCHEDULE referred to by this Act.

A PIECE of Ozier Ground in the Occupation of *John Kimbell*.

A Piece of Waste Ground adjoining the Marsh Wall, on the East Side.

A Piece of Marsh Land adjoining the last mentioned Piece, in the Occupation of Messieurs *Bird* and *Ball*.

Two Pieces of Marsh Land in the Occupation of Messieurs ——— *Bird* and ——— *Ball*.

A Piece of Marsh Land in the Occupation of ——— *Giles*.

A Piece of Land with a Cart Shed thereon, in the Occupation of *Ann Allen*.

Two Gardens and a Piece of Land with fundry Sheds, in the Occupation of *James Thomas*.

A small Dwelling Houle Part occupied by *James Thomas*, and the other Part by his Servant *James Weller*.

Four Tenements or Cottages, Two whereof are in the Occupation of *John Cooper* and *John Hemming*, and the other Two are empty, the Property of *James Thomas*.

A small Cart House and Stable, in the Occupation of ——— *Smith*.

Sundry Sheds, in the Occupation of *James Thomas*.

Eleven Tenements or Cottages, in the Occupation of *Joseph Lane*, *Peter Hyman*, ——— *Merrick*, *Henry Shorey*, *James Waldraven*, *Thomas Morgan*, *John Woodgate*, *Samuel Herry*, *William Evely*, *John West* and *Samuel Surrins*.

A Garden in the Occupation of ——— *Allen*.

Six Tenements or Cottages in the Occupation of *Edward Waite*, *John Hart*, *William Pavior*, *Ralph Eules*, *Ann Stevens*, and *William Rider*.

A Dwelling House, Warehouses, Sheds, Buildings, and Lands used as a Copperas Manufactory, in the Occupation of ——— *Pearson*.

A Garden or Gardens in the several Occupations of *Thomas Kelly* and *William Litton*.

Sundry Sheds or Outbuildings and Ground, in the Occupation of ——— *Skottowe Esquire*.

Seven Tenements or Cottages in the Occupation of *William Payne*, *Cornelius Murphy*, *William Lear*, *Elizabeth Hughes*, *George Rogers*, *Edward Stell*, and *Elizabeth Summers*.

A Shed and Ground unoccupied adjoining the above, the Property of *Thomas Good*.

Four Tenements or Cottages, in the Occupation of *William Sharp*, *John Cummings*, *Robert Kent*, and *Richard Bragger*.

Seven small Dwelling Houses, in the Occupation of *Robert Basset*,
Stephen

Stephen Sly, Mary Butler, James Morley, Matthew Morris, and others, Miles Patrick, and John Dean.

Five Dwelling Houses in the Occupation of John Taylor, Michael Bassett, William Lotta, William Line, and John Seaton.

Ten small Tenements or Cottages in the Occupation of Valentine Collett, — Scott, George Price, Thomas Herberts, George Pace, John Hore, William Parkes, John Courts, James Down, and Peter Martin.

A Stable, Shed, and Yard, in the Occupation of Thomas Eadey.

A Shop or Shed, and a small Garden in the Occupation of William Green.

Five Tenements or Cottages in the Occupation of Percy Jones, Daniel Workman, William Neale, William Cook, and William Friend.

A Dwelling House, Shop, and Sheds in the Occupation of John Tranter.

Two small Dwelling Houses in the Occupation of William Stell, and Peter Varney.

Four Timber Tenements or Cottages, and a small Piece of Ground in the Occupation of Thomas Hickerson, Robert Brady, Thomas Barnett, and Robert Durrant.

Two Tenements and Ground in the Occupation of James Saunderson, and William Woodford, and others.

A Dwelling House let out to Inmates in the Occupation of Elizabeth Henry, and others.

Three Timber Tenements or Dwelling Houses, and Fore Courts in the Occupation of Thomas Letton, George Letton, and John Payne.

All which said Tenements and Hereditaments are situate in the Parish of Greenwich.

A Piece of Ozier Ground in the Occupation of John Kimble.

A small Piece of Marsh Land in the Occupation of Deykin Hemmings.

A Dwelling House, Garden, Yard, and Land in the Occupation of Joseph Carter.

A Shed or Workshop in the Occupation of William Wright.

Two Pieces of Marsh Land in the Occupation of — Pearson.

A Piece of Marsh Land in the Occupation of Messieurs Taylor and Company.

A Shed and small Piece of Ground in the Occupation of the said — Pearson.

Four small Tenements in the several Occupations of Sheysy Hutchins, Thomas Kendrick, John Casson, and Francis Eyles.

A Garden in the Occupation of John Gale.

Two Messuages, with the Sheds and Out-houses adjoining, in the Occupation of John Laversek.

Two Messuages, with the Out-houses and Gardens, in the Occupation of William Payne.

Four Messuages and Gardens, in the several Occupations of John Bacon, John Grote, William Ricbey, and William Essery.

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Three Timber Tenements or Cottages, in the several Occupations of *Thomas Wolverton, John Ross, and Joseph Johnson.*

Nine Tenements or Cottages, in the several Occupations of *Smith, William Field, William Wrench, Thomas Blundell, Mary Carr, Robert Bondsfield, William Dover, William Wilson, and William Smith.*

Sundry small Tenements, Stables, and Sheds, in the several Occupations of *Stephen Webster, William Starling, Robert Thompson, and John Day.*

A Messuage, Out-houses, and Land, in the Occupation of the Reverend Doctor *Town.*

Four Messuages, in the several Occupations of *James Brackshaw, William Gore, Thomas Badham, and John Downes.*

A Messuage, Fore Court, and Garden behind unoccupied, heretofore in the Occupation of *Curry* deceased.

Two Tenements and Ground in the Occupations of *Samuel Thomas and Elizabeth Leroux.*

Three small Timber Tenements and Yards in the several Occupations of *Robert Roe, Joseph Smedley, and Inmates, and James Fisher; and One other Tenement in the Occupation of Mary Salter.*

All which Tenements and Hereditaments last mentioned, are in the several Parishes of *Saint Nicholas Deptford, and Saint Paul Deptford, in the said County of Kent.*

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