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*Cap. 45.*

An Act for establishing a new Church or Chapel at *Blaenavon*, in the Parish of *Lanover*, in the County of *Monmouth*. [5th June 1805.]

WHEREAS the Parish of *Lanover*, in the County of *Monmouth*, and Diocese of *Landaff*, is very extensive, and by reason of the Establishment and great Increase of the Iron Works there the Inhabitants thereof are become so numerous that the present Vicarage Church, and a small Chapel called *Newedd Chapel*, are not sufficient to contain the Inhabitants desirous of attending Divine Service therein, and which Vicarage Church is situate at a great Distance from the Works erected in the said Parish of *Lanover*: And whereas *Thomas Hill* of *Dennis*, in that Part of the Parish of *Old Swinford* which lies in the County of *Stafford*, and *Samuel Hopkins* of *Blaenavon*, in the Parish of *Lanover* and County of *Monmouth* aforesaid, Ironmasters and Copartners, have lately, at their own Costs and Charges, erected and built a new Church or Chapel at *Blaenavon*, in the Parish of *Lanover* aforesaid, and completed the same, and have also appropriated and set apart a certain Piece or Parcel of Land or Ground, upon a Part of which the said Church or Chapel stands, to be used as a Church or Chapel-yard or Cemetery to the said Church or Chapel, and have fenced in the same with a Wall: And whereas the Reverend the Archdeacon and Chapter of *Landaff* are the

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Patrons of the Vicarage of *Lanover* aforesaid, and the Reverend *John Williams* is the present Vicar or Incumbent of the said Vicarage: And whereas the said Archdeacon and Chapter, and *John Williams*, and the Right Reverend Father in God *Richard* Lord Bishop of *Landaff*, have severally consented (as far as in them lay) that the Right of Patronage or Presentation of or to the said new Church or Chapel shall be secured to and vested in the said *Thomas Hill* and *Samuel Hopkins*, their Heirs and Assigns, for ever: And whereas the said *Thomas Hill* and *Samuel Hopkins* are willing to endow or annex to the said new Church or Chapel, for ever, One Annuity or clear yearly Rent Charge or Sum of Twenty Pounds of lawful Money of *Great Britain*, to be issuing and payable out of a certain Messuage, Farm, and Lands, of them the said *Thomas Hill* and *Samuel Hopkins*, or One of them, situate, lying, and being in the Parish of *Lanfoist*, in the said County of *Monmouth*, in the Possession of *Richard Jones*, at the yearly Rent of Forty Pounds or thereabouts: And whereas the Right of Patronage or Presentation of or to the said Church or Chapel cannot be secured to or vested in the said *Thomas Hill* and *Samuel Hopkins*, their Heirs and Assigns, nor can the same be endowed by them the said *Thomas Hill* and *Samuel Hopkins* in Manner aforesaid, without the Aid and Authority of Parliament: Wherefore Your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the said *Thomas Hill* and *Samuel Hopkins*, do most humbly beseech Your Majesty that it may be enacted; and be it enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That the Advowson, Right of Patronage, free Disposition, Nomination, and Presentation of, in, and to the said new Church or Chapel, shall, immediately after the Deed herein-after mentioned shall be executed in Manner herein-after directed, appertain to, and the same are hereby vested in and settled upon the said *Thomas Hill* and *Samuel Hopkins*, their Heirs and Assigns, for ever, freed and absolutely acquitted and released from and against all Estates, Interests, Claims, and Demands whatsoever, of the said Archdeacon and Chapter of *Landaff*, and their Successors, and the said *John Williams*, and all Persons claiming or to claim by, from, or under them, any or either of them.

Right of Patronage of new Church vested in Messrs. Hill and Hopkins in Fee.

Church from henceforth to be set apart for Divine Worship according to the Rites of the Church of England.

II. And be it further enacted, That the said Church or Chapel shall from henceforth be set apart and dedicated to and for the Service of Almighty God, as and for a Place of Divine Worship, according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Church of *England*, for ever (the same being first consecrated according to the Usage of the Church of *England*), and shall and is hereby declared to be a separate and distinct perpetual Cure and Benefice, and shall be called by the Name of *The Church or Chapel of Blaenavon*; and that every Minister of the said Church or Chapel shall be thereto admitted and licensed by the Bishop of *Landaff* for the Time being, and shall be deemed and taken by virtue of this Act to be incorporated and made a Body Politick and Corporate, by the Name of *The Minister or Chaplain of the Church or Chapel of Blaenavon, in the Parish of Lanover, in the County of Monmouth*, and shall have perpetual Succession, and be enabled to sue and be sued by that Name in all Courts of this Realm; and the said Church or Chapel, and Yard or Cemetery inclosed or to be inclosed, and belonging to the same, shall for ever be vested in the Minister or Chaplain, and his Successors for the Time being,

of the said Church or Chapel; and the said Minister or Chaplain for the Time being of the said Church or Chapel shall have Capacity, and he is hereby authorized and enabled to purchase and take in Perpetuity to him and his Successors any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, not exceeding in the Whole (including the aforesaid Annuity, or clear yearly Rent Charge or Sum of Twenty Pounds) the yearly Value of One hundred and fifty Pounds, as well for further endowing the said Church or Chapel, as for erecting and building a Parsonage House thereto, as also for enlarging the said Yard or Cemetery; and the said Church or Chapel and the Minister thereof, and also the Person or Persons who shall act as or in the Nature of Church or Chapel Warden or Wardens thereof respectively for the Time being, to be appointed as herein is directed, shall be under and subject to the Order and Jurisdiction of the Bishop of *Landaff* and his Successors, and shall be visited as other Churches or Chapels in the Diocese of *Landaff* are visited; and the said Minister or Chaplain, and Church or Chapel Wardens, shall and they are hereby required to allot and set apart the Pews and Seats in the said Church or Chapel, for the Use of themselves and the Inhabitants of *Blaenavon*, in the Parish of *Lanover* aforesaid, leaving One-fourth Part at least of the Area of the said Church or Chapel unappropriated for the general Use and Accommodation of Persons attending Divine Service in the same.

III. And be it further enacted, That in case the said Office or Place of Minister or Chaplain of the said Church or Chapel shall at any Time or Times hereafter be suffered to remain void for the Space of Three Calendar Months, without any Nomination or Presentation thereto by the said *Thomas Hill* and *Samuel Hopkins*, their Heirs or Assigns, by virtue of this Act, then and in every such Case it shall and may be lawful for the Archdeacon and Chapter of *Landaff* aforesaid to nominate and present, under their Common Seal, a fit and proper Person, duly qualified, to be Minister or Chaplain of the said Church or Chapel; and that every such Person, after such Nomination, and a Licence obtained from the Bishop of *Landaff* for the Time being, shall be deemed and taken to be the Minister or Chaplain of the said Church or Chapel, to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever, in the same Manner as if such Person had been nominated and presented by the said *Thomas Hill* and *Samuel Hopkins*, their Heirs or Assigns; and in case the said Archdeacon and Chapter shall not nominate and present a Minister or Chaplain to the said Church or Chapel, within Three Calendar Months next after they are hereby authorized and empowered so to do, then and in every such Case the Nomination or Presentation of a Minister or Chaplain shall lapse to the Bishop of the Diocese of *Landaff* for the Time being, and from him to the Metropolitan, and from the Metropolitan to the Crown, according to the Course of Law in presentative Livings or Benefices; and the Right of Nomination of a Minister to the said Church or Chapel shall or may be recovered, and the Office or Place of Minister or Chaplain thereof shall and may cease, and be determined in like Manner as the Presentation or Incumbency in any presentative Benefice may now cease or be recovered.

Power to the Patrons to nominate in case of remaining void.

IV. And be it further enacted, That the Minister or Chaplain for the Time being, or his Curate or other Minister in Holy Orders, shall, on every Sunday Morning, read in the said Church or Chapel the Morning Prayers,

Minister's Duty.

Prayers, and other Service prescribed in the Book of Common Prayer or publick Liturgy of the Church of England; and (unless the Bishop of the Diocese of Landaff for the Time being shall in his Discretion think the Stipend not adequate to the Duty) in the Afternoon of every Sunday, in like Manner, read therein the Evening Prayers, and other Service prescribed in the said Book of Common Prayer; and shall on every Sunday throughout the Year, as well in the Morning as in the Evening, and on every Christmas Day, Good Friday, and on Days to be appointed by Authority for publick Fasts and Thanksgiving, in the Morning after Divine Service, deliver or preach a Sermon in the said Church or Chapel; and shall also on every Easter Sunday, Whit Sunday, and Christmas Day, and also upon the Second Sunday in every Month (except in the Month of December, and the Months in which Easter Day and Whit Sunday shall happen) administer the Holy Sacrament in the said Church or Chapel, according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Church of England; and it shall be lawful for the Minister or Chaplain to perform the Offices of christening, churching, and burying at the said Church or Chapel.

For Appointment of Clerk and Sexton.

And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the Minister or Chaplain of the said Church or Chapel to nominate or appoint such Person or Persons from Time to Time, as he shall think fit, to officiate as Clerk or Sexton in the said Church or Chapel; and also from Time to Time to displace and remove such Clerk or Sexton as the said Minister or Chaplain shall see Cause.

Minister's Salary.

And be it further enacted, That, for the Maintenance of the Minister or Chaplain for the Time being of the said Church or Chapel, the said Thomas Hill and Samuel Hopkins, their Heirs or Assigns, shall, by and out of the Rents, Issues, and Profits of the said Messuage, Farm, and Lands, situate, lying, and being in the Parish of Lenjish, in the County of Monmouth aforesaid, in the Possession of the said Richard Jones, yearly and every Year for ever hereafter, well and truly pay or cause to be paid to such Minister or Chaplain for the Time being, One Annuity or clear yearly Rent Charge or Sum of Twenty Pounds of lawful Money of Great Britain, without any Deduction or Abatement whatsoever, for or in respect of any Taxes, Charges, Assessments, or other Matter or Thing whatsoever already taxed, charged, or imposed, or hereafter to be taxed, charged, or imposed upon the said Messuage, Farm, and Lands, or upon the said Thomas Hill and Samuel Hopkins, their Heirs or Assigns, in respect thereof, or upon the said Annuity or clear yearly Sum of Twenty Pounds, or upon such Minister or Chaplain in respect thereof, by Authority of Parliament, or otherwise howsoever, upon the Twenty-fourth Day of June, and Twenty-fifth Day of December, by even and equal Portions, the first Half-year's Payment to commence and be made on such of the said Feasts or Days of Payment as shall first and next happen after the Consecration of the said Church or Chapel; and an Apportionment of the said Salary shall from Time to Time be made between the Executors or Administrators of any Minister or Chaplain of the said Church or Chapel dying in the Interval between the Two Half-yearly Days of Payment, and the Successor of such Minister or Chaplain so dying, for and in respect of the incuring Half Year wherein his Death shall happen.

When payable.

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VII. And be it further enacted, That the said Annuity, yearly Rent Charge, or Sum of Twenty Pounds, shall also, by Deed indented under the Hands and Seals of the said *Thomas Hill* and *Samuel Hopkins*, or their Heirs, be well and effectually secured to and vested in the Lord Bishop for the Time being of *Landaff* aforesaid, and his Successors, in Trust for the Minister or Chaplain for the Time being of the said Church or Chapel, payable at the Days and Times, and by the Proportions and in Manner aforesaid, by, out of, and chargeable upon the Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments to be in the said Deed particularly mentioned and described; and such Deed when duly executed shall be delivered to and deposited with the Register of the Consistory Court of the Bishop of *Landaff* aforesaid.

VIII. And be it further enacted, That if Default shall be made in Payment of the said Annuity or yearly Sum of Twenty Pounds, or any Part thereof, or any Apportionment thereof, to the said Minister or Chaplain for the Time being, or to the Executors or Administrators of a deceased Minister or Chaplain, by the Space of Twenty-one Days next after either of the said Days of Payment whereon the same ought to be paid (being lawfully demanded), then it shall be lawful for such Minister or Chaplain, and his Executors or Administrators, from Time to Time, into and upon the said Messuage, Farm, and Lands, hereby charged with or made subj<sup>t</sup> to the Payment thereof, or in, to, and upon any Part thereof, to enter and distrain for the said Annuity or yearly Sum of Twenty Pounds, and for any Arrears or Apportionment thereof, and every Distress and Distresses on the said Premises to be found, lawfully and quietly to take, lead, drive, carry away, hold, and keep, or otherwise to sell and dispose thereof according to due course of Law, until thereby or therewith the said Minister or Chaplain, and his Executors or Administrators, shall not only be paid the said Annuity or clear yearly Sum of Twenty Pounds, and all Arrears or Apportionment thereof, but also all Costs, Charges, and Expences occasioned by Reason of the Non-payment thereof, at the respective Days and Times herein-before mentioned and appointed for Payment thereof; and also that in Default of Payment as aforesaid (although no formal Demand shall be made), it shall be lawful to and for such Minister or Chaplain, and his Executors or Administrators, from Time to Time, into and upon the said Messuage, Farm, and Lands to enter, and the Rents, Issues, Produce, and Profits thereof, to have, receive, and take, to and for his and their own Use and Benefit, until he and they shall therewith and thereby be fully paid and satisfied not only the said Annuity or clear yearly Sum of Twenty Pounds, and all Arrears or Apportionment thereof, due at the Time of such Entry or Entries respectively, but also such Arrears thereof as shall incur and grow due during the Time that he or they shall, by virtue of such Entry or Entries, be in Possession of the said Premises, together with all such Costs, Charges, and Expences, as shall be laid out and expended by such Minister or Chaplain, his Executors or Administrators, or occasioned by or by Reason of the Non-payment of the same Annuity or yearly Sum of Twenty Pounds, or any Part or Apportionment thereof, at the respective Days and Times herein-before mentioned and appointed for Payment thereof, and that such Entry or Entries, when so made, shall be without

Remedy to  
recover the  
Minister's  
Salary.

No new Parish to be created, and Parishioners of Lanover not to be liable to the Repairs of the new Chapel.

Reservation of Rights to the Vicar of Lanover, &c.

Marriage may be solemnized.

Double Fees to be paid to the Minister.

Impediment of any Manner of Waste; or otherwise it shall be lawful for such Minister or Chaplain, and his Executors or Administrators, to sue for and recover the same, with full Costs of Suit, against the said *Thomas Hill* and *Samuel Hopkins*, their Heirs or Assigns, by Action of Debt or upon the Case, for so much Money had and received to the Use of such Minister or Chaplain, his Executors or Administrators, or for Work and Labour, to be brought in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster*, wherein no Effoign, Protection, Privilege, Wager of Law, or more than One Impar lance shall be allowed: Provided always, that nothing in this Act contained shall extend to erect or make any new Parish, or to affect or alter any Payments or Assessments, either Parliamentary or Parochial, within the said Parish of *Lanover*; and that none of the Parishioners thereof shall be subject or liable to the Repairs of the said new Church or Chapel, or to any Charge, Rate, or Assessment, on Account of such Repairs.

IX. Provided also, and it is hereby enacted and declared, That nothing in this Act contained shall extend, or be construed to extend to prejudice, impeach, or defeat any Right, Title, Interest, Claim, or Demand of the Vicar of the said Parish of *Lanover*, or the Curate or other Officers of the said Church, or their Successors respectively, to any Tythes, Offerings, Surplice Fees, Oblations, Obventions, and other Ecclesiastical Rights, Dues, Fees, Duties, Benefits, or Advantages, arising within the said Parish, and belonging to them or any of them respectively; but the said Tythes, Offerings, Surplice Fees, Oblations, Obventions, and other Ecclesiastical Rights, Dues, Fees, Duties, Benefits, and Advantages, shall remain in full force, and be paid and payable in the same Manner as they were respectively before the passing of this Act, or would or ought to have been in case the same had not been made, any Thing in this Act contained to the contrary notwithstanding; save and except as to any Right of Nomination or Presentation to the said new Church or Chapel.

X. And be it further enacted, That, after the Consecration of the said new Church or Chapel, Banns of Matrimony may be published, and Marriages celebrated within the said Church or Chapel, provided the same be published and celebrated according to the Laws and Canons now in force within this Realm in that Behalf; and all such Banns, and also all and every such Marriage and Marriages as shall be published and celebrated in the said Church or Chapel, shall, from and after the Time aforesaid, be as good, valid, and effectual, to all Intents and Purposes, as if the same were published and celebrated in the Parish Church of *Lanover* aforesaid, provided the same be made and published in Manner aforesaid.

XI. And be it further enacted, That there shall be paid to and into the Hands of the Minister or Chaplain of the said new Church or Chapel for the Time being, for the Performance of the several and respective Offices of Minister or Chaplain, Clerk and Sexton there, Double the Fees, Dues, and Perquisites, which are usually and of Right ought to be paid for every Marriage, Churching, Burial, and opening the Ground for Graves in the Church

Church or Chapel-yard, or Cemetery, at the said Church or Chapel; and that the Minister or Chaplain of the said Church or Chapel shall from Time to Time collect and receive such Double Fees, Dues, and Perquisites, and account for and pay, by equal Half-yearly Payments in every Year, on every Twenty-fourth Day of *June* and Twenty-fifth Day of *December*, One-half Part thereof to and into the Hands of the Vicar of the said Parish of *Lanover* for the Time being, to be divided between him, the Clerk, and the Sexton of the same Parish Church, within Thirty Days after such Vicar shall have received the same, in such Shares and Proportions as the Fees payable at the same Church are divided; and that the remaining Moiety shall, on the said Half-yearly Days, be divided between the Minister or Chaplain, Clerk, and Sexton of the said new Church or Chapel, in such Shares and Proportions as Fees of the like Nature and for the like Services are usually or of Right ought to be divid-d among the Vicar, Clerk, and Sexton of the same Parish Church; the first of which Payments to the said Vicar, Clerk, and Sexton of the said Parish Church, shall begin and be made at and upon such of the said Half-yearly Days as shall first happen after the Consecration of the said new Church or Chapel; and in case of Non-payment thereof at any Time or Times, within Thirty Days after either of the said Half-yearly Days, One Moiety of such Fees, Dues, and Perquisites, shall and may be sued for and recovered from the Minister of the said new Church or Chapel for the Time being, from Time to Time, by and in the Name of the Vicar of the Parish of *Lanover*, by Action for Monies had and received for his Use, in any of the Courts herein-before mentioned.

One Half of Double Fees to be paid to the Ministers and other Officers of the Vicarage Church of *Lanover*.

XII. And be it further enacted, That no Graves or Burying Places shall be made or allowed within or under the Body of the said new Church or Chapel; and that all Christenings and Marriages had and solemnized in the said Church or Chapel, and all Burials there, shall be registered in publick Registers to be provided and kept for that Purpose, and a Transcript or Copy thereof, signed by the Minister and Chapel Wardens, shall be yearly transmitted and sent to the publick Registry of the Diocese of *Landaff*, to be there kept and filed.

Publick Register to be kept.

XIII. And be it further enacted, That the Costs and Charges of supporting and keeping in Repair the said new Church or Chapel, and the Area and the Walls and Fences thereof, and the said Yard or Cemetery, and of finding and providing Bread and Wine for the Holy Communion, and Books and Surplices for the Minister or Chaplain, and all other incidental Costs, Charges, and Expences thereof, shall be defrayed, paid, and borne by the Owners and Proprietors for the Time being of the Advowson, Right of Patronage, Nomination, and Presentation of, in, and to the said new Church or Chapel.

Repairs of Chapel, &c. to be provided by the Patrons.

XIV. And be it further enacted, That the Minister or Chaplain of the said new Church or Chapel for the Time being, with the Inhabitants of *Blaenavon* aforesaid, assembled and met together in the Vestry of the said Church or Chapel, on Eight Days Notice to be previously given in the said Church or Chapel on some *Sunday* Forenoon immediately after Divine Service,

Appointment of Chapel Wardens.

Service, shall and may, on some convenient Day within Thirty Days next after the Consecration of the said Church or Chapel, and annually and every Year afterwards, on *Easter Monday*, of which Notice shall be given upon *Easter Sunday* in the Forenoon after Divine Service, elect and appoint Two Persons, being Inhabitants of the said Hamlet or District of *Blaenarvon*, (not being of the People commonly called *Quakers*), as or for Church or Chapel Wardens of the said Church or Chapel, One of whom shall be chosen by the Minister or Chaplain of the said Church or Chapel, and the other by the major Part of the Inhabitants so assembled; which said Persons to be elected and appointed as aforesaid shall be sworn into their Office by the proper Ecclesiastical Officers exercising Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction within the Diocese of *Landaff* aforesaid, and shall have the like Powers and Authorities, relating to the said Church or Chapel as the Church or Chapel Wardens of any other Church or Chapel within the Diocese of *Landaff* do or lawfully may exercise, and shall continue in the said Office until the *Easter Monday* following, and until other Church or Chapel Wardens shall be nominated and appointed to accept the said Office; and every Person so to be appointed and chosen as aforesaid shall, and they are hereby required to accept and take upon them the Office of Church or Chapel Wardens as aforesaid, upon pain that every Person or Persons so appointed, and neglecting or refusing to accept or execute the said Office (not being a second Time contrary to his or their Inclination appointed thereto within the Space of Ten Years) shall forfeit and pay to the last preceding Church or Chapel Wardens the Sum of Five Pounds, to be recovered by them by Action of Debt in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster*, together with Double Costs of Suit, to be applied towards the Repairs and Support of the said Church or Chapel; and then and in every such Case, and in case the said Church or Chapel Wardens, or One of them, shall die before the Expiration of the said Year next after his or their Appointment to the said Office, it shall be lawful for the Minister or Chaplain, and Inhabitants for the Time being, assembled in the Vestry of the said Church or Chapel, in pursuance of Eight Days Notice to be given as before directed, or the major Part of them so assembled, to nominate and appoint some other fit Person or Persons to the said Office in the Room or Place of such Church or Chapel Warden or Wardens so dying or refusing to accept the Office as aforesaid; and such Person or Persons shall thereupon accept and take upon him or them the said Office on pain of the like Forfeiture, to be recovered and applied in like Manner as if such Person or Persons had been originally elected and chosen to the said Office, and had refused to accept the same.

Chapel Wardens' Duty.

XV. And be it further enacted, That the Persons so appointed to and accepting the said Office of Church or Chapel Wardens of the said Church or Chapel as aforesaid shall and may, and they are hereby authorized, empowered, and required, to superintend and see to the Repairs of the said Church or Chapel, and the Area and the Walls and Fences thereof, and the said Yard and Cemetery, and to the finding and providing of Bread and Wine for the Holy Communion, and Books and Surplices for the Minister or Chaplain; and to collect upon all Banns to be read in the said Church or Chapel; and to do, perform, and transact all other Matters



ters, and Things requisite and necessary for and concerning the Management and Support of the said Church or Chapel.

XVI. And be it further enacted, That the Keys of the said Church or Chapel shall from Time to Time be kept by and left in the Custody of the Minister and Church or Chapel Wardens of the said Church or Chapel for the Time being, who shall also have the Custody and Keeping of the Plate, Furniture, Records, and Books belonging to the said Church or Chapel, and shall and may deposit and keep the same in the Vestry Room of the said Church or Chapel, or in such other Place as they shall from Time to Time direct, in a strong Chest to be for that Purpose provided, with Two secure Locks and different Keys; One of which Keys shall be from Time to Time kept by the said Church or Chapel Wardens, and the other by the Minister or Chaplain of the said Church or Chapel for the Time being.

Keys, &c. of the Chapel to be left in the Custody of the Minister and Chapel Wardens.

XVII. And be it further enacted, That every Person so to be elected and chosen into, and accepting the Office of Church or Chapel Wardens as aforesaid, shall and they are hereby enjoined and required to keep a true and perfect Account of all and every Sum and Sums of Money by them received and paid during their Continuance in the said Office under or by virtue of this Act, and to enter all such Receipts and Payments in a proper Book or Books to be kept by them for that Purpose; and which said Book or Books, and Accounts, shall and may be from Time to Time inspected by any Occupier of a Seat in the said Church or Chapel on Demand.

Chapel Wardens to keep an Account.

XVIII. And be it further enacted, That, if any Action or Suit shall be commenced against any Person or Persons for any Thing done in pursuance of this Act, every such Action or Suit shall be commenced within Six Calendar Months next after the Fact committed; and the Defendant or Defendants in any such Action or Suit may plead the General Issue, and give this Act and the Special Matter in Evidence at any Trial to be had thereupon, and that the same was done in pursuance and by the Authority of this Act; and if it shall appear to have been so done, the Jury shall find for the Defendant or Defendants; or if the Plaintiff shall be nonsuited, or discontinue his Action after the Defendant or Defendants shall have appeared, or if Judgement shall be given upon any Verdict or Demurrer against the Plaintiff, the Defendant or Defendants shall and may recover Treble Costs, and have the like Remedy for the same; as any Defendants have in other Cases by Law.

Limitation of Actions.

General Issue,

Treble Costs.

XIX. Saving always to the King's most Excellent Majesty, and to His Heirs and Successors, and to all and every other Person and Persons, Bodies Politick and Corporate, his, her, and their Heirs, Successors, Executors, and Administrators, all such Estates, Rights, Title, and Interest, (other than those meant and intended to be barred and destroyed by this Act,) which they, every, or any of them had and enjoyed before the passing of this Act, or could or might have had or enjoyed in case this Act had not been made.

Saving of Rights.

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Publick Act.

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

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