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GEORGII III. REGIS.

Cap. 59.

An Act for paving, lighting, cleansing, watching, and improving the Streets, Passages, and Places, within the Town of *Worthing*, in the County of *Sussex*; for removing and preventing Annoyances and Obstructions therein; and for establishing an effective Police in the said Town.

[11th June 1803.]

WHEREAS the several publick Streets, Lanes, Ways, Passages, and Places, already made and built, and which are now making and building within the Hamlet of *Worthing*, in the Parish of *Broadwater*, in the County of *Sussex*, are in many Parts incommodious and unsafe for Passengers; are not properly paved, cleansed, lighted, or watched; are very narrow and inconvenient, and are subject to various Nuisances, Annoyances, Encroachments, and Obstructions: And whereas other Streets, Lanes, Ways, Passages, and Places, may be made or built within the same Hamlet, which may be subject or liable to the same or similar Inconveniencies, and it would tend greatly to the Convenience, Benefit, and Safety of the Publick, as well of the Owners and Inhabitants

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Commissioners appointed.

of Houses already built or building, and of such other Houses as may hereafter be built therein, and to all Persons resorting thereto, if such Streets, Lanes, Ways, Passages, and Places were properly paved, cleansed, lighted, watched, and regulated, and if all Nuisances, Annoyances, Encroachments, and Obstructions, were removed or prevented, and if a proper and effective Police were established in the said Hamlet; but the several Purposes aforesaid cannot be effected without the Aid and Authority of Parliament: May it therefore please Your Majesty that it may be enacted; and be it enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of same, That *John Atkins, Sir Cecil Bisshopp Baronet, Sir Charles Meyrick Burrell Baronet, Walter Burrell, Edward Barker, Cecil Bisshopp, Thomas Bushby, Robert Bushby, Thomas Burden, John Crofts, Ambrose Cartwright, Charles Carter, Richard Cooke, John Copping, George Deadman, John Fuller, Robert Hurst, Thomas Henty, John Hide, John Hickox, Edward Hide, Thomas Hogsflesh, William Holcombe, James Heather, John Joanes, James Martin Lloyd, John Lyall, Henry Lane, Charles Lennox, Richard Lindupp, Henry Lindupp, William Margesson, Michael Morrah, John Markwick, John Markwick junior, Edward Moore, John Newland, John Newland junior, George Newland, Richard Newland of Tortington, Richard Newland of Broadwater, Edward Ogle, James Ogle, William Olliver, George Porter, William Stephen Poyntz, John Penfold, James Penfold, Edward Penfold, Richard Penfold, Henry Phillips, Richard Palmer, John Rice, Thomas Richardson, William Westbrook Richardson, John Milward Rogers, Andrew Renckert, William Stafford, Thomas Smith, John Snelling, Richard Stubbs, Edward Stanford, Bysshe Shelley, Timothy Shelley, Miles Stringer, John Tidey, David Thomas, Charles Viner, Peter Wood Clerk, William Wicks, John Whitmore, and Harry Winton*, (being respectively qualified as herein-after mentioned, and taking the Oath herein-after required) shall be and they are hereby appointed Commissioners for putting this Act in Execution.

Boundaries of the Town of *Worthing* described.

II. And be it further enacted, That the said Hamlet of *Worthing* shall henceforth be, and be called and described the Town of *Worthing*; and the said Commissioners shall and may erect Bound Stones or Posts for the better ascertaining and preserving the Limits of the said Town, in case they shall judge the same necessary, and the Expence thereof shall be defrayed out of the publick Rates herein-after mentioned: Provided always, that the said Town shall nevertheless continue to be Part of the said Parish of *Broadwater*, and to be subject to and charged with all Rates, Taxes, Tythes, and other Payments whatsoever, as Part of the said Parish, in like Manner as before the making and passing of this Act.

Commencement of the Act.

III. And be it further enacted, That this Act shall commence and take Effect upon the First *Monday* after the passing thereof, on which Day a General Meeting of the said Commissioners shall be had at the House of *Edmund Blann*, in *Worthing* aforesaid, at the Hour of Eleven of the Clock in the Forenoon, for carrying this Act into Execution, and such Meeting shall consist of Seven at the least of the said Commissioners; and a General Meeting of the Commissioners shall be held for carrying the same into Execution on every *Monday* afterwards, at the same Hour and Place, unless some other Hour, Day or Days in the Week or Year, or some



some other Place in *Worthing* aforesaid, shall be appointed by the Commissioners assembled at the said First Meeting, or any subsequent Meeting at which there shall be Seven Commissioners assembled; and if at the Time when the said Meetings are hereby required, or shall be so as aforesaid appointed to be held, there shall not be at each such Meeting Seven Commissioners present, then each such Meeting shall stand adjourned to the next Day on which a Meeting in pursuance of this Act would otherwise be held, or shall at a prior Meeting have been appointed to be held as aforesaid; and no Act, Order, Rule, Resolution, or Proceeding of the Commissioners shall be valid or effectual unless had, made, or done at a Meeting or Meetings to be held in pursuance of this Act; and that all the Powers and Authorities by this Act granted to or vested in the said Commissioners shall and may, from Time to Time, be exercised by the major Part of the Commissioners present at any Meeting to be holden by virtue of this Act, the Number of Commissioners present at such Meeting not being less than Seven except any other Number is herein particularly mentioned; and that at such First Meeting for putting this Act in Execution, One of the Commissioners present thereat shall be appointed Chairman, to whom any One other of such Commissioners shall and is hereby authorized and required to administer the Oath herein-after mentioned, and such Chairman shall immediately afterwards administer the like Oath to the other Commissioners then present; and at every other Meeting a Chairman shall in like Manner be appointed, and the Chairman for the Time being shall and is hereby alone authorized and required to administer the Oath hereby required to be taken by the said Commissioners and their Successors; and in all Cases where there shall arise a Difference of Opinion, the Question shall be decided by a Majority of Votes of the Commissioners then present, and if upon any Question there shall be an equal Number of Votes (including the Chairman's Vote) then the Chairman shall have another or casting Vote; and that no Order, Rule, Resolution, or Proceeding, had, made, or done at any Meeting held in pursuance of this Act, at which there shall have been Seven Commissioners present, shall be revoked, suspended, or altered, unless at some subsequent Special Meeting to be held for that Purpose (which any Nine or more of the Commissioners are hereby empowered to call, and of which Meeting at least Ten Days previous Notice of the Time, Place, and Purpose shall be given to or left at the respective Places of Abode of the Commissioners having a Residence in *Worthing*, or within Three Miles thereof) a greater Number of Commissioners than were present at the Meeting or Meetings at which such Order, Rule, Resolution, or Proceeding proposed or intended to be revoked, suspended, or altered, shall have been made, shall be present, and shall concur in the Revocation, Suspension, or Alteration thereof, and in such Case no other Meeting for the Execution of this Act shall be held until after the Day expressed in such Notice; and at every Meeting the Commissioners present thereat shall pay their own Expences.

IV. Provided nevertheless, and be it further enacted, That if there be any particular Occasion to hold a Meeting before the Time at which any Meeting is hereby required, or shall be so as aforesaid appointed to be held, then and in such Case it shall be lawful for the said Commissioners, or their Clerk for the Time being, and they or he are and is hereby required to call a Special Meeting, of which Ten Days previous Notice shall

Provisions for calling a Special Meeting of the Commissioners.



shall be given in the same Manner as is herein-before mentioned in the Case and for the Purpose of calling a Meeting to revoke, suspend, or alter a former Order, Rule, or Proceeding, and in like Manner no Meeting for the Execution of this Act shall be held until after the Day expressed in the Notice for such Special Meeting.

Qualification  
of Commis-  
sioners.

V. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That no Person shall be capable of acting as a Commissioner in any Case in the Execution of this Act during the Time he shall hold or enjoy any Office or Place of Profit under or be concerned directly or indirectly in any Contract made by virtue of this Act, or in any Case wherein he shall be in any wise personally or beneficially interested in the Matter in question (except as a Creditor on the Rates or Assessments herein-after required to be levied), nor unless such Commissioner shall in his own Right, or in the Right of his then late or present Wife, be in the actual Possession or Receipt of the Rents and Profits of Messuages, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, for an Estate of Inheritance, or for Life or Lives, or for Years determinable on a Life or Lives, of the clear yearly Value of Twenty Pounds (above Reprizes or Incumbrances), or shall be a Tenant or Occupier of Messuages, Lands, or Tenements, situate in *Worthing* aforesaid, of the yearly Value of Thirty Pounds, or shall be possessed of or entitled to a Personal Estate of the Amount or Value of Five hundred Pounds, over and above the Amount of his Debts; and that no Person shall be capable of acting as a Commissioner in the Execution of this Act, except in administering the following Oath to the Chairman of such First Meeting as aforesaid, and in choosing such Chairman, until he shall have taken and subscribed an Oath in the Form following; (that is to say),

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sioners Oath.

‘ I, *A. B.* do swear, That I am really and *bonâ fide* in my own Right, [or, in Right of my Wife], now in the actual Possession or Receipt of the Rents and Profits of Messuages, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments for an Estate of Inheritance, or for Life or Lives, or for Years determinable on a Life or Lives, of the clear yearly Value of Twenty Pounds, above Reprizes and Incumbrances, or am Tenant or Occupier of Messuages, Lands, or Tenements, situate in the Town of *Worthing*, in the County of *Sussex*, of the yearly Value of Thirty Pounds, or am possessed of or entitled to a Personal Estate of the Amount or Value of Five hundred Pounds, over and above the Amount of my Debts; and that I will truly and impartially, according to the best of my Skill and Judgement, execute and perform all the Powers, Authorities, and Trusts reposed in me as a Commissioner, by virtue of an Act passed in the Forty-third Year of the Reign of King *George the Third*, intituled, [*here set forth the Title of the Act.*]

‘ So help me GOD.’

Penalty on  
Persons not  
qualified act-  
ing as Com-  
missioners.

And if any Person not qualified, or being disqualified to act as a Commissioner, shall nevertheless presume to act in the Execution of this Act, every Person so offending shall for every such Offence forfeit and pay the Sum of One hundred Pounds to any Person or Persons who shall sue for the same, with full Costs of Suit, in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record, by Action of Debt, or on the Case, or by Bill, Plaint, Suit, or Information, wherein no Essoign, Protection, or Wager of Law, or more than One Imparance shall be allowed; and every Person so sued or prosecuted, shall prove that he was at the Time of acting qualified as aforesaid,



said, or otherwise shall pay the said Penalty, without any other Proof or Evidence being given on the Part of the Plaintiff or Prosecutor, than that such Person had acted as a Commissioner in the Execution of this Act.

VI. Provided always nevertheless, That it shall be lawful for such of the Commissioners who are or shall be in the Commission of the Peace for the said County of *Suffex*, to act as Justices of the Peace in or relating to the Execution of this Act, notwithstanding their being Commissioners under this Act.

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may act as  
such.

VII. And be it further enacted, That when any of the Commissioners shall die, or by Writing delivered to the Clerk for the Time being to the Commissioners, shall decline to act, or shall become incapable to act, it shall be lawful for the other Commissioners, and they are hereby required from Time to Time, by Writing under their Hands, to elect some other Person qualified as herein-before mentioned, to be a Commissioner in the Place of every Commissioner so dying, declining, or becoming incapable to act; but Ten Days previous Notice of the Time and Place of the Meeting for every such Election of new Commissioners shall be given by the Clerk to the said Commissioners, by affixing the same in Writing on Three publick Places in *Worthing* aforesaid, and so often as there shall be a Vacancy to elect some fit Person to be a Commissioner for the Purposes of this Act; and every Person so elected is hereby vested with the same Powers for putting this Act into Execution, as if he had been named a Commissioner in or by this Act.

Appointment  
of new Com-  
missioners.

VIII. And be it further enacted, That if the Commissioners under this Act for the Time being shall at any Time, for the Space of Six Calendar Months, neglect or refuse upon any Vacancy to nominate and appoint a new Commissioner, or if the Number of Commissioners shall be reduced to less than Twenty, then and in either of the said Cases it shall be lawful for any Commissioner or Commissioners for the Time being, or for any other Person or Persons residing within the Town of *Worthing* aforesaid, from Time to Time, to make Complaint thereof to the Justices of the Peace assembled at any General Quarter Sessions to be holden for the said County of *Suffex*, and it shall be lawful for the Justices to whom such Complaint shall be made, and they are hereby authorized and required to receive and hear the said Complaint, and upon due Proof being made to them of the Matter complained of, to nominate and appoint such Persons as they in their Discretion shall think fit, to be Commissioners for the Purposes of this Act, and so often as there shall be Occasion; and the Commissioners so to be appointed, are hereby vested with the same Powers for putting this Act into Execution, as if they had been respectively made Commissioners in or by this Act.

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IX. And be it further enacted, That in all Cases where the Commissioners, or any Justice or Justices of the Peace, are hereby authorized to examine any Person or Persons on Oath, it shall be lawful for such Commissioners and Justices, and they are hereby required and empowered to administer such Oath.

Power of ad-  
ministering  
Oaths, &c.

X. And be it further enacted, That the Commissioners shall and may, and they are hereby authorized and required, at their First Meeting,

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and at any subsequent Meeting, by Writing under their Hands, to elect and appoint a Treasurer and Clerk, and also Two or more Assessors, and a Collector or Collectors of the Rates or Assessments to be raised and levied, and of the other several Monies to be received by virtue of this Act; and by whom such Rates, Assessments, and Monies shall from Time to Time be paid to the Treasurer for the Time being, or other Person or Persons appointed for that Purpose, in the Manner herein-after mentioned; and also all Surveyors, Scavengers, Rakers, Cleansers, and Lighters of Lamps, Beadles, Criers, Watchmen, and such other Officer or Officers, Deputies and Assistants, for the Execution of this Act, as they shall from Time to Time think proper, and from Time to Time to remove, suspend, or displace all or any of such Officers as they shall see Occasion, and appoint others in the Place of such of them as shall be so removed, suspended, or displaced, or shall die, or resign their Offices; and also, from Time to Time, by and out of the Monies to be raised or received by virtue of this Act, to pay such Wages or Salaries, and make such Allowances to Officers, and all other Persons by them the Commissioners employed in the Execution of this Act, as they shall think reasonable or proper; and the Commissioners shall and are hereby required to take such Security from every such Treasurer, Clerk, Collector, and other Officers so to be appointed as aforesaid, for the due Execution of their respective Offices or Duties, as the Commissioners shall think proper; and every Person who is hereby made liable to pay the Rates or Assessments hereby directed and required to be levied and raised, or to pay any Sum of Money which is under this Act to be applied for the Purposes thereof, shall, and they are hereby required to pay the same to such Collector or other Persons who shall be so appointed to collect and receive the same in pursuance of this Act, which Collector or Collectors, or other Person or Persons shall not at any Time retain in his or their Hands more than the Sum of Twenty Pounds, upon Pain of forfeiting to the Commissioners any Sum not exceeding Ten Shillings, nor less than Five Shillings *per* Day for every Ten Pounds collected and retained beyond the Sum of Twenty Pounds, and so after the same Rate for every less Sum than the Sum of Ten Pounds; and every such Officer and Person so to be appointed as aforesaid, shall under his Hand, upon Demand, at such Time and Times, and in such Manner as the Commissioners shall direct, deliver to such Commissioners, or to such Person or Persons as they shall appoint, true and perfect Accounts in Writing, of all Monies, Matters, and Things received and committed to their Charge by virtue and for the Purposes of this Act, and how much of such Monies hath been paid and disbursed, and for what Purposes, together with the proper Vouchers for such Payments, and also the Books, Papers, and Writings, in their respective Custody or Power, relating to the Proceedings to be had under this Act, and shall pay all such Monies as shall appear upon Balance of their Accounts to the Treasurer appointed by the said Commissioners, or to such Person or Persons, and at such Time and Place as the Commissioners shall appoint, and every such Officer and Person so accounting as aforesaid shall, upon Oath, verify their said Accounts; and in Default of any of the several Matters aforesaid, for the Space of Eight Days after being thereunto required as aforesaid, it shall be lawful for the Commissioners, and they are hereby authorized and empowered to bring, or cause to be brought an Action or Actions in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster* against the



the Officer or Officers, Person or Persons making such Default as aforesaid, for Recovery of the Monies which shall be in the Hands of such Officer or Officers, Person or Persons respectively, with full Costs of Suit; or if Complaint shall be made by the Commissioners, or by such Person or Persons as they shall appoint to make Complaint of any such Default as aforesaid to any Justice of the Peace for the County or Place wherein the Party making such Default shall be and reside, such Justice may and is hereby authorized and required, by Warrant under his Hand and Seal, to cause the said Officer or Officers, Person or Persons so making or having made Default, to be brought before him, and upon his or their appearing (or not appearing, except for some special Cause to be allowed of by such Justice as a sufficient Excuse), to hear and determine the Matter of Complaint in a summary Way; and if upon the Confession of the Party, or by the Testimony of One or more credible Witnesses or Witnessess, upon Oath, it shall appear to such Justice 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, or unaccounted for, then such Justice may and is hereby authorized and required, by Warrant under his Hand and Seal, to order the Payment thereof, and upon Non-payment thereof, to cause such Money to be levied by Distress and Sale of the Goods of such Officer or Officers, Person or Persons respectively offending or making Default as aforesaid; and if no Goods or Chattels can be found sufficient to answer and satisfy the said Money, and the Charges of distraining and selling the same, and the other Expences attending the requiring or compelling such Payment as aforesaid, or in case of Refusal to account as aforesaid, or that it shall appear to such Justice by the Confession of the Party so offending or making Default as aforesaid, or by the Testimony of any credible Witnesses or Witnessess, upon Oath as aforesaid, that any Books, Papers, or Writings relating to the Execution of this Act, or to the Proceedings to be had under the same, shall be in the Custody or Power of any such Officer or Person, and he shall refuse to deliver up the same as aforesaid, then and in any of the Cases aforesaid, such Justice shall commit every such Offender to the Common Gaol or House of Correction 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 have compounded with the Commissioners, and shall have paid such Composition in such Manner as they shall appoint, or until such Person shall have delivered up such Books, Papers, and Writings as aforesaid, or given Satisfaction in respect thereof: Provided always, that no Person who shall be committed for Want of sufficient Distress shall be committed for any longer Space of Time than Twelve Calendar Months.

XI. Provided always, That as often as any Collector or Receiver of the Monies to be raised by virtue of this Act, shall die, or be incapable, or neglect to perform his Duty, it shall be lawful for the Commissioners, or any Seven or more of them, though not assembled at a Meeting pursuant to this Act, by any Writing under their Hands, to appoint another Person to collect the same, who shall give such Security for the due Execution of his Office during his Continuance therein, as the Commissioners shall think proper, until the Commissioners shall at a Meeting to be holden

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holden in pursuance of this Act, appoint a Collector or Receiver of such Monies, any Thing herein contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

Penalty on Officers taking any Fee or Reward besides their Salary.

XII. And be it further enacted, That if any Person who shall be employed as Treasurer, Clerk, Assessor, Collector, Receiver, Surveyor, or any other Officer or Servant, who shall be any wise employed by the Commissioners in putting this Act, or any of the Powers thereof in Execution, (except a Crier, who may receive such Reward as the Commissioners shall order), shall exact, take, or accept any Fee, Profit, or Reward whatsoever, other than such Salaries, Allowances, and Rewards as shall be appointed, allowed, and approved of by the Commissioners, for or on Account of any Thing done or to be done by virtue of this Act, or on any Account whatsoever relating to putting the same in Execution, or shall any wise be directly or indirectly concerned or interested in any Sale, Purchase, Bargain, or Contract made or to be made by or by the Order of the Commissioners for the Purpose of putting this Act in Execution, unless with their Consent or Approbation, every such Person so offending shall be incapable of ever serving or being employed in any Matter under this Act, and shall, over and above, forfeit the Sum of Twenty Pounds to any Person or Persons who shall sue for the same, by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint, or Information, in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster*, within Six Calendar Months after the Offence committed, with full Costs of Suit, in which Suit or Prosecution no Essoign, Protection, or Wager of Law, nor more than One Imparance shall be allowed.

Books to be kept of Proceedings.

XIII. And be it further enacted, That the Commissioners shall cause proper Books to be provided and kept, in which they shall, either by themselves or by their Clerk for the Time being, cause fair and regular Entries and Accounts to be made of the several Meetings held in pursuance of this Act, and of the Commissioners present thereat respectively, and of the Nomination of all Officers and Persons to act in the Execution thereof, and of all Acts, Orders, Rules, Resolutions, Proceedings, Matters, and Things relative to the Execution of this Act, and also an Account of all Monies to be assessed or raised, and to be received or payable by virtue hereof, and of the Payment and Application of the same, and of all Contracts to be made by any Person or Persons by virtue or in pursuance of this Act, all which said Accounts shall be examined, adjusted, and settled by the Commissioners assembled at any Meeting to be held in pursuance of this Act, Half-yearly at least, or oftener; and the Commissioners so examining, adjusting, or settling such Accounts, and also their Clerk for the Time being, shall subscribe their Names to the same; and the Chairman of such Commissioners assembled as aforesaid, and their said Clerk, by their Order, shall also subscribe their Names at the End of their Proceedings at every such Meeting; and all Entries in their Books of such Proceedings, being signed by the Commissioners assembled thereat, and making or ordering the same in virtue or in pursuance of this Act, and by their Clerk, shall be deemed Originals, and the same, or true and attested Copies thereof, shall be admitted to be read in Evidence in any Court whatsoever in all Causes, Suits, or Actions, and upon all Occasions whatsoever, touching any Thing done in pursuance or by virtue of this Act, and such Books shall be kept by the Clerk for the Time being



being to the Commissioners, or by such other Person or Persons, and at such Place as the Commissioners shall direct; and the same shall respectively at all convenient and seasonable Times, without Fee or Reward, be open and liable to the Inspection of the Commissioners, and of all Persons rated or assessed for the Purposes of this Act, or otherwise affected thereby.

XIV. And be it further enacted, That the Commissioners shall and may sue and be sued in the Name of their Clerk or Treasurer for the Time being; and that all Actions or Suits that it may be necessary to bring for the Recovery of any Penalty or Sum of Money due or payable in virtue of this Act, or for or in respect of any other Matter or Thing relating to this Act, shall be brought in the Name of their said Clerk or Treasurer; and that no Action or Suit which may be brought, commenced, or prosecuted by or against such Commissioners, or any of them, by virtue or on Account of this Act, in the Name of their Clerk or Treasurer, shall abate or be discontinued by the Death, Suspension, or Removal of such Clerk or Treasurer, or by any Act or Default of such Clerk or Treasurer done or suffered without the Consent or Direction of the Commissioners for the Time being; but the Clerk or Treasurer to the Commissioners for the Time being shall always be deemed Plaintiff or Defendant in such Action or Suit, (as the Case may be): Provided always, that every such Clerk or Treasurer, in whose Name any Action or Suit shall be commenced, prosecuted, or defended in pursuance of this Act, shall always be reimbursed and paid out of the Monies to arise by virtue of this Act, all such reasonable Costs, Charges, and Expences as he shall be put to or become chargeable with by reason of his being so made Plaintiff or Defendant therein; and shall not be personally answerable or liable for the Payment of the same, or any Part of them, unless such Action or Suit shall arise in consequence of his own wilful Neglect or Default, or unless it shall have been brought, or commenced, or defended without the Order or Direction of the Commissioners.

Actions to be  
in the Name of  
the Clerk or  
Treasurer.

XV. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Commissioners, and they shall have full Power and Authority, from Time to Time, and at all Times when and as often as they shall think proper, to cause, order, and direct the publick Streets, Lanes, Ways, Passages, and Places now being or hereafter to be made in the said Town, or any Part or Parts of such Streets, Lanes, Ways, Passages, and Places, as well those used by Carriages as those used by Foot Passengers, to be paved, repaired, raised, lowered, or altered, in such Manner as the said Commissioners shall think proper, and the Person or Persons authorized or directed by them to do the same, shall have full Power and Authority to do the same accordingly: Provided nevertheless, and the said Commissioners are hereby directed to pave, repair, raise, lower, or alter a certain Street or Road in the said Town, from the North Side of a Garden there, in the Occupation of *Charles Carter*, to the South End of the Messuage there, in the Occupation of *Thomas Hogsflesh*; called the *Sea House Hotel*, before any other Part or Parts of such Streets, Lanes, Ways, Passages, or Places.

Streets to be  
paved.

XVI. And be it further enacted, That when and as soon as any of the Streets, Lanes, Ways, Passages, and Places within the said Town, which are now repairable by the Surveyors of the Highways of the said Parish of *Broadwater*, shall be repaired and amended by the said Commissioners,

Surveyors of  
the Highways  
to contribute  
to the Repair  
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the said Surveyors shall yearly and every Year thereafter so long as the said Streets, Lanes, Ways, Passages, and Places shall be kept repaired and amended by the said Commissioners, pay or cause to be paid to the said Commissioners a proportionable Part, according to the respective Lengths of such Streets, Lanes, Ways, Passages, or Places, and of the other Parts of the Highways in the said Parish, of the Highway Rate annually raised in the said Parish; and that if the Surveyors of the said Parish and the said Commissioners shall not agree as to such proportionable Part so to be paid, it shall and may be lawful to and for any Two or more Justices of the Peace for the said County of *Suffex*, and they are hereby required and empowered, upon Application made to them by the said Commissioners, or any Seven or more of them, or by the said Surveyors, to adjudge and determine what Part or Proportion of the Highway Rate of the said Parish of *Broadwater* shall be paid to the said Commissioners for or on account of their so repairing and amending the said Streets, Lanes, Ways, Passages, or Places; and the said Surveyors for the Time being are hereby ordered and directed to pay to the said Commissioners or their Treasurer for the Time being such Sum or Sums of Money as the said Justices shall so direct to be paid as aforesaid.

*Cross Lane* to be deemed a publick Highway.

XVII. And be it further enacted, That, from and after the passing of this Act, the Street or Lane within the said Town of *Worthing* called *Cross Lane* shall be and be considered and deemed to be a publick Highway.

New Streets to be repaired solely by the Commissioners.

XVIII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That as well the said Lane called *Cross Lane*, as all and every the Streets, Lanes, Ways, Passages, and Places, which shall hereafter become publick under or by virtue of this Act, shall from Time to Time and at all Times hereafter be paved, repaired, raised, lowered, altered, and lighted, by, from, and out of the Rates or Assessments to be raised by virtue of this Act and not otherwise.

Property of all Materials vested in the Commissioners.

XIX. And be it further enacted, That, from and after the passing of this Act, the Property of all the present and future Pavements, and all Lamps and Lamp Irons, Posts, and other Things thereto belonging, in all or any of the said Streets, Squares, Courts, Roads, Lanes, Rows, Ways, Alleys, Passages, and Places, in the said Town of *Worthing*, which shall or may be erected and fixed by virtue of this Act, and of all Materials, Implements, and other Things to be purchased, gotten, or provided for the Purposes of this Act, and of all the Filth or Soil of and in the said Streets, Lanes, Ways, Passages, and Places to be paved, repaired, raised, lowered, or altered, and of all Cesspools, Bunnies, Watercourses, and Sewers, now made or hereafter to be made in the said Streets, Lanes, Ways, Passages, and Places, and of all the Ashes, Cinders, and Rubbish to be taken and carried away from all and every the Houses in the said Streets, Lanes, Ways, Passages, and Places, shall belong to and be the Property of, and the same are hereby vested in the said Commissioners; and they are hereby authorized and empowered to bring or cause to be brought any Action or Actions, or to prefer, or order and direct the preferring any Bill or Bills of Indictment (as the Case shall require) against any Person or Persons who shall break up, spoil, damage, injure, destroy, steal, take, or carry away the same, or any Part thereof, or disturb them in the Possession thereof,



thereof, and from Time to Time to sell and dispose of for the Purposes of this Act all or any Part thereof respectively, in such Manner as they shall think proper.

XX. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Commissioners, and they are hereby authorized and empowered, from Time to Time, to cause Lamp Irons or Lamp Posts to be put up or affixed into, upon, or against the Ground adjoining to, or the Walls or Pallisadoes of any of the Houses, Tenements, or Buildings already built or hereafter to be built within such Part of the Town of *Worthing* aforesaid, as they the said Commissioners shall from Time to Time think proper and convenient; and also to cause such Number of Lamps of such Sizes and Sorts to be provided and fixed, or put upon such Lamp Irons or Lamp Posts, and to cause the same, when so provided and fixed to be altered, taken down, or removed, as they shall from Time to Time think proper, for well and effectually lighting the said Town of *Worthing*; and also to cause such Lamps to be lighted at such Time or Times, and to be kept lighted during the whole or such Part of the Night as they the said Commissioners shall think proper; and if any Person or Persons shall wilfully or maliciously break, throw down, displace, take away, extinguish, damage, or spoil any Lamp or Lamps put up or to be put up by virtue of this Act, or wilfully damage the Posts, Irons, or Materials belonging thereto or used therewith, or wilfully hinder or obstruct any of the said Commissioners or Officers employed in the Execution of this Act in his or their respective Duty, every Person or Persons so offending in any of the Matters aforesaid (which shall be taken and deemed distinct and separate Offences) shall, upon being convicted thereof before the said Commissioners by the Oath of One or more Witnesses or Witnesses, or by the Confession of the Party before the said Commissioners, or any Seven or more of them, forfeit and pay for the First Offence any Sum not exceeding Five Pounds, for the Second Offence any Sum not exceeding Ten Pounds, and for the Third and every other Offence any Sum not exceeding Twenty Pounds, over and besides making such Satisfaction in Money for the Lamp or Lamps to be broken, thrown down, displaced, taken away, extinguished, damaged, or spoiled, as such Commissioners shall think reasonable, and shall order to be paid.

Power to provide Lamps.

XXI. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Commissioners from Time to Time, at any of their Meetings, to contract and agree with any Person or Persons for paving, repairing, raising, lowering, or altering all or any of the said Streets, Lanes, Ways, Passages, and Places, or any Part or Parts thereof; and also for a sufficient Number of Lamps necessary to be fixed and set up in the said Town of *Worthing*, and Lamp Irons, Posts, and other Materials necessary or convenient for fixing the same, from Time to Time, and for providing and furnishing the same Lamps with all Requisites, and for lighting, supporting, amending, and repairing the same.

Commissioners may contract for paving, lighting, etc.

XXII. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Commissioners at any of the said Meetings, to contract and agree with any Person or Persons to be and act as Scavenger or Scavengers within the said Town of *Worthing*, to sweep and cleanse the same, and the Person or Persons employed or contracting to act as Scavenger or Scavengers

Scavengers Duty.

Scavengers



Scavengers shall Once in every Week (that is to say), on *Saturday*, between the Hours of Seven and Eleven in the Forenoon, and upon such other Days, and at such other Hours as the Commissioners aforesaid shall from Time to Time appoint, sweep and collect together all Dirt, Dust, Filth, or Rubbish, in such Streets, Lanes, Ways, Passages, and Places, and shall also bring or cause to be brought a Cart or other proper Carriage into such Streets, Lanes, Ways, Passages, and Places, where such Cart or other Carriage can pass, and shall at his Approach with such Cart or other Carriage, and not before, by Sound of Bell, Voice, or otherwise, give Notice to the Inhabitants of his or their coming, and give the like Notice in every Court, Passage, or Place into which such Cart or Carriage cannot pass, and abide and stay a convenient Time in or near the same Places respectively, so that the Inhabitants or Persons concerned may bring forth their Dust, Dirt, Ashes, and other Filth (except Filth from any Privy or Necessary House) to the Door of their respective Houses and Premises, and there leave the same in some convenient Place near their Doors, from whence the said Scavenger or Scavengers, or other Person or Persons as aforesaid, shall immediately take and put into such Cart or Carriage all such Dust, Dirt, Ashes, and Filth (except as aforesaid), or otherwise the said Scavenger shall, if required, come into such Part of their respective Houses and Premises where such Dust, Dirt, Ashes, and other Filth as aforesaid shall be kept, and take the same from thence; and the said Dust, Dirt, Ashes, and other Filth, as well as all such Dust, Dirt, Dung, Ashes, and other Filth, as shall be swept up and collected together (except as aforesaid), the said Scavenger or other Officer appointed for that Purpose shall then immediately, or as soon as may be, carry away or cause to be carried away to the Place or Places to be appointed by the said Commissioners for depositing the same, upon Pain of forfeiting any Sum not exceeding Forty Shillings nor less than Ten Shillings for every such Offence or Neglect; and every Person acting as such Scavenger for the Time being shall cause the Words, "*Scavengers Cart*," to be painted, together with his Name and Number, in large Roman Letters, on the Front or other conspicuous Place of their Carts or Carriages used for the Purposes aforesaid, on Pain of forfeiting any Sum not exceeding Five Pounds nor less than Forty Shillings, for every such Neglect therein; and if any such Scavengers or other Persons acting as such, or employed as aforesaid, shall sweep or throw any Dust, Dirt, Ashes, or Filth, into the Sewers, Drains, Sinks, or Watercourses, within the said Town of *Worthing*, every Person so offending shall forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Five Pounds nor less than Forty Shillings, for every such Offence.

Persons not to  
throw Dirt  
into the  
Streets.

XXIII. And be it further enacted, That no Person or Persons whomsoever shall throw, cast, or lay, or cause to be thrown, cast, or lain, any Dust, Dirt, Dung, Ashes, or other Filth whatsoever, in the said Streets, Lanes, Ways, Passages, or Places (except the Dirt, Ashes, and Filth to be collected and put together or placed as aforesaid, and except as is herein-after mentioned), on Pain of forfeiting or paying for every such Offence any Sum not exceeding Twenty Shillings nor less than Five Shillings nor shall throw or cast any such Dirt, Dust, Dung, Ashes, or other Filth whatsoever into any of the Sewers, Drains, Sinks, or Watercourses within the same, upon Pain of forfeiting and paying for every such last mentioned Offence any Sum not exceeding  
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Forty Shillings nor less than Ten Shillings; but shall, and he, she, and they are hereby required to keep or cause to be kept the same in their respective Houses, Cellars, or Yards, until such Times as the Scavenger or Scavengers, or other Person or Persons appointed to take away the same as aforesaid, shall come by or near their Houses or Doors with a Cart or other Carriage for the Purpose of carrying away the same.

XXIV. Provided always, That no Person shall be subject to any Penalty as aforesaid, for or on account of any Rubbish or Dirt in such Streets, Lanes, Ways, Passages, or Places as aforesaid, occasioned by the building, pulling down, altering, or repairing his or her House or other Building, nor for making any Lime into Mortar to be used in or for the Purpose of building, altering, or repairing the same, in case there be full and sufficient Space (in the Opinion of the Commissioners or their Surveyor for the Time being) left in or at the Side of the Street, Lane, Way, Passage, or Place where such Rubbish, Dirt, Lime, or Mortar shall lie or be placed, for Carriages to pass and repass, and a sufficient Way kept clean for Foot Passengers, and so as sufficient Light be at his, her, or their own Expence, set and maintained at the Place where such Dirt or Rubbish shall be so laid or placed between the Hours of Sun-set and Sun-rise, to prevent any Mischief happening to Passengers or Cattle, or so as (if the Commissioners shall think proper and so direct) the same be inclosed and fenced about in such Manner and within such Time as they, in any Notice to be by their Order given to or left with such Person, or Persons, shall direct, or the same shall be removed, at his or her own Expence, within a Time to be expressed in a Notice to be in like Manner given or left to remove the same.

Penalty not to extend to Rubbish or Dirt, etc.

XXV. And be it further enacted, That no Person or Persons whomsoever shall take or carry away, or cause to be taken or carried away, any Dirt, Dust, Dung, Ashes, or other Filth, out of any such Streets, Lanes, Ways, Passages, or Places as aforesaid, other than such Scavenger or other Officer, or Person contracting, or to be appointed for that Purpose as herein-before is mentioned, on Pain of forfeiting any Sum not exceeding Forty Shillings nor less than Ten Shillings for every such Offence.

Penalty for taking away Dirt, etc.

XXVI. Provided always, That nothing herein contained shall extend to prevent any Person or Persons from preserving and keeping any Dirt, Dust, Dung, Ashes, Manure, Muck, Filth, or Rubbish within his, her, or their Houses, Yards, Gardens, or Grounds, or otherwise disposing of the same for their own Use and Benefit, so as such Dirt, Dust, Dung, Ashes, Manure, Muck, Filth, or Rubbish be not laid down or placed in any of such Streets, Lanes, Ways, Passages, or Places as aforesaid, for any longer Time than shall be necessary for loading and carrying away the same, or be suffered to annoy any of the Inhabitants of the said Town as aforesaid; but in case any Person so reserving such Dirt, Dust, Ashes, Manure, Muck, Filth, or Rubbish shall thereby annoy any of the Inhabitants, or shall permit or suffer the same to remain for any longer Time than from Sun-rising in the Morning to Sun-setting in the Evening, before the same shall be carried away or removed, after Notice in Writing given to him or her under the Hands of the said Commissioners, or by their Clerk,

Persons to be at Liberty to keep or dispose of Dirt, etc.

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by their Order, or left at such Person's Dwelling House, to remove the same, such Person shall forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Ten Shillings nor less than Five Shillings a Day, for every Day that such Annoyance shall be suffered to remain after such Notice given as aforesaid.

Foot Pavements to be swept.

XXVII. And be it further enacted, That the respective Owners and Occupiers of Houses or other Buildings, or Ground or Land in the public Streets, Lanes, Ways, Passages, or Places, already made or built, or which shall hereafter be made or built within the said Town, shall and they are hereby required, from and immediately after the passing of this Act, to cause to be well and sufficiently swept and cleansed the Footways or Foot Pavements before, behind, and on the Sides of the same, (as the Situation thereof shall require), every Morning in the Year before Ten of the Clock in the Forenoon of each Day; and also shall cause the Dirt and Soil arising from such sweeping and cleansing to be collected and put together, without obstructing the Way, or Road, or Sewers, or creating any Nuisance or Annoyance thereby, in order that the same may be ready for the loading and taking away thereof by the Scavenger or Scavengers, or other Person or Persons employed in cleansing such Streets, Lanes, Ways, Passages, and Places, upon Pain of forfeiting and paying respectively for every Neglect therein, or Nuisance or Annoyance occasioned thereby, a Sum not exceeding Ten Shillings nor less than Five Shillings.

Streets to be watered.

XXVIII. And be it further enacted, That the said Commissioners shall have full Power and Authority to cause the said Streets, Lanes, Ways, Passages, and Places, to be watered as often as they shall think fit; and also cause any Well or Wells to be dug and sunk, and any Pump or Pumps to be erected in such Places as they shall think proper within the Streets, Lanes, Ways, Passages, and Places, for the Purpose of watering the same, or for any other Purpose, and to cause the same to be removed or altered, and the Expences thereof to be defrayed out of the Monies to be raised by virtue of this Act.

Enabling the Commissioners to provide a Fire Engine.

XXIX. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Commissioners, and they are hereby authorized and required, as soon as conveniently may be after the passing of this Act, to purchase One or more Engine or Engines for the extinguishing of Fire, and such Number of Water Buckets for the Supply of such Engine or Engines as they shall think fit; and to erect and build, or purchase, or rent, a proper Place for keeping such Engine or Engines, and Buckets, and also from Time to Time to appoint some proper Person or Persons to look after and manage such Engine or Engines, and Buckets, with such Wages or Salary as they the said Commissioners shall think fit; and the Costs, Charges, and Expences of purchasing such Engine or Engines and Buckets, of providing a proper Place for the same, and of every Matter and Thing relating thereto, and also the Wages or Salary of the Person or Persons looking after and managing such Engine or Engines, and Buckets, shall be paid, borne, and defrayed out of the Monies to be raised by the Rates or Assessments to be made by virtue of this Act.

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XXX. And be it further enacted, That the Commissioners shall and may, and they are hereby authorized and required, from Time to Time, to order and establish such Number of Watchmen and Beadles, as they shall judge proper or necessary to be kept or employed in or about the said Town, and shall likewise direct and appoint how and where the several Watchmen and Beadles shall be stationed, and in what Manner they shall be armed, how often they shall go their Rounds, how long they shall continue upon Duty, and what Wages shall be allowed to such Watchmen and Beadles for their Service; and shall and may also erect and provide proper Places, Boxes, or Watch Houses for the Reception of such Watchmen and Beadles as aforesaid, and shall make all such Orders and Regulations as the Nature of the respective Services shall to the said Commissioners appear to require, and as shall be necessary for preserving and maintaining Peace and Order, and an effective Police within, and the Safety of the Inhabitants of the said Town; and shall cause all such Orders and Regulations as shall be made by them, from Time to Time, for the better Direction and Government of such Watchmen and Beadles; and for the other Purposes last mentioned, to be printed, and Copies of them signed by the Commissioners or their Clerk for the Time being; and it shall be lawful for such Watchmen and Beadles, and they are hereby authorized and required to keep Watch and Ward within the said Town as aforesaid, and to arrest, apprehend, and detain in the Watch House, or some other convenient Place of Security within the said Town, to be provided and appointed by the Commissioners, all Disturbers of the publick Peace, disorderly Persons, Vagrants, Beggars, and all such other Persons as shall be found misbehaving themselves, and shall take them within Twenty-four Hours (or as soon after as conveniently may be) before any One of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace acting in and for the said County of *Suffex*, to be examined and dealt with according to Law; and the said Beadles shall, as often in every Night as shall be ordered by the Commissioners, go about their respective Districts and Rounds to take Notice whether all the Watchmen perform their Duty in their several Stations, according to such Orders and Regulations as shall be made and provided by the Commissioners; and in case any Watchman shall misbehave himself, or neglect his Duty, the said Beadles shall, as soon as conveniently may be, give Notice thereof to the Clerk for the Time being to the Commissioners, who is hereby authorized to suspend such Watchman from the Execution of his Office, and appoint another Person to officiate therein until the next Meeting of the Commissioners, when the said Clerk shall acquaint the Commissioners assembled at such Meeting with the Complaint against such Watchman, in order that they may proceed to the Examination of the Offence or Charge; and such Watchman moreover shall be subject and liable to such Penalty for every such Neglect or Misbehaviour as is next hereinafter expressed.

Watchmen,  
Beadles, and  
Constables.

Transcripts of  
Regulations of  
Beadles, *etc.*  
to be signed  
by the Com-  
missioners.

XXXI. And be it further enacted, That if such Watchmen and Beadles, or any of them, shall not observe, perform, and keep the Orders, Rules, and Regulations which shall be made for the Purposes aforesaid by the Commissioners, or shall in any Manner neglect their Duty or misbehave themselves, every Person so offending shall forfeit and pay for every such Neglect or Offence any Sum not exceeding Forty Shillings, and also, if

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the Commissioners shall think proper, shall be immediately discharged from his or their respective Office or Employment.

Penalty on Publicans harbouring Watchmen during their Hours of Duty.

XXXII. And be it further enacted, That if any Victualler, Publican, or other Person selling Spirituous or other Liquors, shall entertain or harbour in his, her, or their House or Habitation, or Shop, any Watchman to be appointed under this Act, during any of the Hours or Times appointed for such Watchman to be on Duty, in virtue or in pursuance of this Act, then every such Victualler, Publican, or other Person shall forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Twenty Shillings for the First Offence, and not exceeding Forty Shillings for the Second Offence, and not exceeding Five Pounds for the Third and every other Offence.

Certain Acts not to be committed in the Streets.

XXXIII. And be it further enacted, That if any Person or Persons shall upon any of the present or future Pavements of the publick Streets, Lanes, Ways, Passages, and Places, now made or built, or which shall hereafter be made or built within the said Town as aforesaid, which are now or at any Time hereafter shall be raised above the Carriage Way, and used as a Footway, or upon any other Way designed and appointed for a Footway only, run, draw, drive, or carry any Truck, Wheel, Sledge, Wheelbarrow, (except for conveying Bread, Furniture, or Luggage to any House) Bier, Handbarrow, or Carriage whatsoever, or shall roll any Cask other than for the necessary loading or unloading thereof, in, upon, from, or out of any Carriage, or shall thereon wilfully ride, lead, or drive any Cattle of any Kind, or any Beast, whether loaded with Coal, Vegetables, or other Goods or Wares for Sale; or shall in any of such Streets, Lanes, Ways, Passages, or Places, as aforesaid, burn, dress, or cleanse any Cork, or shall hoop, fire, cleanse, or scald any Cask, or empty any of the Contents of any Cask therein, or shall hew, saw, or cut any Stone, Wood, or Timber, or bore any Timber (except for the Purpose of rebuilding, altering, or repairing any House or Building, in the Manner herein-after mentioned, or for any of the Purposes by this Act required or authorized to be done, in which Cases the same shall, if the Commissioners think proper and direct, be fenced and inclosed in Manner herein-after mentioned), or shall make or repair any Coach, Waggon, Sledge, or other Carriage in any of such Streets, Lanes, Ways, Passages, or Places (except such Carriage may want immediate repairing from any sudden Accident on the Spot, and which cannot conveniently be removed for that Purpose), or shall shoe or (except in Cases of Accident) bleed, or shall turn loose any Horse, Ass, or other Beast therein; or if the Driver of any Waggon, Cart, Sledge, or other Carriage, shall in any of the said Streets, Lanes, Ways, Passages, or Places, ride on the Shafts, or on any Part of such Waggon, Cart, Sledge, or other Carriage without Reins, or any of the Horses or Cattle drawing the same, or shall in any of the said Streets, Lanes, Ways, Passages, or Places, shew or expose any Stallion or Stone Horse, or shall make any Bonfire, or let off or fire any Crackers, Squibs, or other Fireworks, or if any Person shall sift, throw, cast, or lay any Ashes (except in the Time of Frost only, and to prevent Accidents or any Dust, Muck, Dung, Soil, Filth, Rubbish, Refuse of Garden Stuff, Blood, Offal, Carrion, or any other offensive Matter or Thing, in any of the said Streets, Lanes, Ways, Passages, or Places, in such Manner as to become a Nuisance, or shall wilfully incom-  
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mode the Inhabitants by any other Nuisance, the same shall be respectively considered as an Offence or Offences against this Act; and every Person so offending in any of such Cases, shall for every such Offence forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Forty Shillings nor less than Ten Shillings; and if any Person or Persons shall kill or slaughter, or shall mangle, scald, dress, or cut up any Animal, either wholly or in Part, in any of such Streets, Lanes, Ways, Passages, or Places, every Person so offending in any of the Matters aforesaid, shall for every such Offence forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Three Pounds nor less than Twenty Shillings.

XXXIV. And be it further enacted, That if any Horse, Beast, or other Animal shall at any Time be found wandering about any of the said Streets, Lanes, Ways, Passages, or Places now made, or hereafter to be made or built within the said Town of *Worthing*, it shall be lawful for any Officer or Officers to be appointed by the said Commissioners, and for any of the Inhabitants of the same Town, to impound such Horse, Beast, or other Animal, in such Place as the said Commissioners shall appoint, and the same there to detain until the Owner or Owners thereof shall, for each Beast or other Animal so impounded, pay a Sum of Money not exceeding Five Shillings to the Treasurer for the Time being to the Commissioners, towards the Purposes of this Act, and also the Sum of One Shilling to the Person impounding the same, besides the reasonable Charges and Expences of impounding and keeping the same; and in case the said Sums, Charges, and Expences shall not be paid within Seven Days after such impounding, it shall be lawful for such Person as shall be appointed by the said Commissioners for that Purpose, giving Ten Days previous Notice of the intended Sale to the Owner or Owners of such Horse or other Beast, to sell or cause the same to be sold, and the Money arising from such Sale, after deducting the said Sums, and the Charges and Expences aforesaid, and of such Notice and Sale, shall be paid to the said Treasurer, to be by him paid to the Person whose Property the Beast or other Animal so sold shall appear to have been.

Beasts wandering in the Streets may be impounded.

XXXV. And be it further enacted, That if any Cart, Waggon, Sledge, Trolley, Dray, or other Carriage used for the Purpose of conveying or carrying Goods, Merchandise, or any other Materials whatsoever, shall at any Time be left or suffered to stand or continue in any of the publick Streets, Lanes, Ways, Passages, or Places already made or built, or which shall hereafter be made or built within the said Town of *Worthing*, for any longer Time than shall be necessary for the loading or unloading thereof, or shall be set, placed, or left upon any Part of the Foot Crossings of any such Street, Lane, Way, Passage, or Place, or shall be set or placed athwart or across any Part of such Streets, Lanes, Ways, Passages, or Places (although for the Purpose of loading or unloading the same), so as there shall not be sufficient Room left for another Carriage to pass; or if any Stage Coach shall be suffered to stand in any such Streets, Lanes, Ways, Passages, or Places as aforesaid, for a longer Time than shall be necessary for taking up and setting down Passengers or Travellers, or for loading or unloading their Luggage; or if any Wheel of any Carriage, separated from a Carriage, be hauled, drawn, or rolled thereon or through the same, without a Sledge or proper Carriage placed under the same, or if any Timber, Stone, or other Thing whatsoever, be drawn in any of such Streets, Lanes, Ways, Passages, or

Carts, Carriages, &c. not to be left in the Streets



Places without the same being placed on a Sledge or Carriage for that Purpose; or if any Timber, Iron, Lead, Bricks, Stones, Lime, Mortar, Hay, Straw, Wood, Faggots, Coals, Boards, Tubs, Casks, Goods, Wares, Merchandize, Materials, or Things, Rubbish, Dirt, Dust, Dung, Filth, or other Nuisance or Annoyance whatsoever, shall be so thrown, laid, placed, or left in any such Street, Lane, Way, Passage, or Place as aforesaid (excepting building, taking down, adding to, altering, or repairing any House, Tenement, or Building, or for any of the Purposes authorized or required to be done in virtue or pursuance of this Act, in which Cases the same shall, if the Commissioners shall think proper and direct, be fenced and inclosed in Manner herein-after expressed), and the same (except as last aforesaid) shall be suffered to remain for a greater Space of Time than shall be necessary for the housing or removing thereof; then and in every such Case the Owner or Driver of every such Waggon, Cart, Dray, Sledge, Trolley, Coach, Chaise, or other Carriage as aforesaid, and the Owner of any such Timber, Wood, Faggots, Iron, Sticks, Stone, Hay, Wood, Goods, Materials, and Things, Dirt or Rubbish as aforesaid, or the Person or Persons causing such Annoyance as aforesaid, shall for every such Offence forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Forty Shillings nor less than Ten Shillings.

Directions touching Necessary Houses.

XXXVI. And be it further enacted, That no Necessary House or Privy now being, or which shall hereafter be within the said Town, shall be emptied at any other Time than between the Hours of Twelve at Night and Five in the Morning; and if any Person or Persons shall empty any such Necessary House or Privy at any other Time, then and in any such Case, every Person so offending shall for every such Offence forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Forty Shillings nor less than Twenty Shillings; and if any Person or Persons shall wilfully or negligently spill any of the Soil of any such Necessary House or Privy in any of the Streets, Lanes, Ways, Passages, or Places already made or built, or which shall hereafter be made or built, within the said Town, every Person so offending shall for every such Offence forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Forty Shillings nor less than Twenty Shillings.

Lights to be fixed for preventing Accidents.

XXXVII. And be it further enacted, That if any Stones, Timber, Mortar, Rubbish, Materials, or other Things shall be laid or placed in, or any Hole or Opening shall be made in any of the publick Streets, Lanes, Ways, Passages, or Places already made or built, or which shall hereafter be made or built within the said Town of *Worthing* as aforesaid, for any Purpose whatsoever, though not prohibited by or contrary to the true Intent and Meaning of this Act, the Owner of such Stones, Materials, or other Things, or Person or Persons causing such Hole or Opening to be made, shall at his, her, or their Expence, cause a Light to be affixed in or near the same respectively, for securing Passengers and Cattle from Accidents, every Night from Sun-setting to Sun-rising, during the Time such Stones, or other Materials, Hole or Opening shall remain; and also if the Commissioners shall think proper and direct, shall at his, her, or their Expence cause such Stones, Materials, or other Things, Hole or Opening, or either, as the Case may be, to be fenced and inclosed in such Manner as the Commissioners shall think proper, and continue the same so fenced and inclosed until the Stones, Materials, or other Things, or Hole or Opening, as the Case may be, shall be removed, and



and in Default thereof shall forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Twenty Shillings for every Day and Night such Neglect shall be continued; and the Commissioners on such Default being made are hereby empowered to cause such Light to be put up, and to fence and inclose such Stones, Materials, and other Things, and continue the same so fenced and inclosed, and charge such Owners or other Person or Persons as aforesaid with the Expences thereof respectively, and to recover such Expences, on Refusal to pay the same to the Commissioners, and the Expences attending such Recovery, in the same Manner as is mentioned in the Case of Fences and Inclosures to be made on taking down or altering any House or Building as herein-before is mentioned.

XXXVIII. And be it further enacted, That if any Cellar Window or Windows shall be left open in the Evening or in the Night, without the same being sufficiently lighted to prevent Accidents happening therefrom, the Occupier or Occupiers of such House or Cellar shall for every such Offence forfeit and pay the Sum of Five Pounds.

Cellar Windows not to be left open.

XXXIX. And be it further enacted, That the Commissioners shall and may, and they are hereby required to cause to be placed on some conspicuous Part of some House or Building, at or near each End, Corner, or Entrance of the several publick Streets, Lanes, Ways, Passages, and Places already made or built, or which shall hereafter be made or built within the said Town, the Name of or by which every such Street, Lane, Way, Passage, or Place, is usually or shall be called or known; and also shall and may cause any House, Shop, Warehouse, or Building in the same Streets, Lanes, Ways, Passages, and Places, to be marked and numbered in such Manner as they shall think proper for distinguishing the same; and if any Person shall wilfully or maliciously destroy, pull down, injure, obliterate, or deface any such Mark or Number, or the Names of the same Streets, Lanes, Ways, Passages, and Places, or any of them, or any Part thereof, or cause or procure the same to be done, every such Person so offending shall for every such Offence forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Forty Shillings nor less than Twenty Shillings.

Names of the Streets to be set up, and Houses numbered.

XL. And be it further enacted, That if any Person or Persons shall raise, sink, or alter any Pavement to be made in pursuance of this Act, in any of the said Streets, Lanes, Ways, Passages, or Places, or any Part thereof, without the Consent of the said Commissioners in Writing, to be signed by the Clerk of the said Commissioners for the Time being at some publick Meeting to be held in pursuance of this Act, every such Person shall for every such Offence forfeit and pay the Sum of Forty Shillings over and above the Charges and Expences of reinstating such Pavement.

Penalty on Persons altering Pavements, without the Consent of the Commissioners.

XLI. And be it further enacted, That if any Person or Persons shall at any Time or Times obstruct, hinder, or molest any of the Commissioners, or any Surveyor or Surveyors, Watchmen, Beadles, or other Officer or Officers, Workmen, Person or Persons whomsoever, who is, are, or shall be employed by virtue of this Act, in the Performance or Execution of their Duty, or of any of the Matters and Things to be done in virtue or in pursuance hereof, every such Person so offending shall for every such Offence forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Forty Shillings

Penalty on Persons interrupting Workmen.



Shillings nor less than Ten Shillings over and above such Penalties as are inflicted on any of the said Offences by any other Law or Statute now in Force.

Commissioners may make Sewers, Drains, &c.

XLII. And be it further enacted, That the said Commissioners shall and may cause such and so many new Sewers, Drains, and Vaults, as they may think sufficient and necessary to be dug and made in, along, or across any of the said Streets, Lanes, Ways, Passages, and Places, and also any of the Sewers, Drains, and Vaults, which now are or hereafter shall be made within the said Streets, Lanes, Ways, Passages, and Places, to be enlarged, widened, raised, altered, removed, repaired, cleansed, or scoured; when and as often as to them the said Commissioners shall seem meet, and for any of the said Purposes shall and may from Time to Time cause to be dug, carted, and carried out of, or brought into the said Streets, Lanes, Ways, Passages, and Places, or any of them, such Gravel, Stones, Bricks, and other Materials, as they shall judge necessary, and also shall and may cause such and so many Grates or Openings to be made therein for the conveying and carrying off the Filth, foul and other Waters, from the Houses built or to be built in or adjoining to such Streets, Lanes, Ways, Passages, or Places, into the said Sewers, Drains, and Vaults, as the said Commissioners shall and may think necessary and expedient for that Purpose; and the said Commissioners shall also have full Power, Liberty, and Authority, to purchase such Ground as shall be necessary for making and enlarging such Sewers, Drains, and Vaults, they the said Commissioners first paying or tendering to the several Persons or Corporations interested in such Ground so to be purchased, such Monies as shall be agreed upon (which Agreements shall be good and valid notwithstanding any Disability in any Person or Persons, or Corporations interested therein), or in Case of Refusal to agree by the Parties so interested in such Ground, then such and so much Monies as shall be assessed as a Recompence to him or them, in the Manner herein-after laid down for the assessing or ascertaining the Value of the Houses, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, to be purchased by the said Commissioners, for the Purpose of widening or improving the said Streets, Lanes, Ways, Passages, and Places as herein-after mentioned; and all Costs, Charges, and Expences, in and about the making, enlarging, widening, raising, altering, removing, repairing, cleansing, or scouring such Sewers, Drains, and Vaults, shall be borne and defrayed out of the Monies to be raised by the Rates or Assessments to be made by virtue of this Act.

Private Drains to be cleansed.

XLIII. And be it further enacted, That all private Drains which now are or which shall hereafter be made within any of the publick Streets, Lanes, Ways, Passages, or Places within the said Town of *Worthing*, and which do or shall issue into any of the publick Sewers, Drains, or Vaults, shall be repaired and cleansed under the Inspection and Direction of the Surveyor, or other proper Officer, to the said Commissioners, at the Costs and Charges of the Owner or Owners, Occupier or Occupiers of the Lands or Tenements to which the said private Drains do and shall respectively belong.

Penthouses, Signs, &c. projecting into the Street to be removed.

XLIV. And be it further enacted, That, from and after the Commencement of this Act, all Penthouses, Bow Windows, Shutters, Signs, Sign Posts, Shew



Shew Boards, Spouts, Pales, Rails, Grates, Steps, Projections, or other Matters or Things whatsoever, as in the Judgement of the Commissioners shall be inconvenient to or incommode Passengers upon any of the present or future Footways or Carriage Ways of such Streets, Lanes, Ways, Passages or Places, shall, within Ten Days after a Day to be expressed in a Notice, to be for that Purpose given to or left with the Owner or Occupier of the Houses or other Buildings, or Lands, to whom such Matters and Things aforesaid, or any of them, shall respectively belong, be taken down, filled up, removed, or altered, by or at the Expence of the Owner or Owners thereof, under the Inspection and Direction of the Surveyor or other proper Officer of the said Commissioners; and in case the respective Owners shall neglect or refuse to obey such Notices, and to observe and perform the several Matters and Things hereby respectively required to be done within the Time aforesaid, then such Owner shall for every such Offence forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Ten Shillings for every Week the same shall so remain undone, and then also it shall and may be lawful for the said Commissioners to cause the same to be taken down, filled up, removed, altered, and fixed in the Manner and for the Purposes aforesaid, and shall return or cause to be returned to the respective Owners thereof, or to be left on the Spot from whence the same shall be so respectively removed, or as near thereto as conveniently may be for such Owners, so much of such Matters and Things as aforesaid as shall not be affixed or set up, or otherwise made use of in the Alterations directed by this Act; and the Charges and Expences attending the same shall be recovered of the Owners thereof respectively, in the Manner the Penalties and Forfeitures inflicted by this Act are hereby directed to be recovered on Non-payment; and if such Owners shall cause such Matters and Things to be placed, erected, built, or made contrary to the Directions of this Act, every such Owner, for every Week he shall so offend, shall forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Ten Shillings; or otherwise it shall be lawful for the said Commissioners as aforesaid, to order the same to be taken down, filled up, removed, or altered in such Manner as they shall think proper, without giving any Notice to the Owner or other Person offending therein; and the Charges and Expences attending the same shall or may be recovered of the Person or Persons so offending in the same Manner as is last hereinbefore directed: Provided, that nothing herein contained shall extend to Projections made or to be made in the Nature of Bow Windows, in any of the present or future Streets, Lanes, Ways, Passages or Places, in the said Town of *Worthing*, in case such Projections do not advance beyond the Areas of the respective Houses, or in case there shall be no Area, do not advance more than Two Feet beyond the Front Wall of the Premises to which such Projections adjoin: Provided always, that in case such Occupier or Occupiers shall be required to make such Alterations, Matters, and Things aforesaid, then it shall be lawful for him or them to deduct the Costs, Charges, and Expences of making the same out of his, her, or their next Rent, and such Landlord and Landlords is and are hereby required to allow the same accordingly.

XLV. Provided also, and be it further enacted, That in all Cases where any such Alterations as aforesaid shall be made to any House or Building wherein any Person or Persons shall have any greater Estate,  
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Persons having greater Estate than 21 Years, deemed Owners.



Term, or Interest than for Twenty-one Years, such Person or Persons shall be and be deemed the Owner or Owners of such House or Building, for the Purpose of such Alterations being made as aforesaid; any Thing herein contained, or any Law or Custom to the contrary notwithstanding.

Regulating  
Buildings.

XLVI. And be it further enacted, That no Head Builder, Master Carpenter, Mason or Workman, shall in rebuilding or new fronting any old Building situate in or near any Street, Lane, Way, Passage, or Place, within the said Town, bring the Foundation thereof forward beyond the old Foundation, or the ancient Story Posts supporting the Fronts thereof, so as to obstruct or narrow such Street, Lane, Way, Passage, or Place, upon Pain of forfeiting for every such Offence the Sum of Five Pounds; and the Owner of such Building shall forfeit and pay the Sum of Twenty Shillings for every Month such Obstruction or Encroachment shall remain by the Foundation of such Building being brought forward as aforesaid, unless allowed by the Commissioners; and it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Commissioners to order the same to be taken down, altered, or regulated in such Manner as they shall think proper, at the Charges and Expences of the Owners thereof, to be recovered in such Manner as the Penalties or Forfeitures inflicted by this Act are hereby directed to be recovered on Non-payment.

Tenants to  
give Notice to  
Landlords.

XLVII. And be it further enacted, That all Notices hereby directed to be given to the Owners or Occupiers respecting any Matter or Thing to be done under or by virtue of this Act, shall express the Alterations or Matters required to be done by the Commissioners, and where such Notice shall be given to the Occupier or Occupiers, and shall require such Occupier or Occupiers to give immediate Notice thereof to the Owner or Owners, and if such Occupier or Occupiers shall neglect or refuse, on receiving such Notice or Notices, to give proper Intimation thereof, within Three Days to his, her, or their Landlord or Landlords, or to his, her, or their known Agents or Agent, then such Occupier or Occupiers shall be subject to and shall pay all and every the Penalties and Forfeitures to be incurred by such Owner or Owners, by reason or Means of the Non-observance or Non-performance of the Matters and Things required to be done by such Notice or Notices.

Commission-  
ers may pur-  
chase Houses,  
Lands, &c. to  
widen Streets.

XLVIII. And be it further enacted, That if the said Commissioners shall adjudge that any Houses, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, or any Part thereof, project into or obstruct the Passage of the Streets, Lanes, Ways, Passages, or Places, within the said Town, or that by taking down the same, or any Part thereof, or taking in any Piece or Parcel of Ground, the said Streets, Lanes, Ways, Passages, and Places, may be altered, widened, or improved, it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Commissioners to treat and agree with the several Owners and Occupiers, and all Persons whatsoever interested, for the Purchase of, and to purchase such Houses, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, and to pay for the same such Sum and Sums of Money as shall be agreed upon by the said Commissioners, and the Persons interested therein, out of the Money to arise by the Rates and Assessments herein-after directed to be levied, and to take down such Houses or Buildings, and throw the Scites thereof,



thereof, and also such Piece or Parcel of Ground so to be purchased, as they the said Commissioners shall think proper, into the said Streets, Lanes, Ways, Passages, or Places.

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

Incapacitated  
Persons may  
sell to Com-  
missioners.

L. And be it further enacted, That if any Body Politick, Corporate, or Collegiate, Corporations Aggregate or Sole, Feme Covert, Owner or Owners, Occupier or Occupiers, or other Person or Persons whomsoever, in and by this Act empowered and qualified to treat, contract, or agree to sell, convey, and dispose of any Houses, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, which the said Commissioners may be enabled by this Act to treat for and purchase, or any Interest therein, or any other Person or Persons whomsoever, for the Space of Twenty-one Days after Notice in Writing signed by the said Commissioners, or their Clerk for the Time being, and given to the principal Officer or Officers of such Body Politick, Corporate, or Collegiate, or to such Trustee or Trustees, or other Person or Persons respectively, or left at his, her, or their respective Place or Places of Abode, or at the House of the Tenant or Tenants, Occupier or Occupiers of such Houses, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, shall

On Refusal to  
sell, Value to  
be settled by  
a Jury.



shall neglect or refuse to treat, or shall not agree with the said Commissioners; or by reason of Absence, or otherwise shall be prevented from treating and agreeing, or shall decline or refuse to sell, convey, and dispose of the Premises whereof, or wherein, or whereunto they respectively shall be so seised, possessed, interested, or entitled as aforesaid, or their respective Rights, Titles, Claims, or Interests into or upon the same, or any Part thereof, unto the said Commissioners, or to such Person or Persons as they shall nominate for the Purposes, and according to the Tenor, true Intent, and Meaning of this Act, or shall not produce or make out a clear Title to the Premises they are in Possession of, or the Interest they claim therein, to the Satisfaction of the said Commissioners, or if any Difference or Dispute shall arise touching such Purchase or Purchases, then and in any of such Cases it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Commissioners, before any General Quarter Sessions of the Peace to be holden for the said County of *Suffex*, or any Adjournment thereof, to give or cause to be given to the principal Officer or Officers of such Bodies Politick, Corporate, Ecclesiastical or Civil, or to such Feme Covert, Owner or Owners, or other Person or Persons, or to leave or cause to be left at the House of the Tenant in Possession of the Houses, Buildings, Lands, or Hereditaments, intended to be so purchased Fourteen Days Notice in Writing, denoting and particularly describing the same, and purporting that the Value of such Houses, Lands, or Hereditaments, will be adjudged and settled by a Jury at the said Sessions, or the Adjournment thereof; and the Justices at the said Sessions, or any Adjournment thereof, upon Proof to them made of such Notice having been so given or left, are hereby authorized and required to charge a Jury to be impannelled and returned by the Sheriff of the said County, without Fee or Reward, consisting of Twelve honest, substantial, and disinterested Persons duly qualified to serve on Juries upon the Trial of Issues at Law, and cause them to be sworn well and truly, upon their Oaths, to assess the Value of the Houses, Buildings, Lands, or Hereditaments, comprized in the said Notice, and the Damages and Recompence to be given for the same to the respective Owner or Owners thereof, according to their respective Interests therein (which Oath the said Justices are hereby required to administer to such Jury) and to which said Jury the said Commissioners, and all Parties interested in the said Lands or Hereditaments, shall have their lawful Challenges; and the said Jury being so sworn and charged as aforesaid, and after proper Evidence on Oath to them given concerning the Nature, Quantity, or Value of the said Lands or Hereditaments, shall by their Verdict assess the Value, Recompence, and Satisfaction to be paid or made for the said Lands or Hereditaments, and shall ascertain the proportionable Sum or Sums to be paid to every Person or Persons according to their respective Interests therein; which Verdict of the said Jury, and the Judgement of the said Justices upon the same, shall be finally binding and conclusive to the said Commissioners, and to all Persons and Parties interested in the said Lands or Hereditaments; and such Verdicts, and the Judgements of the Justices thereupon, shall be fairly entered and kept among the Records of the Quarter Sessions for the County of *Suffex*; and the same or true Copies thereof shall be taken to be good and effectual Evidence and Proof in any Court of Law or Equity whatsoever; and all Persons may have Recourſe to the same *gratis*, and take Copies thereof, paying One Shilling for every One hundred Words, and so in Proportion for any greater or less Number of Words.



LI. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That no Person or Persons shall by virtue of this Act, or any of the Powers herein contained, be compelled or compellable to treat for, sell, part with, dispose of, or convey to, the said Commissioners, or to any other Person or Persons whomsoever, any Houses, Buildings, Lands, or Hereditaments within the said Town (other than and except the Buildings, Lands, and Hereditaments mentioned in the Schedule hereunto annexed) which are or shall be of the Value of Four hundred Pounds or upwards, unless the Owner or Owners of such Houses, Buildings, Lands, or Hereditaments shall, by Writing under his, her, or their Hand or Hands, consent to sell or dispose of the same.

Proprietors not to be obliged to sell their Lands, etc. except in certain Cases.

LII. And it is hereby further enacted and declared, That every Sum of Money to be agreed for or assessed as aforesaid, shall be paid out of the Monies to be raised by virtue of this Act, to the Parties or Persons respectively entitled to such Monies, or their Agents, (except in the Cases hereinafter mentioned and otherwise directed), and shall be paid or tendered to be paid by the said Commissioners, before they take Possession of the Premises purchased therewith, and upon Payment thereof, or in case of Refusal to accept the same, or in case the Person or Persons entitled to the Premises for which such Sum or Sums of Money shall be so awarded as aforesaid shall not be known, or in case by reason of Disputes depending in any Court of Law or Equity, or for Defect of Evidence, it shall not appear to the said Commissioners that any Person or Persons is or are entitled to the Premises in question, then in any of such Cases it shall be lawful for the said Commissioners to order such Sum or Sums of Money so awarded as aforesaid to be paid into the Bank of *England*, for the Use of the Parties interested in the said Premises, to be paid to them, and each and every of them, according to their respective Estates and Interests in the Premises, at such Times as the said Commissioners shall, by Warrant or Warrants under their Hands, order and direct; and the Cashier and Cashiers of the Bank of *England*, who shall receive such Sum and Sums of Money, is and are hereby required to give a Receipt or Receipts for such Sum and Sums, mentioning and specifying for what Premises, and for whose Use the same is or are received, to such Person or Persons who shall pay such Sum or Sums into the Bank of *England* as aforesaid, which Receipt or Receipts shall be entered on Record, and registered among the Records of the Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the County of *Sussex*, and immediately on such Payment or Tender to the said Parties or Persons respectively entitled to such Sums, or their Agents, or upon such Payment into the Bank of *England* as aforesaid, as the Case may be, all the Estate, Right, Title, Interest, Use, Trust, Property, Claim, and Demand, in Law or Equity, of the Person or Persons respectively to whom or for whose Use the same was paid into or out of such Houses, Buildings, Grounds, Tenements, and Hereditaments, shall vest in the said Commissioners for the Uses and Purposes of this Act, and they shall be deemed in Law to be in the actual Possession thereof to all Intents and Purposes, as fully and effectually as if every Person having an Estate in the said Premises had actually conveyed the same by Lease and Release, Bargain and Sale inrolled, Feoffment with Livery and Seisin, Fine and Recovery, or any other legal Conveyance whatsoever, and such Payments shall not only bar all Right, Title, Interest, Claim, and Demand of the Person or Persons to whose Use such Payment was made, but shall also extend to and be deemed and con-

How Purchase Monies are to be paid.



strued to bar the Dower and Dowers of the Wife or Wives of such Person or Persons, and all Estates Tail in Reversion or Remainder, and the Issue or Issues of such Person or Persons, and every Person claiming under them, as effectually as a Recovery or Fine would do if levied or suffered by the proper Parties in due Form of Law.

Application of  
Compensation  
when amount-  
ing to 200*l*.

LIII. And be it further enacted, That if any Money shall be agreed or assessed to be paid for any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, purchased, taken, or used by virtue of this Act, which shall belong to any Corporation, Feme Covert, Infant, Lunatick, or Person or Persons under any Disability or Incapacity, such Money shall, if the same 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 *ex parte* the Trustees for executing this Act, to the Intent that such Money shall be applied, under the Direction and with the Approbation of the said Court, (to be signified by an Order made upon a Petition to be preferred in a summary Way by the Person or Persons who would have been entitled to the Rents and Profits of the said Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments), in the Purchase of the Land Tax, or Discharge of any Debt or Debts, or such other Incumbrance, or 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 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 Messuages, 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 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 or Three Pounds *per Centum* Reduced Bank Annuities; and in the mean Time and until the said Bank Annuities shall be ordered by the said Court to be sold for the Purposes aforesaid, the Dividends and annual Produce of the said Consolidated or Reduced Bank Annuities shall from Time to Time be paid, by Order of the said Court, to the Person or Persons who would for the Time being have been entitled to the Rents and Profits of the said Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments so hereby directed to be purchased, in case such Purchase or Settlement were made.

Application  
when the  
Compensation  
is less than  
200*l*. and  
exceeds 20*l*.

LIV. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That if any Money so agreed or assessed 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 the Sum of Twenty Pounds, then and in all such



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 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, and 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 Three or more of the Trustees for executing the said Acts and this Act (such Nomination and Approbation to be signified in Writing under the Hands of the nominating and approving Parties), in order that such Principal Money and the Dividends arising thereon, may be applied in any Manner herein-before directed, so far as the Case shall be applicable, without obtaining or being required to obtain the Direction or Approbation of the Court of Chancery.

LV. Provided also, and be it further enacted, That when such Money so agreed or assessed to be paid as herein-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 for the Time being have been entitled to the Rents and Profits of the Hereditaments so purchased, taken, or used for the Purposes of this Act, in such Manner as the said Commissioners, or any Seven or more of them, shall think fit, or in case of Infancy or Lunacy, then to his, her, or their Guardian or Guardians, Committee or Committees, to and for the Use and Benefit of such Person or Persons so entitled respectively.

Application when the Money is less than 20 £.

LVI. And be it further enacted, That in case the said Commissioners, or any Person authorized by them, shall, after the said Houses, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, and Premises shall be purchased by them, in pursuance of this Act, give Six Calendar Months Notice in Writing to the Tenants or Occupiers respectively of any such Premises so purchased by them, in pursuance of this Act, to quit or deliver up such Premises at the Expiration of such Six Calendar Months, then every such Tenant and Occupier shall at the End of such Term, peaceably and quietly deliver up the Possession of the Premises so by him or her respectively occupied, whether upon Lease or otherwise, to the Person or Persons who shall be appointed by the said Commissioners to take Possession thereof; and if any Person or Persons so in Possession shall refuse to give up such Possession at the Expiration of such Six Calendar Months, after such Notice as aforesaid, it shall be lawful for the said Commissioners to issue a Precept or Precepts to the Sheriff of the said County of *Suffex*, to cause Possession thereof to be delivered to such Person or Persons as shall be in such Precept or Precepts nominated to receive the same, and to direct the said Sheriff to levy such Costs as shall accrue by Means of the issuing and Execution of every such Precept by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of any Person or Persons who shall have refused to give up such Possession as aforesaid, and shall refuse or neglect to pay the same Costs; and the said Sheriff is hereby required to deliver Possession, and levy such Costs, in Manner aforesaid.

Tenants of Estates purchased by Commissioners, to quit on receiving Six Months Notice.

LVII. Provided



Commissioners may at any Time sell any Houses, &c. which appear to be no longer necessary for the Purposes of this Act.

LVII. Provided also, and be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if it shall at any Time or Times appear to the said Commissioners that any Houses, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments whatsoever, which by any Means became vested in them for the Purposes of this Act, are no longer necessary for such Purposes, it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Commissioners, at any Time or Times, to let, sell, or dispose of such Lands, Houses, Tenements, or Hereditaments, or any Part thereof, to any Person or Persons to and for such Use and Uses as they shall think proper, giving Preference to the Person or Persons of whom the same may have been purchased, and to his, her, or their Heirs, Executors, and Administrators.

Rates not to exceed 2 s. 6 d. in the Pound.

LVIII. And, for raising Money for answering and defraying the Expences attending the preparing, soliciting, and obtaining this Act, and carrying into Execution all the several Purposes thereof (except so far as is herein otherwise particularly provided for); be it further enacted, That the Commissioners assembled at any Meeting to be held by virtue or in pursuance of this Act shall and they are hereby authorized and required, Once or oftener in every Year, as they shall see Occasion, to cause such Sum of Money to be raised by a Rate or Assessment upon the several Tenants or Occupiers of Houses, Warehouses, Shops, Cellars, Vaults, Stables, Coach Houses, Brewhouses, Granaries, Malthouses, and all other Buildings, which are already made or built, or shall hereafter be made or built within the said Town, according to the annual Rent or Value of the same respectively, not exceeding in any One Year the Sum of Two Shillings and Sixpence in the Pound upon such annual Rent or Value, such annual Rent or Value to be from Time to Time settled, ascertained, and fixed according to the respective Rents or Value at which such Houses, Warehouses, Shops, Cellars, Vaults, Stables, Coach Houses, Brewhouses, Granaries, Malthouses, and other Buildings, are or shall be rated or taxed for the Relief of the Poor of the said Parish of *Broadwater*; but if in any such Poor Rates any Person or Persons shall be omitted to be rated, then the Name or Names of such Person or Persons so omitted shall be added to the Rate or Assessment hereby directed to be made, and he, she, or they shall be rated and assessed, proportionably with other Houses, Warehouses, Shops, Cellars, Vaults, Stables, Coach Houses, Brewhouses, Granaries, Malthouses, and other Buildings, rated and assessed in the said Town; and where any such Premises lie intermixed or are jointly held with any other Premises that shall not be rated in pursuance of this Act, then the same shall be rated and assessed in Proportion as the whole Premises are rated in any such Poor Rates; and in case of any such Omission as aforesaid, then proportionably as before mentioned; and for the Purposes aforesaid, or any of them, it shall be lawful for the Commissioners yearly and every Year, or as often as they shall see Occasion, by Writing under their Hands, to nominate and appoint Two or more of the Inhabitants of the said Town of *Worthing*, to be the Assessors of such Rates or Assessments as aforesaid, and as soon after as may be, to issue their Order thereupon to such Assessors, who shall accordingly be, and they are hereby empowered and required to make such Rate or Rates, Assessment or Assessments; and the First Year for which such Rates or Assessments shall be made, shall commence and be computed from and after the Twenty-fourth Day of *June* One thousand eight hundred



dred and three; and the Money so to be raised and assessed shall from Time to Time be paid by such several Tenants or Occupiers as aforesaid, and they are hereby required to pay the same, by equal Half-yearly Payments, to the Collector or Collectors to be appointed by the Commissioners as aforesaid; but no Rate or Assessment to be made in pursuance of this Act shall be valid until the same shall be allowed and signed by Seven Commissioners at the least, and the said Assessor or Assessors shall appear at such Time and Place as the Commissioners shall by Writing, signed by them, order and direct, and then and there produce and deliver to them Two Copies or Duplicates of the Assessment made and subscribed by such Assessors, and shall from Time to Time, upon reasonable Notice to him or them given by the Commissioners, attend the Commissioners on any of their Meetings, then and there to explain such Rates and Assessments; and that after such Rate or Assessment shall be made and allowed, and signed, settled, ascertained, and fixed as aforesaid, the Money thereby made payable shall be collected and received by the Collector or Collectors to be appointed as aforesaid, as soon as may be, of and from the respective Persons who shall be so rated or assessed; and the Commissioners shall from Time to Time, as soon as may be, after such Rate or Assessment shall be made, allowed, and signed, settled, ascertained, and fixed as aforesaid, cause a Duplicate thereof, signed by them, to be delivered to the said Collector or Collectors, and shall issue their Orders to the said Collector or Collectors, requiring him or them to collect and receive the respective Sums of Money made payable by such Rate or Assessment, and such Collector and Collectors is and are hereby authorized and required to collect and receive the same accordingly; and also Once at least in every Month, or oftener, if directed so to do by the Commissioners, by Writing signed by their Clerk for the Time being, to pay the Money so to be collected and received by him or them by virtue of this Act, to the Treasurer for the Time being to the Commissioners, or to such Person or Persons as the Commissioners shall appoint to receive the same, to be applied to and for the Uses and Purposes herein-before mentioned; and all and every such Collector and Collectors shall, and is and are hereby required, at the Time of making every such Payment of the Money so respectively collected as aforesaid, to deliver to the Person or Persons empowered to receive the same, a true and exact Account of all Sums of Money received by them respectively, and also of such Sums of Money, Rates, or Assessments (if any) which shall remain uncollected, together with the Reasons why the same have or had not been collected, to the End that it may appear whether such Non-payment or Non-collection happened through the Insolvency of the Person rated, or through the Default of the Collector or Collectors; and if any Person who shall be so appointed, and shall accept the Office of Collector or Assessor, shall wilfully make Default in the Performance of the Duty of his said Office, or collect more than the Sum which shall have been so rated and assessed as aforesaid, or otherwise misbehave himself therein, he shall for every such Neglect, Default, or Misbehaviour, forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Twenty Pounds, and also be discharged from his said Office, if the Commissioners shall think fit.

LIX. And, in order to ascertain the Rates and Assessments to be made by virtue of this Act, be it further enacted, That the Commissioners shall and may, and they are hereby authorized and empowered, to cause any of the Books of Assessment of Rates towards the Relief of the Poor of the

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Commissioners may order Parish Books and Land Tax Assessments to be produced, and Copies thereof made.



said Parish of *Broadwater*, and, if they shall think fit, any of the Books of Assessment of the Land Tax, to be brought before them, and to take Copies of such Books, or any Part thereof, without Fee or Reward; and if any Person or Persons in whose Custody or Power any of the said Books shall be, shall refuse or neglect to attend the Commissioners with such Book or Books, or to permit them to take Copies thereof, then and in every such Case such Person who shall so refuse or neglect, shall for every such Offence forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Five Pounds nor less than Forty Shillings.

If Assessors make the Rate improperly, Commissioners may amend or alter the old Rates.

LX. And be it further enacted, That if such Assessors shall at any Time or Times hereafter, in any Rates or Assessments by them to be made by virtue or in pursuance of this Act, neglect or omit to rate or assess any Person or Persons liable to pay or to be charged with such Rates or Assessments, or shall in such Assessments under-rate any such Person or Persons liable to pay such Rates or Assessments, then and in every such Case it shall be lawful for the Commissioners to rate and assess, in the said Rates or Assessments, such Person or Persons so omitted to be rated and assessed, and to raise such Person or Persons so under-rated, or amend such Rates and Assessments as aforesaid; and that the Commissioners shall and may, and they are hereby empowered to strike out the Name or Names of any Person or Persons whom they shall determine not to be liable to the Payment of the Rates hereby directed to be made; and that all such Additions to or Alterations in the old or former Rates and Assessments, shall be as valid and effectual to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever, as if the same had been Part of the original or old or former Rates or Assessments, any Statute, Law, Usage, or Custom to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

Tenants to pay the Rates.

LXI. And be it further enacted, That if the Tenant or Occupier of any House, Warehouse, Shop, Cellar, Vault, Stable, Coach House, Brewhouse, Granary, Malthouse, or other Building, upon or in respect of which any Rate or Assessment shall be charged or imposed by virtue of this Act, shall at any Time neglect or refuse to pay the Rates or Sums of Money which shall be so rated and assessed as aforesaid, for the Space of Fourteen Days after the same shall be due, and Demand made thereof by Notice in Writing under the Hands or Hand of the Collector or Collectors of the said Rates, to be delivered to such Tenant or Occupier, or left at his or her Dwelling House or usual or last Place of Abode, or at the Tenement occupied, then upon Proof thereof upon Oath before any Justice of the Peace for the said County of *Sussex*, the same shall and may be levied and recovered by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of every such Tenant or Occupier, by Warrant under the Hand and Seal of any such Justice, rendering the Overplus (if any) after deducting the Sum or Sums due in respect of such Rates or Assessments, and all Costs and Charges attending the Recovery thereof, to the Owners of such Goods and Chattels, upon Demand.

How Rates to be paid by Tenants quitting or entering.

LXII. And be it further enacted, That in all Cases where any Person shall remove from or quit any House, Warehouse, Shop, Cellar, Vault, Stable, Coach House, Brewhouse, Granary, Malthouse, or other Building, which shall be rated or assessed by virtue of this Act, such Person shall be liable to pay such Rates or Assessments in Proportion to the Time he



he or she occupied the same, in like Manner as if such Person or Persons had not removed or quitted the same; and in all Cases where any Person shall come into or occupy any such House, Warehouse, Shop, Cellar, Vault, Stable, Coach House, Brewhouse, Granary, Malthouse, or other Building as aforesaid, out of or from which any other Person who shall have been rated or assessed for the same shall be removed, or which at the Time of making any such Rate or Assessment was or were empty or unoccupied, the same shall for and in respect of his, her, or their Occupation thereof, be liable to any such Rate or Assessment in Proportion to the Time he or she shall occupy the same, in the same Manner as if he or she had been originally rated or assessed for such House, Warehouse, Shop, Cellar, Vault, Stable, Coach House, Brewhouse, Granary, Malthouse, or other Building; which said respective Proportions, in case of Dispute, shall be settled and ascertained by the Commissioners in such Manner as they shall judge reasonable; and in case any Person who having been so rated and assessed as aforesaid, shall quit his or her House, Warehouse, Shop, Cellar, Vault, Stable, Coach House, Brewhouse, Granary, Malthouse, or other Building, before he or she shall have paid such Rates or Rate, or proportionable Part or Parts thereof by him or her due and payable, and shall afterwards refuse and neglect to pay the same when demanded, it shall and may be lawful for the said Collector and Collectors, by Warrant under the Hand and Seal of any Justice of the Peace for the said County of *Suffex*, or for the County, Riding, Division, Liberty, Town, or Place where such Person shall remove to or reside, or where any Goods or Chattels of such Person shall be found (which Warrant such Justice is hereby required to grant, upon Proof made of the Sum so due before him upon Oath of a credible Witness or Witnesses), to levy such Rate or Rates, or proportionable Part or Parts thereof, by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of such Person, rendering the Overplus, and the Goods and Chattels remaining (if any) after the Payment of the Money due in respect of such unpaid Rate or Rates, or proportionable Part or Parts, and all Expences relating to the Recovery thereof, unto the Person or Persons whose Goods and Chattels shall have been so distrained and sold.

Persons removing.

LXIII. And be it further enacted, That where any House, Warehouse, Shop, Cellar, Vault, Stable, Coach House, Brewhouse, Granary, Malthouse, or other Building, which shall be rated or assessed by virtue of this Act, shall be let or demised to more than One Tenant or Occupier, any One or more of such Tenants or Occupiers shall be deemed the Occupier or Occupiers thereof, for the Purposes of this Act; and where any House or Houses shall be let ready-furnished or in Lodgings, the Person or Persons immediately so letting the same shall be deemed the Occupier or Occupiers for the Purposes of this Act, and the said Rates or Assessments shall be levied by Distress and Sale in Manner last herein-before mentioned of all or any of the Goods or Chattels in such House, Warehouse, Shop, Cellar, Vault, Stable, Coach House, Brewhouse, Granary, Malthouse, or other Building, or of all or any of the Goods or Chattels of the Person or Persons hereby made liable to pay such Rates or Assessments.

Rate may be recovered of any One Occupier, where more than One.

LXIV. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That no Rate or Assessment shall by virtue of this Act be charged or made payable by any

Persons excused from Poor Rates not to be rated.



any Person who by reason of his or her Poverty only is or shall be excused from paying any Rate made for the Relief of the Poor; nor shall any Person be charged or rated in or by such Rate or Assessment as aforesaid, for or on Account of any Gardens, Orchards, Paddocks, Closes, or Lands whatsoever, or for or on Account of any House used as a Farm House only, or for or on Account of any Gate Room, Barn, Stable, or other Building used for the Purposes of Husbandry only.

Empty Houses  
exempted.

LXV. Provided also, and be it further enacted, That no House, Warehouse, Building, Garden, Tenement, or Hereditament hereby made liable to be rated or assessed, shall be charged or chargeable with any Rate or Assessment as aforesaid, during the Time the same shall be empty or unoccupied, in case the same shall be empty and unoccupied for the Space of One whole and entire Year preceding the making of such Rate or Assessment.

Persons ag-  
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sioners.

LXVI. And be it further enacted, That if any Person or Persons shall think himself, herself, or themselves aggrieved by any Rate or Assessment, Rates or Assessments which shall be made in pursuance of this Act, such Person or Persons shall and may first apply for Relief to the Commissioners at the First Meeting to be holden next after Demand shall be made of such Rate or Assessment, and the Commissioners are hereby authorized and empowered, if they shall think the Person or Persons aggrieved, to grant such Relief in the Premises as to them shall seem reasonable; and if any Person or Persons so applying to such Commissioners shall not be satisfied with their Order or Determination, or such Application shall not be attended to by the Commissioners at such First Meeting as aforesaid, then such Person or Persons shall nevertheless be obliged to pay such Rate, and then and not before, may appeal in the Manner herein-after mentioned to the General Quarter Sessions of the Peace to be holden in and for the said County of *Suffex*, for Relief in the Premises.

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LXVII. And, for the more effectually enabling the Commissioners to execute the Purposes of this Act in the most expeditious Manner, be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Commissioners, and they are hereby empowered from Time to Time when they shall judge it necessary, to borrow and take up at Interest any Sum or Sums of Money, not exceeding the Sum of Two thousand Pounds in the Whole, upon the Credit of the Rates or Assessments to be made by virtue of this Act, for the Purposes aforesaid, and by any Writing or Writings upon Vellum or Parchment, signed by the Commissioners, to assign the said Rates or Assessments, or a competent Part thereof, to such Person or Persons as shall advance and lend such Money thereupon, as a Security or Securities for the several Sums so borrowed, with lawful Interest for the same, which Interest shall be payable and paid Half-yearly by the Treasurer for the Time being to the Commissioners, out of the Monies to arise or to be levied by or from the said Rates or Assessments; and all and every Sum and Sums of Money so to be advanced, and the Interest thereof, shall and are hereby charged upon, and shall be paid and payable from Time to Time, free from all Charges, Taxes, and Deductions; out of the Money arising from the said Rates or Assessments hereby authorized or directed to be made and levied as aforesaid, and of all Charges, Taxes, and Deductions whatsoever of the same Principal Money, or the Interest



Interest thereof; and all Persons who shall be possessed of the said Securities shall be Creditors on the said Rates or Assessments in equal Degree, without Preference in respect to the Time of his, her, or their advancing Money thereon, or otherwise howsoever; and every such Grant, Assignment, or Security shall be in the Form, or to the Effect following; (that is to say),

BY virtue of an Act of Parliament made in the Forty-third Year of the Reign of King George the Third, intituled, [set forth the Title of this Act] We of the Commissioners appointed by virtue of the said Act, in Consideration of the Sum of ... advanced and paid by the Treasurer, appointed in pursuance of the said Act, upon the Credit and for the Purposes of the said Act, do grant and assign unto the said ... his Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, such Proportion of the Rates or Assessments arising by virtue of the said Act, as the said Sum of ... shall bear to the whole Sum which is or shall be borrowed upon the Credit of the same Act, to be had and holden from this ... until the said Sum of ... with Interest at ... per Centum per Annum, for the same, to be paid Half-yearly, shall be repaid and satisfied. In Witness whereof we have hereunto set our Hands and Seals this ... Day of ...

Form of Security.

And every such Grant or Mortgage shall be good, valid, and effectual in the Law.

LXVIII. Provided nevertheless, and be it further enacted, That before any such Money shall be so borrowed at Interest as herein-before mentioned, Twenty-one Days Notice, signifying the Intention of borrowing such Money at Interest as aforesaid, shall be given and published in the Manner first herein-before mentioned; and that the Sums to be borrowed and raised on the Credit of the said Rates or Assessments, at any Time within the First Three Years from and after the passing of this Act, shall not exceed in the Whole the Sum of One thousand and four hundred Pounds, nor shall the total Sum to be borrowed and raised on the Credit of the said Rates or Assessments at any Time exceed in the Whole the Sum of Two thousand Pounds.

Notice to be given before Money borrowed.

Money borrowed not to exceed 1400 £.

To be paid ...

LXIX. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for any Person or Persons entitled to any of the Securities aforesaid, and his, her, or their Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, at any Time or Times, by Writing under his, her, or their Hand or Hands respectively, to assign or transfer such Securities to any Person or Persons whomsoever, and the Person or Persons to whom such Assignment or Transfer shall be made, or the Person or Persons for the Time being entitled to such Securities, may in like Manner assign or transfer the same; and every such Assignment or Transfer shall entitle the Person or Persons to whom they shall respectively be made, or who shall be for the Time being entitled thereto, and his, her, or their Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, to the Benefit

Securities may be transferred.



of the Security or Securities so assigned or transferred; and the Form of such Assignment or Transfer shall be in the Words, or to the Effect following; (that is to say),

Form of Transfer.

I, [or we] being entitled to the Sum of  
 with Interest, after the Rate of  
 payable to me [or us] my [or our] Executors, Administrators, or  
 Assigns, by virtue of a Mortgage [or Assignment], bearing Date the  
 Day of under the Hands and Seals  
 of the Commissioners acting in the  
 Execution of a certain Act of Parliament, made in the Forty-third  
 Year of the Reign of King George the Third, intituled; [here set forth  
 the Title of this Act], out of the Rates or Assessments granted by the  
 said Act, do hereby transfer all my [or our] Right and Title in and to  
 the same, and the Money now due or to grow due thereon, unto  
 his Executors, Administrators, and Assigns,  
 subject to such Right of Redemption of the same Sum and Interest as  
 by the said Act the same is liable or made subject to. Dated this  
 Day of in the Year

Mortgages may be redeemed by Commissioners.

LXX. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That every Grant, Assignment, or Mortgage, which shall be made by virtue of this Act, for any Sum of Money which shall be borrowed by the Commissioners on the Credit of the said Rates or Assessments, as herein-before is mentioned, shall be made liable or subject to, and may be redeemed by the Commissioners, at such Times and in such Manner as the Commissioners shall think fit, Three Calendar Months previous Notice having been given to the Person or Persons entitled to such Sum lent on the Credit of such Rates or Assessments by the Commissioners, of their Intention of redeeming the same, and full Payment of the Principal Sum so borrowed, and Interest after the Rate at which the same shall be so borrowed, being made to such Person or Persons, and he, she, or they may and are authorized to call for the Payment thereof as he, she, or they shall think fit, giving the like Notice to the Commissioners or their Clerk.

Interest of Mortgages how to be recovered.

LXXI. And be it further enacted, That in case the Interest for the said Mortgages, or any Part thereof, shall be behind and unpaid by the Space of Forty Days next after the same shall become due and payable as aforesaid, and shall have been demanded of the Treasurer for the Time being, or in case there is no Treasurer, of any Two or more of the Commissioners, then it shall and may be lawful for the Commissioners and they are hereby required, on Application to them made by any Creditor or Creditors whose Interest shall be so in Arrear, by an Order under their Hands and Seals, to appoint One or more Person or Persons to receive the Whole or any Part or Parts of the said Rates or Assessments, and that the Money so to be received by such Person or Persons shall be so received to and for the Use and Benefit of the Person or Persons to whom such Interest in Arrear shall be due, and shall be paid to him, her, or them accordingly; and when the Interest so in Arrear, as well as the Interest which shall incur and grow due whilst the Person or Persons so to be appointed as aforesaid shall be in the Receipt of such Rates and Assessments, together with the Costs and Charges of



of recovering, receiving, and paying over the same in Manner aforesaid, shall be fully satisfied and paid, the Power and Authority of such Receiver or Receivers for the Purposes aforesaid shall cease and be at an End, or otherwise, if such Creditor shall think proper, such Interest so due and in Arrear as aforesaid shall and may be sued for and recovered by him, her, or them, with Costs of Suit, by Action of Debt, or on the Case, in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster*.

LXXII. And be it further enacted, That the Clerk for the Time being to the Commissioners shall enter in a Book, to be for that Purpose provided and kept, Copies of all Securities for Money borrowed on Mortgage by virtue or in pursuance of this Act, and Extracts or Memorials of all Assignments or Transfers thereof, expressing in Words at Length the Names, Surnames, Additions, Places of Abode, and other Descriptions of all such Persons as shall from Time to Time be entitled to such Securities by Mortgage, and also an Account of all such Stocks or Securities which shall be purchased by or by the Order of the Commissioners, and in whose Names the same shall have been so purchased, and of every Transfer, Alteration, Sale, or other Disposition thereof; to which Book and Books the Person or Persons interested shall at all seasonable Times have Access, with free Liberty to inspect the same, without Fee or Reward; and for the Entry of every such Transfer of the Grant or Assignment of the said Rates or Assessments, the said Clerk shall be paid by the Person to whom such Transfer shall be made, the Sum of One Shilling and no more.

Clerk to enter all Securities for Money borrowed.

LXXIII. And be it further enacted, That the Monies to be received by virtue of this Act shall from Time to Time be applied and disposed of for the several Purposes of this Act, and to or for no other Purpose whatsoever; and the Treasurer for the Time being to the Commissioners shall and is hereby authorized and required to pay and apply all such Monies as he or they shall respectively receive by virtue hereof to such Person or Persons, and at such Time and Times, as the Commissioners shall from Time to Time, by any Order or Orders under their Hands, direct and appoint; and the Commissioners are hereby empowered to make such Order or Orders accordingly.

Application of Monies.

LXXIV. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That nothing hereinbefore contained shall extend, or be deemed or taken to alter or make void any Contract, Covenant, or Agreement, between any Lessors and Lessees, Landlords and Tenants, touching or concerning the Payment of any Taxes or Assessments by them respectively for or in respect of any Messuages, Buildings, or Lands, within the said Town of *Worthing*.

This Act not to make void Agreements between Landlord and Tenant.

LXXV. And be it further enacted, That all and every the Streets, Lanes, Ways, Passages, and Places, now made or built, or hereafter to be made or built within the Limits of the said Town of *Worthing*, notwithstanding the Ground thereof may be the private Property of Individuals, (by and with the Consent and Approbation of the Owner or Owners of such Streets, Lanes, Ways, Passages, and Places, or Two-thirds in Number and

Streets, &c. built on private Ground, to be considered as Publick.



and Value of such Owners to be signified to the Commissioners by some Writing under his, her, or their Hand or Hands), shall and may, by Notice which the said Commissioners or their Clerk for the Time being are or is in such Case required to publish Three Times in some One Weekly Newspaper usually circulated in the said County of *Suffex*, be declared publick Streets, Lanes, Ways, Passages, and Places; and from and after such Notice given, the said Streets, Lanes, Ways, Passages, and Places shall be considered and be publick Streets, Lanes, Ways, Passages, and Places, to all Intents and Purposes, and shall be subject and entitled to all the Powers, Regulations, Benefits, and Advantages contained in this Act; and if any Street, Lane, Way, Passage, or Place, already made and built on any private Ground within the said Town of *Worthing*, shall in pursuance of the Power herein-before contained be declared publick within the Space of Twelve Calendar Months after the passing of this Act, then it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Commissioners, and they are hereby authorized and required out of the Monies to be raised by virtue of this Act within the Space of Twelve Calendar Months after such Street, Lane, Way, Passage, or Place shall have been so declared publick, to pay to the Owners of Houses in such Street, Lane, Way, Passage, or Place, such Sum, or Sums of Money as they the said Commissioners shall think reasonable and sufficient to reimburse such Owners the Expence they have been at respectively in laying down and making any Foot Pavement before their respective Houses, which shall have been made and laid down before the passing of this Act.

Commissioners may dig Gravel, etc.

LXXVI. And be it further enacted, That the said Commissioners, or their Surveyor, or such other Person or Persons as they or he shall employ or appoint, having an Order in Writing under the Hands of the said Commissioners for that Purpose, may and are hereby empowered to cut, dig, take, and carry away, Stones, Gravel, Chalk, Sand, or other Materials proper for any of the Purposes of this Act, out of and from any Waste Ground or Common, or from the Sea Beach, within the said Town of *Worthing*, without paying any Thing for the same, such Surveyors or other Persons filling up the Pits or Quarries, levelling the Ground, or sloping down the Banks where such Materials shall be taken, or railing or fencing off such Pits or Quarries, so that the same may not be dangerous to Passengers or Cattle; and so that the Lands adjoining to such Sea Beach may not be injured.

Commissioners may bring Actions, etc.

LXXVII. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Commissioners, and they are hereby directed to cause any Works, Matters, or Things to be done in pursuance of any Contracts to be entered into as herein-before is mentioned, to be inspected by their Surveyor or Surveyors, or by such other Person or Persons as they shall from Time to Time appoint; and in case the same shall not be well and sufficiently performed according to the true Intent and Meaning of such Contract or Contracts, or shall not be finished or completed at or within the Time or Times to be by such Contract or Contracts limited for completing the same, the Commissioners shall and may bring an Action or Suit in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster* against any



any Person or Persons so contracting, and neglecting to perform and complete such Contract or Contracts accordingly, for any Penalty or Damage which shall be contained or expressed in such Contract or Contracts, or suffered or sustained on Account of the Non-performance thereof; and upon proving the signing of the said Contract or Contracts, and that such Works, Matters, or Things, have not been so performed, finished, or completed, as aforesaid, the Plaintiff shall be entitled to and shall recover such Penalty or Damage, with full Costs of Suit.

LXXVIII. And be it further enacted, That all Fines, Penalties, and Forfeitures, by this Act imposed or inflicted, or authorized to be imposed or inflicted, the Manner of levying and recovering whereof is not hereby otherwise directed, shall, upon Proof of the Offences respectively before any One of the Justices of the Peace for the said County of *Suffex*, either by Confession of the Party or Parties, or by the Oath of One credible Witness, together with the Costs and Charges of Conviction be levied and recovered by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of the Party or Parties offending, by Warrant or Warrants under the Hand and Seal of such Justice of the Peace (which Warrant or Warrants any such Justice is hereby empowered to grant), and the Overplus, after such Fines, Penalties, and Forfeitures, and the Charges of such Distress, and of keeping and selling the same, are recovered and deducted, shall be returned upon Demand to the Owner or Owners of such Goods and Chattels; and the Fines, Penalties, and Forfeitures, when so levied and recovered, shall from Time to Time be paid to the said Commissioners, or their Treasurer or Treasurers, and shall be applied (if not otherwise particularly directed by this Act) for and towards the Purposes of this Act; and in case sufficient Distress cannot be found, and such Fines, Penalties, and Forfeitures, shall not be forthwith paid, it shall and may be lawful for any such Justice, and he is hereby authorized and required, by Warrant or Warrants under his Hand and Seal, to cause such Offender or Offenders to be committed to the House of Correction or Common Gaol for the said County of *Suffex*, there to remain without Bail or Mainprize for such Time as such Justice shall direct, not exceeding Six Calendar Months, unless such Fines, Penalties, and Forfeitures, and all reasonable Charges attending the same, shall be sooner paid and satisfied.

Penalties, etc.  
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LXXIX. And be it further enacted, That no Person or Persons shall be subject or liable to the Payment of any of the Penalties or Forfeitures inflicted by virtue of this Act, for any Offence or Offences against this Act, unless some Proceeding, or Notice of some intended Proceeding shall be had or given according to the Direction of this Act, respecting such Offence or Offences, within Six Calendar Months next after such Offence committed.

Proceedings to  
be within Six  
Months.

LXXX. And it is hereby further enacted, That in all Actions, Prosecutions, Informations, and Causes of Proceedings whatsoever, relating to or concerning the Execution of this Act, made in pursuance thereof, any Inhabitant of the said Town of *Worthing* shall  
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and may be admitted to give Evidence, notwithstanding his or her being such Inhabitant.

For compelling the Attendance of Witnesses.

LXXXI. And be it further enacted, That if any Person or Persons shall be summoned as a Witness or Witnesses to give Evidence before the Commissioners, or any Justice or Justices of the Peace in and for the said County of *Sussex*, touching any Matter of Fact contained in any Information or Complaint for any Offence against this Act, or against any Rule or Order made in pursuance thereof, whether on the Part of the Prosecutors, or of the Person or Persons complained of, and which Summonses the Commissioners, and such Justices, as aforesaid, are hereby authorized to issue, where and in such Cases only as such Commissioners or such Justice or Justices of the said County (as the Case may be) are made competent by this Act to hear and determine the same; or if any Person or Persons shall be summoned as a Witness or Witnesses to give Evidence at any General Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the said County of *Sussex*, or Adjournment thereof, upon any Appeal by virtue of this Act, as herein-after is mentioned, whether upon the Part of the Appellant or of the Respondent, and any such Person or Persons so summoned as aforesaid shall refuse or neglect to appear at the Time and Place to be for that Purpose appointed, without a reasonable Excuse for such his, her, or their Refusal or Neglect, to be approved of by such Justice or Justices, Commissioners, or other Person or Persons hereby authorized to receive such Evidence, or appearing, shall refuse to be examined on Oath, and to give Evidence before such Justice or Justices of the Peace, or Commissioners, as aforesaid, or at any such Sessions or Adjournment thereof, then and in either of the said Cases every such Person shall forfeit for every such Offence any Sum not exceeding Forty Pounds nor less than Five Pounds.

Form of Conviction.

LXXXII. And, for the more easy Conviction of Offenders against this Act, be it further enacted, That every Justice of the Peace before whom any Person or Persons shall be convicted of any Offence against this Act, and over which such Justice or Justices has or have Cognizance, shall and may cause the Conviction to be drawn up in the Form of Words, or to the Effect following; (*videlicet*),

County of } BE it remembered, That on the Day of  
to wit. } in the Year of the Reign  
of His Majesty King One thousand eight  
hundred and is [or are] convicted before me  
[or us, as the Case shall be] One [or Two, as the Case shall be] of  
His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the said County of  
by virtue of an Act of Parliament, passed in the Forty-third Year of  
the Reign of His Majesty King George the Third, intituled, [here insert  
the Title of this Act] of [specifying the Offence,  
and the Time and Place when and where the same was committed, as the  
Case shall be] contrary to the said Act [or contrary to a certain Bye-  
Law] made on the Day of One  
thousand eight hundred and pursuant to the said Act, for  
which Offence, I, [or we, as the Case shall be] adjudge the said



to have forfeited the Sum of  
[but if mitigated, which I, or we, as the Case shall be mitigate to the  
Sum of ]

Given under my Hand and Seal [or our Hands and Seals, as the  
Case shall be] the Day and Year first above written.

LXXXIII. And be it further enacted, That when any Distress shall be made for any Sum or Sums of Money to be levied by virtue of this Act, the Distress itself shall not be deemed unlawful, nor the Party or Parties making the same be deemed a Trespasser or Trespassers, on Account of any Defect or Want of Form in the Summons, Conviction, Warrant, or Distress, or other Proceeding relating thereto, nor shall the Party or Parties distraining be deemed a Trespasser or Trespassers *ab initio*, on Account of any Irregularity which shall be afterwards done or committed by the Party or Parties distraining, but the Person or Persons aggrieved by such Irregularity shall and may recover full Satisfaction for the special Damage in an Action upon the Case; but no Plaintiff or Plaintiffs shall recover in any Action for any such Irregularity or other Proceeding, unless Notice in Writing shall be given to the Clerk for the Time being to the said Commissioners Fourteen Days before such Action shall be brought or commenced, of such intended Action for such Irregularity, by the Attorney for the Plaintiff specifying the Cause of Action; nor shall the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs recover in such Action, if Tender of sufficient Amends shall be made by or on the Behalf of the Party or Parties who shall have committed or cause to have been committed any such Irregularity or wrongful Proceeding before such Action brought; and in case no such Tender shall have been made, it shall be lawful for the Defendant or Defendants in any such Action, by Leave of the Court where such Action shall depend, at any Time before Issue joined, to pay into such Court such Sum of Money as he or they shall see fit, whereupon such Proceedings, or Orders and Judgements, shall be had, made, and given in and by such Court, as in other Actions where the Defendant is allowed to pay Money into Court.

Distress not to be deemed unlawful for Want of Form.

LXXXIV. And be it further enacted, That no Proceedings to be had and taken in pursuance of this Act, shall be void, quashed, or vacated for want of Form, or be removed by *Certiorari*, or any other Writ or Process whatsoever, into any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster*, or elsewhere, any Law or Statute to the contrary notwithstanding.

Proceedings not to be quashed for Want of Form, nor removed by *Certiorari*.

LXXXV. And be it further enacted, That if any Person or Persons whomsoever shall think himself, herself, or themselves aggrieved by any Rate or Assessment to be made, or by any Order or Judgement, made or given, or any other Thing done in pursuance of this Act, such Person or Persons shall and may within Six Calendar Months next after the Cause of Complaint shall have arisen, appeal to the Justices of the Peace at the General Quarter Sessions of the Peace to be holden in and for the said County of *Suffex*, or any Adjournment thereof (at which not less than

Persons aggrieved may appeal to the Sessions.



Two Justices shall be present) such Appellant first giving or causing to be given Ten Days Notice at least in Writing of his, her, or their Intention to bring such Appeal, and of the Cause thereof, to the Clerk for the Time being to the said Commissioners, and to the Person or Persons who is or are intended to be, or may be affected by such Appeal, and within Five Days after such Notice given, entering into a Recognizance before some Justice of the Peace for the said County, with Two sufficient Sureties, in the Penalty of Twenty Pounds, conditioned to try such Appeal, and abide the Order of, and to pay such Costs, as shall be awarded by the said Justices at such Quarter Sessions, or Adjournment thereof, upon the hearing of such Appeal; and the said Justices in Sessions, upon due Proof of such Notice being given as aforesaid, and of the entering into such Recognizance, shall hear and finally determine the Causes and Matters of such Appeal, in a summary Way, and shall award such Costs to the Appellant or Appellants, Respondent or Respondents, or Person or Persons appealed against, as the said Justices shall think proper; and the Determination of the said Justices at such Sessions or Adjournment shall be final, binding, and conclusive to all Intents and Purposes.

Limitation of  
Actions.

LXXXVI. And be it further enacted, That no Action, Suit, or Information shall be commenced against any Person or Persons for any Thing done or to be done in pursuance of this Act, or of the Orders and Directions herein-before given and granted, or in Execution of the Powers and Authorities hereof, until Fourteen Days Notice thereof shall be first given in Writing to the Person or Persons against whom such Action is intended to be brought, signed by the intended Plaintiff or Plaintiffs of the Cause and Intention of and for commencing such Action or Suit, and the Time when such Action or Suit will be commenced, nor at any Time whatsoever after sufficient Satisfaction or Tender thereof shall have been made to the Party or Parties aggrieved, nor after Six Calendar Months next after the Fact committed, for which such Action or Actions, Suit or Suits, shall be so brought; and in case there shall be a Continuation of Damages, then not after Six Calendar Months next after the doing or committing such Damage shall cease, and not otherwise; and all such Action and Actions shall be laid and tried in the County of *Sussex*, and not in any other County or Place; and the Defendant or Defendants in every such Action or Suit 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 or Actions, Suit or Suits, 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 happen 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 herein-before for that Purpose limited, or shall be laid or brought in any other County or Place than as aforesaid, then the Jury shall find for the Defendant or Defendants therein; and also if the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs shall become nonsuited, or suffer a Discontinuance of such Action or Actions, or Judgement, after the Defendant

General Issue.



dant or Defendants shall have appeared thereto; or if Judgement shall be given for the Defendant or Defendants therein, or if any Verdict shall pass upon the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs; or if upon Demurrer, or otherwise, Judgement shall be given against the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs, the Defendant or Defendants shall have Treble Costs; and shall have such Remedy for recovering the same as any Defendant or Defendants hath or may have, for his, her, or their Costs, in any other Cases by Law.

LXXXVII. And be it further enacted, That out of the first Monies Expences of the Act. that shall be raised by virtue of this Act, the said Commissioners shall pay and discharge all the Costs, Charges, and Expences, incident to and incurred in applying for, procuring, and passing this Act.

LXXXVIII. And be it further enacted, That this Act, and every Thing herein contained shall be deemed, adjudged, and taken to be a publick Publick Act. Act, and shall be judicially taken Notice of as such by all Judges, Justices, and other Persons whomsoever, without specially pleading the same.



The SCHEDULE referred to by the foregoing  
Act.

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A Stable in the Occupation of *William Wicks*, situate on the South Side of *Warwick Street* in the Town of *Worthing*.

A Piece of Ground, Part of a certain Field or Close of Land situate in *Warwick Street* and *High Street* in the Town of *Worthing*, in the Occupation of *Edward Ogle*, running all along the South and East Sides of the said Field or Close of Land, and not exceeding Twenty Feet in Breadth in any Part thereof.

Parts of Two Fields or Closes of Land situate in the *South Street* in the Town of *Worthing*, in the Occupation of *Thomas Hogsflesh*, running the whole Length of the said Fields or Closes of Land from North to South, and extending from the East Side of the said Fields or Closes of Land not more than Twelve Feet in any Part.

Part of a Garden in the Occupation of the said *Edward Ogle* situate in *High Street* in the Town of *Worthing*, extending from the East Side of the said Garden not more than Twenty Feet in any Part, and running the whole Length of the said Garden from North to South.

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