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Cap. 204.

An Act for amending, altering, and enlarging the Powers of Two Acts, passed in the Fourteenth and Seventeenth Years of His present Majesty, in relation to the Navigation of the River *Thames* Westward of *London Bridge*, within the Liberties of the City of *London*; and for the further Improvement of the said Navigation. [20th June 1810.]

WHEREAS an Act was passed in the Fourteenth Year of His present Majesty's Reign, intituled *An Act more effectually to improve and complete the Navigation of the River Thames, Westward of London Bridge, within the Liberties of the City of London, and to prevent any Vessel or Barge from being moored in Taplow Mill Stream, in the County of Bucks*: And another Act was passed in the Seventeenth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled *An Act for enabling the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons of the City of London to purchase the present Tolls and Duties payable for navigating upon the River Thames, Westward of London Bridge, within the Liberties of the City of London; and for laying a small Toll in lieu thereof, for the Purpose of more effectually completing the said Navigation, and for other Purposes*: And whereas in several Parts of the River *Thames*, lying between *Richmond Bridge* and the City Stone above *Staines Bridge*, the Navigation of the said River is still greatly obstructed and retarded, especially in

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The Corporation of London empowered to make Four Pound Locks.

Chertsey Lock.

Shepperton Lock.

Sunbury Lock.

Teddington Lock.

dry Seasons, by Shoals and Banks of Earth, Sand, and Gravel, forming therein, whereby a sufficient Depth of Water cannot be maintained without incurring an enormous Annual Expence, to the Payment of which the Tolls collected on the said River, under the said recited Act of the Seventeenth Year of His present Majesty, are inadequate: And whereas the great Difficulties and Delays so occasioned in the said Navigation, in the Places aforesaid, may be prevented by making and maintaining such Pound Locks as are herein-after mentioned and described, and by making and maintaining such Weirs, Excavations, and Embankments in the said River, as are herein-after mentioned and authorized to be made: And whereas the Provisions contained in the said Acts of Parliament herein-before mentioned or referred to are not sufficient to enable the making and completing the Works aforesaid; and it is therefore desirable that further Powers for those Purposes should be given to the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons of the City of *London*, in Common Council assembled, and that the old Tolls should be repealed, and such new Tolls laid in lieu thereof as herein-after are mentioned: But inasmuch as the same cannot be done without the Aid and Authority of Parliament; may it please Your Majesty that it may be enacted; and be it enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That it shall be lawful for the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons of the City of *London*, in Common Council assembled, and they are hereby authorized and empowered, by themselves, their Deputies, Agents, Officers, Workmen, and Servants, to make and complete, and maintain a Pound Lock in the said River *Thames*, to be navigable for Barges, Boats, and other Vessels, to the Northward of the Entrance of the *Abbey Mill River* into the River *Thames*, near *Chertsey Bridge*, and which said Lock shall be called *Chertsey Lock*; and also to make and complete, and maintain another Pound Lock, to be navigable as aforesaid, at that Part of the said River *Thames* which is called or known by the Name of *Stoner's Gut*, near *Shepperton* in the County of *Middlesex*, and which said last mentioned Lock shall be called *Shepperton Lock*; and also to make and complete, and maintain another Pound Lock, to be navigable as aforesaid, in the said River *Thames*, on the *Surrey* Side of the said River between the lower Part of *Scotland Ait* and the Lower Ferry at *Sunbury* in the said County of *Middlesex*, which said last-mentioned Lock shall be called *Sunbury Lock*; and also to make and complete, and maintain another Pound Lock in the said River *Thames*, to be navigable as aforesaid, at or near to *Teddington* in the said County of *Middlesex*, and which said last-mentioned Lock shall be called *Teddington Lock*; and also to make such and so many Weirs, Excavations, and Embankments in the Bed and on the Sides of the said River *Thames*, between *Richmond Bridge* and the Stone above *Staines Bridge* called the *City Stone*, as they the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons, in Common Council assembled, shall think proper and necessary for the more effectual Completion and Maintenance of the Works aforesaid, and for the more easy and commodious Navigation of the said River *Thames*: Provided always, that the said Locks so to be erected shall not be of less Dimensions than One hundred and fifty Feet in Length, and Twenty Feet in Width,

in the Chamber thereof, with Three Pair of Gates in each Lock; and that such Weirs shall be made open Weirs, with Rymer or other proper Gates, to be used as Occasion shall require.

II. And be it further enacted, That for the Purposes of this Act the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons, in Common Council assembled, their Servants, Agents, and Workmen, are hereby authorized and empowered to enter into and upon the Lands and Grounds of any Person or Persons, Body or Bodies Politic, Corporate, or Collegiate whatsoever, to survey and take Levels of the same, or any Part or Parts thereof.

Power to enter Lands, and survey and take Levels.

III. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons, in Common Council assembled, to supply the said Locks whilst making, and at all Times thereafter when made, with Water from the River *Thames*; and also to make proper Watering Places for Cattle in all Cases where by Means of the said Works Cattle shall be deprived of their ancient Watering Places, and to supply the same at all Times with Water, and also to bore, dig, cut, trench, sough, get, remove, take, and carry away Earth, Clay, Stone, Soil, Rubbish, Trees, Roots of Trees, Beds of Gravel or Sand, or any other Matters or Things which may be dug or got in making the said Locks, and which may be proper for making, carrying on, continuing, maintaining, or repairing the said Locks, or which may hinder, prevent, or obstruct the making, using or completing, extending or maintaining of the same respectively, according to the Intent and Meaning of this Act; and to make, build, erect, and set up, in or upon the Lands adjoining the said Locks respectively, such and so many Bridges, Sluices, Weirs, Pens for Water, Water Stanks, Dams, Toll Houses and Watch Houses, in such Place and Places as the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons, in Common Council assembled, shall think necessary and convenient for the Purposes of the said Undertaking; and also from Time to Time to alter, repair, and amend, or discontinue or new-make the same, or any of them; and also to place, lay, work, or manufacture the Materials to be used in or about the said Works, near to the Place or Places where the said Works, or any of them, shall be or are intended to be made, erected, repaired or done; and also to make, set out, and appoint such Towing Paths, Banks, Roads and Ways, convenient for towing, haling, or drawing of Barges, Boats, and other Vessels, passing in, through, or out of the said Locks, by Men, Horses, or otherwise, as they the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons, in Common Council assembled, shall think convenient; they the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons, in Common Council assembled, their Deputies, Servants, and Workmen, doing as little Damage as may be in the Execution of the several Powers to them hereby granted, and making Satisfaction to the Owners or Proprietors of, and all Persons, Bodies Politic, Corporate, or Collegiate, interested in the Lands which shall be used or prejudiced, for all Damages which may be by them sustained in or by the Execution of all or any of the Powers of this Act; and the Instruments to be used for opening and shutting the said Pound Locks shall be affixed and fastened thereto respectively, so as to enable any Person navigating on the said River to let his Vessel through

Powers to supply the Locks with Water from the Thames.

To make Watering Places for Cattle;

to dig and remove Earth, &c.;

to build Bridges, &c.;

to lay Materials near the Works;

and to make Towing Paths, &c.;

doing as little Damage as may be, and making Satisfaction for Damages occasioned by the carrying of the Act into Execution;

the Instruments for opening the

Locks to be affixed thereto.

through the same without the Assistance of the Lock Keeper, but subject nevertheless to the Tolls herein-after granted for or in respect of such Vessels as are hereby directed to pay Toll, and to Detention at any of the said Locks if such Tolls are not paid, or the Receipt for the same produced.

Power to make and maintain Draw Bridges and Swivel Bridges.

IV. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons, in Common Council assembled, and they are hereby directed and required, on or at any Time after the making of any such Locks, to make and build such good and substantial Draw Bridges and Swivel Bridges, or other Bridges, for Carriages and Passengers, over the same, and at such Places as they shall deem necessary, and for ever to keep the same in good and substantial Repair, and to raise, level, or sink the Highways leading to or from the said Bridges respectively, and to fence the same with Rails, Posts or Banks, where necessary or required by the Surveyors of the Highways; and the Mayor and Commonalty, and Citizens of the City of *London*, and their Successors, shall be liable to be indicted for not making and keeping at all Times in substantial Repair such several Draw, Swivel, or other Bridges, so to be made and maintained, and shall be further liable to pay the Costs of every such Prosecution, upon Conviction, in case it shall be proved upon Oath that the Surveyors of the Highways shall have made a Requisition in Writing for such Repairs Thirty Days previous to the Commencement of such Prosecution.

Lands, &c. not to be used, except for making Surveys, &c. without Consent of Owners.

V. Provided always and be it further enacted, That nothing herein contained shall extend or be deemed to extend to empower the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons, in Common Council assembled, their Servants, Agents, or Workmen, to enter on, or make use of any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, for the Purpose of making any Towing Path or Towing Paths, or any other Purpose whatsoever, under the Authority of this Act, except for the Purpose of making Surveys, taking Levels, and laying Materials, as herein-before mentioned, without the Consent of the Persons entitled thereto first had and obtained in Writing for that Purpose.

Power to scour the Works,

VI. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons, in Common Council assembled, their Agents, Servants, or Workmen, as often as Occasion shall require, well and sufficiently to cleanse, scour, deepen or widen, and take away any Banks, Hills, Earth, Soil or Rubbish, in the said Locks, or any of them, or near the Entrances thereto respectively, in such Manner as the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons shall think proper, for the convenient Entrance of Barges and other Vessels into the said Locks, and their Security and Accommodation therein; and also to remove and take away any Wrecks of Barges or other Vessels that shall be sunk therein respectively, or any Wood, Timber, Anchors, or other Obstructions or Impediments of the like Nature that may be found or arise therein respectively; and in case the Owner or Owners of any such Barge or Vessel, or other Obstruction so to be removed, shall refuse or neglect to pay the Charge of removing the same for the Space of Ten Days after Demand thereof made by any Clerk or other Officer of

remove Wrecks, &c.

of the said Works, the same shall be levied and recovered in such Manner as any Penalties and Forfeitures are by this Act directed to be levied and recovered.

VII. And be it further enacted, That the Locks, Buildings, Towing Paths, Ways, Sluices, Drains, Matters and Things, which the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons, in Common Council assembled, shall make, build, provide, or establish, by virtue of and in pursuance of this Act, shall be and the same are hereby vested in the said Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of the City of *London*, and their Successors; and they and their Successors are hereby authorized and empowered to bring any Action or Actions, and to prefer Bills of Indictment against any Person or Persons who shall cut, damage, or injure, or cause to be cut, damaged, or injured, any of the Works which the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons, in Common Council assembled, have already, under the Authority of the said recited Acts, or any of them, made, erected, established, amended, or repaired, or which they shall hereafter make, erect, establish, amend, or repair, by virtue of the said recited Acts or of this Act, or who shall injure or destroy the same whilst doing, or impede the doing thereof, or shall steal, purloin, or wrongfully take away, or break, cut, or otherwise injure any Stones, Lead, Iron, Wood, Bricks, or other Materials, or any of the Machines, Engines, or Utensils provided or to be provided from Time to Time, or used or intended to be used therein, or who shall wilfully do or suffer, or consent to any thing whereby Damage may accrue to the Erections and Buildings to be purchased, or to be made or erected by virtue of this Act, or who shall cut, break, or injure, or cause to be cut, broken, or injured, any of the Trees, Hedges, Fences, Embankments, Bridges, Posts, Rails, or other Works, now standing and being, or which may be hereafter planted, erected, or made upon any of the Lands and Premises which shall be purchased or used for any of the Purposes of the said recited Acts, or any of them, or of this Act, or who shall take, or cause to be taken, Ballast in or from improper Places, so as to undermine the Banks or Towing Paths, or any of them, already made, or to be made in pursuance of the said recited Acts or of this Act, or shall draw Timber along, or lay Timber on, or otherwise damage or obstruct the Passage of the said Towing Paths, or any of them; and all the Damages which shall be so recovered by the said Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens, or their Successors, by any Suit, Process, or Action, after deducting the Costs of Suit, shall be applied as hereinafter directed.

The Works to be made and built by the Common Council are to be vested in the Corporation of *London*, Corporation empowered to prosecute in case of Damage done to the Works, &c.

VIII. And be it further enacted, That all and every Person and Persons shall have free Liberty, with Horses, Cattle, or Carriages, to use the Roads and Ways which shall belong to the said intended Works respectively (except the Towing Paths), and with Lighters, Barges, Boats, and other Vessels, to use the said Locks for the Purpose of conveying Corn, Coals, Timber, and all other Goods and Things, and the said Towing Paths for haling and drawing such Lighters, Barges, Boats, or other Vessels, with Men or with Horses or other Cattle, subject to the Rules and Regulations which shall from Time to Time be made by the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons, in Common Council assembled, by virtue of the Powers granted by this Act.

Roads which shall belong to the Works (except the Towing Paths) may be used by the Public, and the Navigation of the Locks subject to Regulations.

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IX. And

Lock Keepers, &c. to give no Preference, nor cause unnecessary Obstructions.

IX. And be it further enacted, That if any Lock Keeper, or other Officer to be appointed in pursuance and by virtue of this Act, shall give undue Preference to, or in any Manner unnecessarily retard or obstruct any Lighter, Barge, Boat, or other Vessel, passing into, through, or out of any of the said Locks, or from one Station to another therein, or in loading or unloading any Goods or other Things at any of the Wharfs, Weighbeams, Cranes, or other Machines, which shall belong to the said Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens, and their Successors, he shall for every such Offence forfeit and pay a Sum not exceeding Forty Shillings,

Drawbridges and Swivel Bridges to be fastened after Vessels shall have passed.

X. And be it further enacted, That if any Draw Bridge or Swivel Bridge shall be laid over or across any Lock to be made by virtue of this Act, every Person opening such Draw Bridge or Swivel Bridge shall and is hereby required, as soon as may be after any such Bridge shall be opened, to shut and fasten the same; and if any Person or Persons shall wilfully open any such Draw Bridge or Swivel Bridge when no Barge or other Vessel is to pass the same, so as to interrupt a free Passage for Travellers, Cattle, or Carriages, every such Person shall for every such Offence forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Five Pounds, one Moiety whereof shall go to the Informer, and the other Moiety shall be applied as herein-after is directed; and if any such Bridge shall be left open longer than necessary for the Passage of any Barge or other Vessel as aforesaid, through the Negligence or Carelessness of any Person belonging to such Barge or other Vessel, then the Master or Owner of such Barge or Vessel shall forfeit and pay for every such Offence any Sum not exceeding Five Pounds, one Moiety whereof shall go to the Informer, and the other be appropriated as hereafter is directed; but in case the same shall happen by the Neglect or Default of any Persons acting under the Authority of the said Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens, such Person shall forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Five Pounds, to be applied in like Manner.

For preventing Obstructions and Nuisances in the Works.

XI. And for the better making and preserving of a free and clear Entrance, Navigation, and Passage into and within, and also a free and clear Passage out of the said Pound Locks; be it further enacted, That no Lighter, Barge, Boat, or other Vessel of any Description whatsoever, shall lie across in, or in anywise unnecessarily obstruct any of the Entrances or Passages into and within, or any of the Passages or Outlets from any of the said Locks, or be permitted to strike or run upon any of the said Locks or Weirs, or the Floodgates, Embankments, Piles, or Bridges thereof; and that if any Lighter, Barge, Boat, or other Vessel, entering, navigating, using, lying, loading, or unloading upon any of the said Locks and other Works, shall be placed or suffered to remain in any Part of the same respectively, so as unnecessarily to obstruct the Navigation thereof, and the Master, Owner, or other Person having the Command or Direction of such Vessel shall not immediately upon Request made remove the same, he shall for every such Offence forfeit a Sum not exceeding Ten Pounds, and also a Sum not exceeding Forty Shillings for every Hour of such Obstruction after such Requisition; and it shall be lawful for the proper Officer, to be appointed in pursuance and by virtue of this Act, to cause any such Lighter, Barge, Boat, or other Vessel, to be removed in such Manner

Penalties on Persons obstructing the Navigation, or wantonly, &c. opening Lock Gates, &c. and letting off Water, or suffering Vessels to strike upon Bridges or Locks.

and to such Place as shall be proper for preventing such Obstruction, or to be unloaded if necessary, and to seize or distrain such Lighter, Barge, Boat, or other Vessel, and the Lading thereof, or any Part of such Lading, until the Charges occasioned by such Removal shall be paid; and if any Person or Persons shall float, or raft or place any Timber upon or through the said Locks and Wharfs, or any of them, otherwise than as allowed by the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons, in Common Council assembled, and on Payment of such Rates as may be agreed and fixed upon, or shall suffer the Loading of any Barge, Boat, or other Vessel, navigating in or upon any of the said Works, to be over the Side thereof, and shall not immediately when so required remove such Obstruction, or if any Person shall wantonly, carelessly, or negligently open or cause to be opened any Lock Gate, Paddles, Valve, or Clough belonging to any Lock or Weir to be erected on the said Works, or any of them, or wantonly and mischievously flush or draw off, or cause to be flushed or drawn off, Water from any of the said Locks, or the Cuts to which the same shall belong, or shall suffer any Lighter, Barge, Boat, or other Vessel to strike or run upon any of the Locks, Weirs, Bridges, Piles, or Embankments, every Person so offending shall forfeit and pay for every such Offence any Sum not exceeding Twenty Pounds.

XII. And be it further enacted, That if any Owner or Owners, Master or Commander, Lighterman or Servant, of or belonging to any Barge or other Vessel, or any other Person or Persons whatsoever, shall throw, cast, or put away any Ballast, Earth, Dust, Ashes, Stones, or other Things, into or upon any of the Locks or Works already made or to be made in pursuance of this Act to the Prejudice thereof, or into the River Thames, in any Place or Places between *London Bridge* and the City Stone above *Staines Bridge*, or do any other Annoyance to the same respectively, or any Part thereof, and Complaint being made thereof upon Oath by any Person acting under the Authority of the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons, the same shall be examined into and determined by any one or more of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the County, City, or Place wherein such Offence shall be committed, upon due Proof thereof, it shall and may be lawful to and for such Justice, and he is hereby authorized and empowered to impose upon the Offender or Offenders such Fine or Fines, not exceeding Ten Pounds for each Offence, as such Justice shall think reasonable; and in case of Nonpayment thereof, immediately after the same shall be demanded, it shall be lawful for any such Justice or Justices for the Time being, by Warrant under his or their Hand and Seal or Hands and Seals, to levy the same, together with the Costs and Charges incident thereto, by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of every such Owner or Owners, Master or Commander, Lighterman or Servant, or any other Person or Persons so offending, or of the Tackle, Apparel, or Furniture of or belonging to such Barge or Vessel, rendering the Overplus (if any) to such Master or Commander, or to the Person or Persons whose Goods or other Things shall be so distrained; and if sufficient Distress cannot be found, then and in every such Case it shall be lawful for such Justice, by Warrant under his Hand and Seal, to commit such Offender or Offenders to any Prison within his or their Jurisdiction, there to be kept to hard Labour for any Time not exceeding Thirty Days, unless such

To prevent
Nuisances in
the River.

such Penalty, and all Costs, Charges, and Expences attending the Recovery thereof, shall be sooner paid.

Water Marks
to be affixed
at each Lock
or Weir.

XIII. And be it further enacted, That the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons, in Common Council assembled, shall fix a Mark or Marks at each Lock or Weir, below or above which Mark or Marks no Lock Keeper or Person intrusted with the opening and shutting of any Lock or Weir shall knowingly or designedly let the Water fall or rise, unless he is authorized thereto in Writing by the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons, in Common Council assembled (which Authority they are hereby authorized to give, in case of any Repairs that may be wanting to such Lock or Weir, which may make it necessary to let the Water down below such Marks, but in no other Case whatever), and that when and so often as the Water shall be raised to and be level with the High Water Marks which shall from Time to Time be set and appointed by the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons, in Common Council assembled, the Lock Keepers for the Time being of such Locks or Weirs, or the Person or Persons who for the Time being shall be intrusted with the opening and shutting of the same, shall thereupon, with all convenient Speed, open such Weirs, and keep open the same till the Water is sunk below the High Water Marks so set and appointed; and in case such Lock Keeper or Person intrusted with the opening and shutting of such Weirs shall neglect or refuse to open or keep open the same as aforesaid, and shall be thereof convicted upon the Oath of One or more credible Witness or Witnesses, before One or more of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for either of the Counties in which such Lock or Weir shall happen to be, every such Person and Persons so neglecting or refusing, and being thereof convicted as aforesaid, shall forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Twenty Pounds, to be levied by Distress and Sale of the Offender's Goods and Chattels, by Warrant under the Hand and Seal or Hands and Seals of such Justice or Justices of the Peace as aforesaid, and to be applied and disposed of for the Use of the said Navigation.

To prevent
the Removal
of Water
Marks.

XIV. And it is hereby further enacted, That if any Lock Keeper, or any other Person or Persons, shall remove any Water Mark or Water Marks so as aforesaid to be set up and appointed by the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons, in Common Council assembled, and shall be thereof convicted upon the Oath of One or more credible Witness or Witnesses, before One or more of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for either of the Counties in which such Water Mark or Water Marks shall have been set up, every such Person or Persons so removing the same shall forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Twenty Pounds, to be recovered and levied as herein-before is mentioned.

District Sur-
veyors to
open Weirs
in case of an
Overflow, if
omitted to be
done by the
Lock Keeper.

XV. And be it further enacted, That upon the Complaint of and Oath made by the General or District Surveyor, or by any of the Owners or Occupiers of the Meadows above each or any of the said Locks or Weirs, before any Two of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the County in which such Meadows lie, that the Water runs over the Water Mark, and that their Meadows are or are in Danger of being overflowed, it shall and may be lawful for such

such Justices of the Peace, to send under their respective Hands and Seals a Warrant, directed to the said General or District Surveyor, or to the Constable or Constables of the Parish or Place, or some neighbouring Parish or Place, thereby authorizing and empowering him or them to require the several Lock Keepers, or the Person or Persons intrusted with the opening and shutting of the said Weirs, forthwith to open the same, and on their Refusal so to do, further authorizing and empowering such Constable or Constables themselves to open the said Weirs or any of them, and to keep open the same as Occasion shall require, till the Water is sunk below the Water Mark, but not longer; but if any Person not duly authorized by the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons, or by the Powers granted in this Act, shall at any Time open any of the said Weirs or Parts thereof, for any Purpose whatsoever, every such Person shall forfeit and pay for every such Offence any Sum not exceeding Twenty Pounds, to be recovered and levied as herein-before is mentioned.

XVI. And for the better preserving of a free and clear Navigation and Passage into and through the River *Thames*, in all Places between *London Bridge* and the City Stone above *Staines Bridge*; be it further enacted, That if any Lighter, Barge, Boat, or other Vessel of any Description whatsoever, shall, in any Place or Places in the said River, between *London Bridge* and the City Stone above *Staines Bridge*, be run in alongside of any other Barge or Barges, or other Vessel or Vessels, which shall be aground, or shall otherwise be managed so as to impede the regular Passage of Barges and other Vessels up or down the said River, within the Jurisdiction aforesaid, the Owner, and also every Person working in such Lighter, Barge, or other Vessel so run alongside of any other Vessel aground, or impeding the Navigation aforesaid, shall forfeit and pay for every such Offence the Sum of Ten Pounds, and every such Barge or other Vessel shall or may be removed and unloaded in the same Manner as if the same were obstructing the Navigation of the Works hereby authorized to be made; and the Charges occasioned thereby shall be recoverable in like Manner as if the same were incurred in removing or unloading a Vessel obstructing the Navigation of the said Works.

For preventing Obstructions in the Navigation,

XVII. And for the further preserving of such free and clear Navigation and Passage as last aforesaid, be it further enacted, That if any Barge, Boat, or other Vessel navigating the said River *Thames*, in any Place or Places between *Richmond Bridge* and the City Stone above *Staines Bridge*, or any of the Locks or Works hereby authorized to be made, shall at any Time, from the First Day of *May* in any Year, to the First Day of *November* in the same Year (both inclusive), be laden so as to draw more than Three Feet Three Inches of Water, or shall at any Time, from the Second Day of *November* in any Year, to the Thirtieth Day of *April* in the succeeding Year (both inclusive), be laden so as to draw more than Three Feet Ten Inches of Water, upon Complaint made thereof, upon Oath, by any Two Persons (whether Officers for the Purposes of this Act or not) before the Lord Mayor of the City of *London* for the Time being, or an Alderman of the said City, the same shall be examined into and determined by the Lord Mayor or Alderman before whom the Complaint shall be made; and

For regulating the Depth to which Barges, &c. may be loaded.

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upon due Proof thereof it shall and may be lawful to and for such Lord Mayor or Alderman, and he is hereby authorized and empowered, to impose upon the Master or Owner of every such Vessel so overladen, such Fine or Fines, not exceeding Fifty Pounds for every Offence, as he shall think proper; and in case of Non-payment thereof, immediately after the same shall be demanded, it shall be lawful for the Lord Mayor of the said City of *London* for the Time being, or any Alderman of the said City, by Warrant under his Hand and Seal, to levy the same, together with the Costs and Charges incident thereto, by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of the Person or Persons so offending, or of the Barge or other Vessel so overladen, or the Tackle, Apparel, or Furniture thereof, rendering the Overplus (if any), to the Master or Owner of such Vessel; and it shall be lawful for any Lock-Keeper, or other Officer, to be appointed in pursuance of this Act, to detain and stop any such Lighter, Barge, Boat, or other Vessel so overladen, until lightened, so as not to draw more Water than herein-before mentioned, or to cause the same to be unloaded and lightened, and to deposit the Goods taken out in or at such Place of Safety as shall appear to him the nearest and most convenient, and to seize or distrain such Lighter, Barge, Boat, or other Vessel, and the Lading thereof, or any Part of such Lading, until the Charges occasioned by such Detention, Unloading, and Lightening, shall be fully paid.

For allowing Barges, &c. to be deeper laden when the Navigation of the River will permit.

XVIII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That in case the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons of the City of *London*, in Common Council assembled, shall from the State of the Water be of Opinion that Lighters, Barges, and other Vessels navigating the said River *Thames* as aforesaid, may at any Time between the First Day of *May* in any Year and the First Day of *November* in the same Year, both inclusive, without Impediment to the Navigation of the said River, be more deeply laden than they are hereby authorized to be, then and in every such Case the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons shall give Notice by Advertisement in Two or more public Papers circulating in *Oxford* and *Reading*, to what greater Depth, (not exceeding Three Feet and Ten Inches), such Lighters and other Vessels may be laden, and during what Period; and during the Period to be specified in any such Notice, every Lighter, Barge, Boat, or other Vessel may lawfully be navigated as aforesaid, laden to the Depth in such Notice mentioned; any thing herein-before contained to the contrary thereof in anywise notwithstanding.

For restraining Barges, &c. from loading to the greatest Depth specified, when the Navigation of the River would be impeded thereby.

XIX. Provided also, and be it further enacted, That in case the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons of the City of *London*, in Common Council assembled, shall at any Time between the Second Day of *November* in any Year, and the Thirtieth Day of *April* in the succeeding Year, be of Opinion that from the low State of the Water no Lighter, Barge, or other Vessel navigating the said River *Thames* as aforesaid, can, without Impediment to the Navigation of the said River, draw Three Feet Ten Inches of Water, then and in every such Case the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons shall give Notice by Advertisement, in Two or more public Papers circulating in *Oxford* and *Reading*, to what less Depth (not being less than Three Feet Three Inches), such
Lighters

Lighters and other Vessels may lawfully be laden, and during what Period; and during the Period to be specified in any such last-mentioned Notice, every Lighter, Barge, Boat, or other Vessel navigating the said River, which shall be laden so as to draw more Water than is mentioned in such Notice, shall be subject to the same Penalty, to be levied in Manner aforesaid, as if such Overlading was made between the First Day of *May* and the First Day of *November* in any and the same Year, without any Authority for that Purpose, under or in pursuance of this Act; any thing herein-before contained to the contrary thereof in anywise notwithstanding.

XX. And be it further enacted, That if any Owner or Occupier of any Mill or other Works already erected, or that may hereafter be erected, and which shall stand near any of the said Locks, or his or her Servants or Workmen, or any other Person or Persons by his or her Direction or Order, or in his or her Employ, shall at any Time after the completing of any of the said Locks, use or draw down the Water from any such of them as shall be so completed, without the Licence and Consent of the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons, in Common Council assembled, first had and obtained for that Purpose, and such Compensation and Satisfaction obtained being made as may be agreed upon between the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons, in Common Council assembled, and the Owner or Occupier of such Mill or other Works, then and in every such Case every Person so trespassing or offending shall for every such Offence forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Twenty Pounds; and it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons, to destroy, or cause to be destroyed, all and every Communication with the said Locks and the Cuts belonging thereto, or any of them.

For preventing the Water being improperly drawn down at the Mills.

XXI. And be it further enacted, That if any Person or Persons shall knowingly, wilfully, or maliciously demolish, break down, cut, or destroy any of the Works made or to be made in pursuance of the said recited Acts, or any of them, or to be made by virtue of this Act, or any Barge or Vessel lying in any of the said Works, such Person or Persons shall be adjudged guilty of Felony, and the Court by or before whom such Person or Persons shall be tried and convicted, shall have Power and Authority to cause such Person or Persons to be transported, or in Mitigation of such Punishment may award such Sentence as the Law directs in Cases of Petit Larceny.

Persons wilfully damaging the Works or Vessels, made liable to Fine, Imprisonment, or Transportation.

XXII. And be it further enacted, That in case any Person or Persons whomsoever shall wilfully or maliciously cut, break, or in any Manner destroy any Rope or other Thing by which any Barge or other Vessel lying in any of the said Works, or in any Place or Places in the River *Thames*, between *London Bridge* and the City Stone above *Staines Bridge*, shall be moored or fastened, or shall otherwise wilfully obstruct the Workmen, or hinder or damage the Works carrying on for the Improvement of the Navigation, such Person or Persons shall, for every such Offence, forfeit and pay a Sum not exceeding Ten Pounds.

Penalty against destroying Ropes of Vessels.

XXIII. And be it further enacted, That the Master, or Owner or Owners of every Lighter, Barge, Boat, or other Vessel, or of any Raft

Masters and Owners of Vessels, &c.
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answerable
for Damages
done by their
Officers and
Servants.

or Float of Timber, shall be, and is or are hereby made answerable for any Damage, Spoil, or Mischief that shall be done by any such his or her Lighter, Barge, Boat, or other Vessel, or Raft or Float, or any of the Lightermen, Boatmen, Watermen, or others belonging to or employed in or about the same, unto any of the said Locks, Bridges, Dams, Quays, Engines, or other Works, in, upon, or belonging to the same, or any of them, or unto any of the Trenches, Aqueducts, Sluices and Passages to be made as aforesaid, or by loading or unloading any Lighter, Barge, Boat, or other Vessel, or for any Trespass or Damage that shall or may be done to the Owners or Occupiers of any Buildings, Erections, Mills, Dams, Weirs, Lands, or Tenements adjoining or lying near any of the said Works, by leaving open Gates or otherwise, or any other Trespass whatsoever; and such Master, or Owner or Owners of any such Lighter, Barge, Boat, or other Vessel, or Raft or Float, may be sued by Action for the same in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster*; and if a Verdict or Judgment shall be given against him or them, on Proof made, or by Default, or upon Demurrer, the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs in any such Case shall recover his or their Damages thereby sustained, with full Costs of Suit; and in case the Master, or Owner or Owners of any such Lighter, Barge, Boat, or other Vessel, or Raft or Float as aforesaid, shall be compelled to pay any Penalty, or to make Satisfaction for any Damage or Trespass by reason of any wilful Act or Default done or committed by his Servant or Servants, every such Servant or Servants shall be liable to pay such Penalty, or the Money paid for any such Damage or Trespass, to such Master, or Owner or Owners; and in case of Non-payment thereof on Demand, the same shall and may be recovered by such Master, or Owner or Owners, in like Manner as any Penalty is hereby directed to be recovered.

Power to the
Common
Council to
make Bye
Laws, Rules,
Orders, and
Regulations
for the Na-
vigation.

XXIV. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons, in Common Council assembled, from Time to Time, to make, ordain, and establish such Bye Laws, Rules, Orders, and Regulations, for the good Government of all Clerks, Treasurers, Collectors, Engineers, Surveyors, Workmen, Watchmen, Lightermen, Labourers, and others, to be appointed and employed by them the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons, in Common Council assembled, under or by virtue of this Act, and for the better regulating, governing, and managing of the several Works, Matters, Accounts, and Things by this Act authorized and directed to be made, done, and performed by them, as well whilst the same are doing as after they shall be finished and completed, and for the more safe and convenient navigating, placing, mooring, unmooring, and removing of Barges and other Vessels on the River *Thames*, in and near the said Works, and in the said Works, and for the better governing and regulating of all Masters of Vessels, Pilots, Lightermen, and others, within the said Works and their Appurtenances, and for preventing Damage being done to Lighters and Craft, or to any Goods, Wares, or Merchandize, by the issuing of Water from Houses or Buildings, and such other lawful and reasonable Bye Laws, Rules, Orders, and Regulations, as they shall deem necessary and expedient for the due Execution of this Act, so as the same respectively be not contrary to nor inconsistent with this Act, or any of the Regulations

enacted hereby, or by any Act or Acts of Parliament in force at or immediately before the passing of this Act, and not hereby repealed or altered; and also from Time to Time, as they see Occasion, to repeal, annul, add to, amend, and alter such Bye Laws, Rules, Orders and Regulations, or any of them, in such Manner as to them the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons, in Common Council assembled, shall seem meet or requisite, and to affix and appoint reasonable pecuniary Penalties, not exceeding Five Pounds, for the Non-observance, Non-performance, or other Breach of such Bye Laws, Rules, Orders and Regulations, or any of them; and the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons, in Common Council assembled, shall cause the said Bye Laws, Rules, Orders and Regulations, to be printed and distributed in the Port of *London*, Westward of *London Bridge*, and affixed upon or near some public, and conspicuous Parts of the Quays or Wharfs in the said Port, and upon some public and conspicuous Places adjacent to the said Locks respectively; and all such Penalties shall be recovered by Distress and Sale of the Offender's Goods and Chattels, by Warrant under the Hand and Seal or Hands and Seals of any One or more Justice or Justices of the Peace for the County, City, or Place, wherein the Offence shall be committed, or the Offender or Offenders found, rendering the Overplus (if any), on Demand, to the Person or Persons whose Goods or Chattels shall be so distrained, which Penalties shall be applied as herein-after is directed; and if no sufficient Distress can be found, it shall be lawful for any such Justice or Justices of the Peace to commit such Offender or Offenders to any Prison within the Jurisdiction of such Justice or Justices, upon due Proof being made before him or them, on the Oath or Oaths of One or more Person or Persons, of such Offence being committed, there to be kept to hard Labour for any Time not exceeding Thirty Days, or until such Penalty or Penalties shall be sooner paid; provided that no such Bye Law, Rule, Order or Regulation, be repugnant to or inconsistent with the Laws of that Part of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain and Ireland*, or contrary to the Provisions and Directions in this Act contained.

and to amend, alter, and repeal the same;

and to fix Penalties for Non-observance, not exceeding Five Pounds.

Bye Laws to be printed and distributed.

How such Penalties are to be levied.

XXV. And whereas, under and by virtue of the said Act passed in the Seventeenth Year of His present Majesty's Reign, for enabling the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons of the City of *London* to purchase the then present Tolls and Duties payable for navigating upon the River *Thames*, and for laying a small Toll in lieu thereof, the said Mayor and Aldermen and Commons were authorized to take and receive, for all Barges and other Vessels which should be navigated upon the said River, or any Part thereof, between *London Bridge* and the City Stone above *Staines Bridge*, such Tolls or Duties as the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons, in Common Council assembled, should from Time to Time think proper, not exceeding the Tolls and Duties in the said Act particularly mentioned: And whereas, in consideration of the great Charges and Expences which the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons have been, and will be at, in making the said Locks and other Works, it is expedient that such new or other Tolls or Duties as are herein-after mentioned shall henceforth be collected and taken for Barges and other Vessels navigating, and for Horses drawing the same within the said Limits, instead of the Tolls or Duties granted by the said recited Act; be it therefore further enacted, That the several Tolls or Duties in

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and by the said recited Act authorized and directed to be taken, demanded, and received by the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons of the City of *London*, in Common Council assembled, for Barges and other Vessels navigated upon the said River *Thames*, shall, from and after the Thirtieth Day of *June* One thousand eight hundred and ten, cease and be no longer taken, demanded, paid, or payable, save and except such only, or such Part or Parts of the same Tolls or Duties as shall then have already become due, and shall then happen to remain in Arrear and unpaid.

New Tolls.

XXVI. And be it also enacted, That it shall be lawful for the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons of the City of *London*, in Common Council assembled, and they are hereby authorized and empowered, from Time to Time and at all Times from and after the said Thirtieth Day of *June*, to take, demand, recover, and receive, or cause to be taken, demanded, recovered, and received, for all Barges and other Vessels whatsoever, which shall be navigated upon the said River *Thames*, or any Part thereof, between *London Bridge* and the City Stone above *Staines Bridge*, or upon or through any of the said Locks and Works, and for towing or drawing the same with Horses where necessary, such Sum and Sums of Money in the Nature of a Toll or Duty, Tolls or Duties, as the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons, in Common Council assembled, upon due Consideration of the Expences of making, maintaining, and managing the said Locks and other Works, and otherwise improving and completing the said Navigation within the Limits aforesaid, shall from Time to Time think proper, not exceeding the Tolls and Duties herein-after mentioned; that is to say,

For all Barges and other Vessels navigated on the said River, Westward of *London Bridge*, to *Strand on the Green*, *Kew*, or *Brentford*, One Penny *per Ton*; to *Isleworth* or *Richmond*, One Penny Halfpenny *per Ton*; to *Twickenham*, *Ham*, or *Teddington*, Two-pence Halfpenny *per Ton*; to *Kingston*, or *Hampton Wick*, Three-pence *per Ton*; to *Seething Wells*, *Ditton*, *Hampton Court*, *Moulsey*, or *Hampton*, Four-pence *per Ton*; to *Sunbury*, *Walton*, *Hawford*, *Shepperton*, or *Weybridge*, Four-pence Halfpenny *per Ton*; to *Chertsey*, or *Laleham*, Five-pence Halfpenny *per Ton*; to *Staines* and upwards, Sixpence *per Ton*.

And also for every Barge or other Vessel using any of the said Locks herein-before authorized to be made, or navigating upon the said River, so as to go beyond or past any such Lock as last mentioned, without using or passing through the same, the further or additional Toll or Duty of Two-pence *per Ton*, for and in respect of each and every such Lock which such Barge or other Vessel shall make use of, or pass through, or shall by means of the said River go beyond or past without using as aforesaid; and for every Raft or Float of Timber, the same Rates *per Ton* shall be demanded and taken.

How and to whom Tolls shall be paid.

And which said Tolls and Duties shall be payable and paid but once for each and every Voyage, including the Passage upwards and downwards, which such Barges or other Vessels shall respectively make; and any Barge or other Vessel having used, or in Manner aforesaid gone beyond or past any of the Locks last herein-before described, shall not be charged with or liable to the Payment of the said Toll or Duty of Two-pence *per Ton per Lock* a Second Time, or Twice over, in One and the same Voyage,

on account of using or going beyond or past the same Lock or Locks, in returning back to complete such Voyage; and such Barges or other Vessels as shall make an upward or downward Passage only, and shall not return, shall respectively be liable to the Payment of the respective Tolls or Duties hereby granted or made payable, whether such Barges or other Vessels shall be laden or empty; and the said Tolls or Duties shall be paid (whether such Barges or other Vessels shall be laden or empty) according to the Number of Tons which such Barges or other Vessels are capable of bearing when laden as they are hereby authorized to be laden for Navigation during the Two several Periods herein-before mentioned, or the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons may make their Election to receive throughout any One Year, according to the Number of Tons such Barge or other Vessel shall be capable of bearing, when laden so as to draw Three Feet Seven Inches of Water, (being her average Burthen); and for all Barges, Boats, or other Vessels, constructed to draw less than Four Feet Water, according to the Number of Tons which such Barges or other Vessels are capable of bearing when laden within Two Inches of the Top of the Gunwale, or when having but Two Inches of free Board in the shallowest Part of their Sides; but nevertheless in case, in pursuance of any such Notice in the *Oxford* and *Reading* Papers as aforesaid, any Barge or other Vessel shall actually be laden beyond the Number of Tons herein-before authorized during the several Periods aforesaid, every additional Ton shall be paid for after the Rate aforesaid, whether any Election shall have been made to pay for the average Burthen or not; and all such Tolls or Duties shall be paid for each respective Barge or other Vessel, all together or at One Payment, either on the upward or downward Passage, and to such Person or Persons, at any One or more of the Locks hereby authorized to be made, or at such other Place or Places, on or near to the said River *Thames*, in such Manner, and under such Regulations as the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons, in Common Council assembled, shall from Time to Time direct and appoint; and in case of Refusal or Neglect to pay any such Toll or Duty, Tolls or Duties, or any Part or Parts thereof on Demand, to such Person or Persons as aforesaid, then and in every such Case it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons, in Common Council assembled, to sue for the same by Action of Debt, or upon the Case, in the Name of the Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of the City of *London*, in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster*, or the Person or Persons to whom the said Tolls or Duties ought to have been paid, may, and he and they is and are hereby empowered, either at the Time of such Barges or other Vessels passing the Place appointed for receiving such Tolls or Duties, or at any Time afterwards, to seize and detain such Barge or Vessel (whether laden or empty), or Raft or Float of Timber, for or in respect whereof any Toll or Duty, Tolls or Duties ought to be paid, until Payment thereof, together with reasonable Charges for such Seizure and Detention; and if the same shall not be redeemed within Five Days after the taking thereof, the same may be appraised and sold as the Law directs in case of Distress for Rent.

Method of
recovering
Tolls.

XXVII. Provided always, That no Toll or Duty, Tolls or Duties, shall be paid or payable to, or demanded by the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons of the City of *London*, or their Collector or Collectors, by virtue of this Act, for any Boat or Vessel under the Burthen of Three Tons,

Exemptions.

Tons, or for any Pleasure Boat ; any thing in this Act contained to the contrary thereof in anywise notwithstanding.

Owners of
Vessels to
put their
Names on the
Outsides
thereof.

XXVIII. And it is hereby further enacted, That all and every Owner and Owners of any Barge or other Vessel passing on the said River *Thames*, between the Limits aforesaid, or on any of the said Works, shall, at his, her, or their own Expence, cause his, her, or their own Name or Names and Place of Residence, and also the Name of such Barge or other Vessel, to be set in legible painted White Capital Letters, of the Length of Four Inches, and of the Breadth of One Inch at the least, on each of the external Sides of every such Barge or other Vessel, higher than the same shall sink into the Water when full loaded, and cause the same to be renewed or restored so often as the same shall be worn out or defaced in part or in the whole ; and shall also at his or their own Expence cause Three Pieces of Tin or Lead to be affixed on each of the external Sides of every such Barge or other Vessel, One in the Middle of her Length, and the Two others at the Distance of Twelve Feet from the extreme Ends, which Pieces of Tin or Lead shall be Nine Inches in Length and Four Inches in Breadth, placed perpendicularly, the Bottom thereof being Three Feet Three Inches from the Bottom or Chine of such Barge or other Vessel, and shall cause the same to be renewed so often as the same shall be worn out or torn off in part or in the whole ; and shall also permit and suffer every such Barge or other Vessel to be measured and gauged, and marked with the Number of Tons of her Burthen, at the Expence of the Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of the City of *London*, whenever it shall be required by them the Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of the City of *London*, or by such Person or Persons as shall be appointed by them for that Purpose ; and all and every such Owner and Owners as shall refuse or neglect to put upon any such Barge or other Vessel his, her, or their own Name or Names, and also the Name of such Barge or other Vessel, and such Three Pieces of Tin or Lead in Manner aforesaid, or shall alter, deface, erase or destroy any Letter or Figure describing any such Name or Tonnage as aforesaid, or shall pull off or destroy any such Piece of Tin or Lead, or shall navigate, or cause or suffer to be navigated upon the said River, within the Limits aforesaid, or any of the said Locks, any such Barge or other Vessel, not having the Name or Names of the Owner or Owners thereof, and Tonnage, set thereon in legible painted White Capital Letters of the Dimensions aforesaid, higher than the same shall sink into the Water when full loaded, or not having such Three Pieces of Tin or Lead affixed on the external Sides of such Barge or Vessel as aforesaid, or shall refuse to permit to have his, her, or their Barge or other Vessel measured, gauged, or marked as aforesaid, he, she, or they shall, for every such Offence respectively, forfeit and pay to the said Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens, or their Successors or Assigns, any Sum not exceeding Five Pounds ; and all such Penalties and Forfeitures shall and may be levied and recovered in such and the like Manner as any other Penalty or Forfeiture can or may be levied or recovered by virtue of this Act.

Vessels to be
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XXIX. And be it further enacted, That every Master or other Person or Persons having the Charge or Command of any Barge or other Vessel passing on the said River, within the Limits aforesaid, or on any of the said Works, shall, whenever thereto required by any Collector or other Officer

Officer duly authorized to receive the said Tolls or Duties, readily and truly declare to such Collector or other Officer the Name or Names, and Place or Places of Abode of the Owner or Owners of such Barge or other Vessel, and the Place or Places to which such Barge or other Vessel shall then be bound; and if any Person or Persons, having the Charge or Command of any such Barge or other Vessel so passing as aforesaid, shall refuse or neglect to make such Declaration accordingly, or shall make a false Declaration or Assertion of or concerning either the Name or Place of Abode of such Owner or Owners, or the Place or Places to which such Barge or other Vessel shall be bound, then and in every such Case he or they so offending shall, for every such Offence, forfeit and pay treble the Amount of the Toll or Duty, Tolls or Duties, which such Barge or other Vessel shall by Law be liable to the Payment of on account of her then present Voyage, over and besides such proper legal Toll or Duty, Tolls or Duties.

to which they are bound, when required so to do by the Collectors.

XXX. And be it further enacted, That if any Barge or other Vessel passing on the said River *Thames*, within the Limits aforesaid, or on any of the said Works, the Master, or other Person or Persons having the Command or Charge whereof, shall have refused or neglected to pay the said Tolls or Duties to the Collector or other Officer duly authorized to receive the same, or is loaded contrary to the Provisions and Directions in this Act contained, shall be navigated or towed out of the Possession of or away from such Collector or other Officer, or beyond the Place which shall have been duly appointed, or at which such Collector or other Officer shall have ordered that such Barge or other Vessel shall stop, for the Purpose of having the Tolls or Duties to which such Barge or other Vessel shall be then liable ascertained and paid, or on account of her being improperly loaded, then and in every such Case the Owner of every such Barge or other Vessel, and also every Person navigating the same, and also the Owner of any Horse or Horses towing away the same, and also every Person driving such Horse or Horses, shall respectively, for every such Offence, forfeit and pay not exceeding the Sum of Ten Pounds.

Masters, &c. not to take away Vessels from Collectors at Places of taking Tolls, or where ordered to stop till the Tolls be paid.

XXXI. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons, in Common Council assembled, and they are hereby authorized and empowered, to cause any Toll Houses and Toll Gates to be erected, built, and made upon the Lands or Grounds purchased by or belonging to them, or any Part or Parts thereof, for the Purpose of collecting the Tolls and Duties to be made payable in pursuance of this Act.

Power to erect Toll Gates.

XXXII. And it is hereby further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons, in Common Council assembled, at any Time or Times to nominate and appoint such Person or Persons to be Receiver or Receivers, Collector or Collectors of the said Tolls and Duties granted or made payable by this Act, as they shall think fit, and from Time to Time to remove and displace such Receiver and Receivers, Collector and Collectors, and to appoint others, as they shall think proper; and all Persons by this Act liable to pay the said Tolls and Duties, or any of them, are hereby required to pay the same to such Receiver or Receivers, Collector or Collectors as aforesaid; and all such Receivers and Collectors shall respectively pay the same into the Office of the Chamberlain

Mayor, Aldermen, &c. may appoint Receivers or Collectors of Tolls;

who shall pay same into the

Chamberlain's Office, and account to the Court of Aldermen.

Or Refusal to account, &c.

Justices to enquire into the Deficiencies;

and commit the Offenders till Payment or Composition be made.

The Monies to arise by virtue of this Act (other than Monies to be borrowed, and Informers Shares of Penalties) to be vested in the Corporation of London. Application of such Monies.

Common Council empowered to borrow, and to assign the

lain of the said City, and shall also upon Oath, if thereunto required by the said Court of Mayor and Aldermen (which Oath the same Court are hereby empowered to administer), from Time to Time give in a true, exact, and perfect Account in Writing, under their respective Hands, of all Monies which they and every or any of them shall to such Time have received and paid and disbursed by virtue of this Act, or by reason or in consequence of their respective Offices, for which Oath no Fee or Reward shall be taken; and in case any Receiver or Receivers, Collector or Collectors of the said Tolls and Duties, or any of them, shall not make and render, or shall refuse to verify upon Oath any such Account, or to make Payment as aforesaid, then or in any of such Cases it shall be lawful for the Mayor of the said City, or One or more Justice or Justices of the Peace for the said City of *London*, or for the said County of *Middlesex*, or for the said County of *Surrey*, or any other County, City, or Place, as the Case shall happen, and such Mayor, Justice or Justices, upon Complaint to him or them made, is and are hereby authorized and required to make Inquiry concerning such Default, as well by Confession of the Party as by the Testimony of any credible Witness or Witnesses upon Oath (which Oath such Mayor, Justice or Justices, is and are hereby empowered and required to administer without Fee or Reward); and if any such Receiver or Collector shall be convicted of any of the Offences aforesaid, such Mayor, Justice or Justices, shall commit every such Offender to His Majesty's Gaol of *Newgate*, or to the Common Gaol of any County, City, or Place where such Offender shall be apprehended, there to remain without Bail, or Mainprize until he or they shall give or make a true and perfect Account and Payment as aforesaid, or until he or they shall have compounded for the same with the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons of the City of *London*, in Common Council assembled, and paid such Composition in such Manner as they shall appoint; which Composition the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons, in Common Council assembled, are hereby empowered to take and receive, from Time to Time, if they shall so think fit, in full Satisfaction for all Money that shall be then due from such Person or Persons on the said Account: Provided always, that no such Receiver or Collector, who shall be so committed, shall be detained by virtue of this Act for any longer Space of Time than Six Calendar Months.

XXXIII. And be it further enacted, That all the Monies made payable by, or to be recovered or received under or by virtue of this Act (other than besides the Monies to be raised and borrowed on the Credit of the said Tolls or Duties, as herein-after is authorized and directed, and other than and except the Share and Shares of any Informer or Informers, Complainant or Complainants, of and in any Penalty or Penalties, Forfeiture or Forfeitures inflicted or made payable by this Act), shall be, and the same are hereby vested in the said Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of the said City, and shall be applied to and for the Purposes of this Act, and of the said recited Acts of the Fourteenth and Seventeenth Years of the Reign of His present Majesty respectively.

XXXIV. And, forasmuch as the Money to be collected by the Receipt of the Tolls or Duties to be made payable by virtue or in pursuance of this Act will not be sufficient for the Purposes of this Act; be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That it shall be lawful for the Mayor, Aldermen,

Aldermen, and Commons of the City of *London*, in Common Council assembled, and they are hereby empowered, from Time to Time, to borrow and take up at Interest any Sum or Sums of Money not exceeding Forty thousand Pounds, upon the Credit of the Tolls and Duties to be made payable in pursuance of this Act, and by any Writing or Writings under the Common Seal of the City of *London*, to assign the Locks and other Works to be made as aforesaid, and the Tolls and Duties to be made payable by virtue or in pursuance of this Act, or any of them, or any Part or Parts thereof, to any such Person or Persons as shall advance or lend such Money thereon, as a Security or Securities for the Sum or Sums so borrowed, with Interest not exceeding legal Interest for the same, which Interest shall be payable and paid half-yearly by the Chamberlain of the said City for the Time being, out of the Monies to arise by or from the said Tolls or Duties, or any other Money which shall be recovered or received under or by virtue of this Act, and paid into the Office of the said Chamberlain.

Tolls as a Security.

XXXV. Provided always, That no Money shall be borrowed by the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons of the City of *London*, on the Credit of any of the said Tolls or Duties, or Premises as aforesaid, unless Notice be for that Purpose given in the *London Gazette*, and also fixed in Writing under the Hand of such Person or Persons as the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons, or by any Committee to be by them appointed, shall direct, at or upon all the Toll Houses and Toll Gates then erected or made by virtue of this Act, at least Fourteen Days before the borrowing of such Money.

Fourteen Days' Notice to be given of borrowing Money.

XXXVI. And whereas many Persons may choose to advance Money for the Purchase of Annuities, to be secured and payable out of the said Tolls and Duties; be it therefore enacted, That it shall be lawful for any Person or Persons to contribute, advance, and pay into the Office of the Chamberlain of the City of *London*, any Sum or Sums of Money, not exceeding in the whole the Sum of Forty thousand Pounds, for the absolute Purchase of One or more Annuity or Annuities for the natural Life or Lives of such Person or Persons, being of the Age of Forty-five Years or upwards, as shall be nominated by or on Behalf of such Purchaser or Purchasers respectively, at the respective Times of Payment of their respective Purchase Monies, (which Annuity or Annuities shall not exceed the Rate of Ten Pounds *per Centum per Annum*), or for the absolute Purchase of One or more Annuity or Annuities for the natural Life or Lives of such Person or Persons, being of the Age of Sixty Years or upwards, as shall be so nominated; which last mentioned Annuity or Annuities shall not exceed the Rate of Twelve Pounds *per Centum per Annum*; all which Annuities so to be purchased shall be payable and paid by the Chamberlain of the said City for the Time being, out of the Monies to arise by or from the said Tolls or Duties granted and made payable by this Act, by Two Payments in the Year, the first Payment to be made to the respective Purchasers, or their Assigns, at the Expiration of the first Quarter after Payment of their respective Purchase Monies; and that the Rates of such Annuities respectively shall be settled and adjusted by public Sale of such Annuities, by the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons, in Common Council assembled, or by any Committee to be by them appointed, to the best Bidders for the same; and all such Annuities respectively shall be

Annuities may be granted, according to the Age of the Annuitant.

good, valid, and effectual, without any Enrolment or Registry of the Memorials thereof respectively in the High Court of Chancery or elsewhere, except as herein-after mentioned; any Law or Statute to the contrary thereof in anywise notwithstanding.

When Annuityants die, Common Council may grant other Annuities.

XXXVII. Provided also, and it is hereby further enacted, That when and as often as any of the Persons for whose Life or Lives any Annuity or Annuities shall or may be purchased by virtue of or under this Act, shall happen to die, it shall be lawful for the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons of the City of *London*, in Common Council assembled, or any Committee by them to be appointed, to sell and grant One or more Annuity or Annuities for the Life or Lives of any other Nominee or Nominees, upon the Terms aforesaid, so that the whole Amount of Monies paid for the Purchase of such Annuities, then actually existing, do not exceed the Sum of Forty thousand Pounds; any thing hereinbefore contained to the contrary thereof in anywise notwithstanding: Provided always, that the whole Money to be borrowed under or by virtue of this Act, either by Annuities or Loan, shall not exceed the Sum of Forty thousand Pounds.

Clerk of Committee to enter all Securities for Monies borrowed or Annuities granted, &c.

XXXVIII. And it is hereby further enacted, That the Clerk for the Time being of such Committee or Committees as shall be appointed as herein-after is mentioned, shall enter in a Book or Books to be for that Purpose provided and kept by the Clerk of the said Committee or Committees, all Securities for Monies borrowed, or Annuities granted, by virtue or in pursuance of this Act, and all Assignments and 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, and the Sums received upon such Securities, and also the Names, Surnames, Additions, Places of Abode, and other Descriptions of the Persons for whose Lives the said Annuities shall be respectively granted, and the Days whereon the said Annuities respectively shall be payable, to which Book and Books the Person and Persons entitled to or interested in such Annuities shall at all seasonable Times, in the Day Time, have Access, with free Liberty to inspect the same without Fee or Reward; but any Omission of such Clerk in making such Entry as aforesaid shall not invalidate or affect any such Annuity as aforesaid.

Annuities charged on the Tolls.

XXXIX. And be it further enacted, That all and every of the Annuities so to be purchased, under or by virtue of this Act, shall be and are hereby charged upon, and shall be paid and payable, from Time to Time, out of the Tolls and Duties granted or made payable by virtue or in pursuance of this Act; and all and every the Purchaser and Purchasers of such Annuities, duly paying the Consideration or Purchase Money for the same as aforesaid, or such Person or Persons as he, she, or they shall appoint, his, her, or their respective Assignee or Assignees, shall have, receive, and enjoy, and be entitled by virtue of this Act to have, receive, and enjoy the said respective Annuity or Annuities, during the Term of the natural Life or Lives of the Person or Persons to be nominated by each such Purchaser and Purchasers respectively as before mentioned; and that all and every such Purchaser and Purchasers, and their Assigns respectively, shall have good, sure, absolute, and indefeasible Estates and

Interests

Interests in the Annuities so by them respectively purchased, according to the Tenor and true Meaning of this Act.

XL. 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, and their Executors, Administrators, or Assigns, at any Time or Times, by Writing under his, her, or their Hand or Hands respectively, to assign or transfer such Securities by Indorsement thereon, or otherwise, to any Person or Persons whomsoever, and so *toties quoties*; and such Assignments or Transfers, after they shall respectively be entered by the Clerk of the said Committee or Committees in Manner aforesaid, every which Entry the said Clerk shall be paid the Sum of Five Shillings and no more, shall entitle the Person or Persons to whom they shall be respectively made, and his, her, and their respective Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, to the Benefit of the Security or Securities so assigned or transferred.

Securities
may be
transferred.

XLI. And be it further enacted, That the Sum and Sums of Money which shall, from Time to Time, be received and produced from and by the said Tolls and Duties granted or made payable to the said Mayor, and Commonalty and Citizens, and their Successors, by this Act, and also the Sum and Sums of Money which shall be raised and borrowed upon the Credit of the said Tolls and Duties, shall be applied, in the first Place, in paying all the Charges and Expences incident to and incurred in obtaining and passing this Act, and afterwards in paying and discharging the necessary Charges and Expences of designing, laying out, making and completing the said Locks, and other Works and Improvements, which are to be made and done by the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons, in Common Council assembled, in pursuance of this Act.

Application
of the Monies
which shall
be raised and
borrowed by
the Corpora-
tion of Lon-
don on the
Credit of the
Tolls.

XLII. Provided also, and be it enacted, That when and as soon as such Costs, Charges, and Expences, and the Costs, Charges, and Expences of making and erecting the said Locks and other Works, and the Money borrowed or raised on the Credit of the said Tolls, and the Interest thereof, shall have been paid off and discharged; and the said Tolls shall be more than sufficient for maintaining, repairing, and supporting the said Locks and other Works, and for paying the several Annuities granted by virtue of this Act, and the Salaries and other Payments and Allowances to the Clerk or Clerks and other Officers and Persons employed in the Execution of this Act, and for defraying the several other Charges and Expences of carrying the same into Execution, then and in every such Case the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons shall and they are hereby required to reduce the Tolls to such Sums of Money as shall be sufficient for the several Purposes of this Act; and it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons, in Common Council assembled, again to raise such Tolls to any Sums not exceeding the Sums granted by this Act, when and as often as it shall be necessary for the Purposes thereof, and such Tolls, when so reduced or again raised, shall be collected, levied, and recovered in such and the same Manner as the Tolls granted by this Act can or may be collected, levied, and recovered.

Tolls to be
reduced when
more than
sufficient for
the Purposes
of the Act.

The Corporation of London answerable in case of Misapplication of Monies to be received by them.

XLIII. And be it further enacted, That if any of the Monies which by virtue of this Act shall be collected or received by the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons, in Common Council assembled, or by the said Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens, or their Successors, or which shall be so advanced and paid into the Chamber of the City of *London* as herein-before is directed, shall happen to be misapplied or converted to or for any other Uses or Purposes than as aforesaid, by them or any of their Officers, or any other Person or Persons acting under Colour of any Warrant, Power or Authority, by, from, or under them respectively, then and in every such Case the said Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens, and their Successors, shall be answerable for the same out of the Revenue of the said Corporation, in any Action to be brought by any of the Creditors of the said Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens, or of their Successors, or by the Executors, Administrators, or Assigns of any such Creditor or Creditors, and the Sum and Sums of Money so recovered shall be applied to the same Uses as such Monies should or might have been if the same had not been misapplied, except that the Costs of Suit shall be deducted and retained thereout, in the first Place, for the Benefit of him, her, or them so suing.

Chamberlain to keep Account of Receipts and Disbursements.

XLIV. And be it further enacted, That from Time to Time there shall be provided and kept by the Chamberlain of the said City for the Time being, One or more Book or Books, in which, as well all the Monies to be received as and for the said Tolls and Duties granted to the said Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens, and their Successors, by this Act, as also all the Monies which shall be so advanced and paid into the Chamber of the City of *London*, as herein-before is directed; and all other Monies whatsoever to be received by the said Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens, and their Successors, by virtue or in pursuance of this Act, shall from Time to Time, as the same shall be received, or so advanced and paid into the said Chamber, be entered and set down, and wherein also all the Monies to be paid and disbursed out of the Monies so to be received or paid into the said Chamber, shall, from Time to Time, be entered and set down, and such Entries shall express the Times when, the Occasions for which, and the Names of the Persons to whom the same shall be paid.

The Chamberlain of London to lay an Account before Parliament yearly.

XLV. And be it further enacted, That the Chamberlain of the said City of *London* shall yearly, after the said Works shall be begun, lay before each House of Parliament a true Account of the Receipts and Application of all Monies which shall be received by the said Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens, and their Successors, by virtue of this Act.

Common Council empowered to appoint Committees.

XLVI. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons, in Common Council assembled, from Time to Time to appoint One or more Committee or Committees to manage and transact all or any of the Matters or Purposes which they the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons, in Common Council assembled, are hereby authorized and required to do, execute, or perform; which Committee or Committees, so to be appointed, shall have such or so many of the Powers and Authorities by this Act given to the said Mayor, Aldermen and Commons, in Common Council assembled, as they the said

said Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons, in Common Council assembled, shall think fit or proper to delegate to such Committee or Committees.

XLVII. Provided nevertheless, and be it further enacted, That if any Person, being a Member of any such Committee, shall be directly or indirectly interested or concerned in any Contract which shall be made or entered into by or on Behalf of such Committee, for or concerning any of the Works to be performed or done in pursuance of this Act, or for or concerning any Materials to be used or employed therein, every such Contract shall be void; and the Person who, being a Member of such Committee, shall be so interested or concerned, 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, to be recovered in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster*, by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint or Information, to be commenced within Six Calendar Months next after the Offence committed, in which Action or Suit respectively no Protection, Essoign, or Wager of Law, nor more than One Imparlanse shall be allowed.

Persons interested in Contracts not eligible on such Committees.

XLVIII. And be it further enacted, That the Committee or Committees so to be appointed shall, and they are hereby authorized, from Time to Time to employ any fit Person or Persons, whether free of the said City or not, in or about any of the Works, Matters or Things they shall cause to be performed or done by virtue or in pursuance of this Act, and to contract for the doing and Performance of such Works, Matters and Things, or any of them, with any Person or Persons, in such Manner as the said Committee or Committees shall think fit; and that no Person or Persons who shall be so employed or contracted with, in, about or for any of the Purposes of this Act, nor any Person or Persons to be set to work by or under them, or any of them, shall, for any Act done or to be done in or about the Premises, be subject or liable to any Action, Indictment, or Information upon the Statute made in the Fifth Year of Her late Majesty Queen *Elizabeth*, intituled, *An Act containing divers Orders for Artificers, Labourers, Servants of Husbandry and Apprentices*, or be liable to be sued for any Breach of the Custom of *London*, or for any Penalty inflicted by any Bye Law of the said City.

Committees may employ and contract with any fit Persons whether Freemen of London or not.

XLIX. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That previously to the making of any such Contract, Notice shall be given in some of the public Morning Newspapers usually circulated in *London*, that such Committee intend to make such Contract, and that all Persons willing to engage therein may make Proposals to the said Committee at a certain Time and Place in every such Notice to be specified; and all Contracts made or to be made in consequence of such Notice, shall specify the several Works to be done, and the Price or Prices to be paid for the same, and the Time or Times when the said Works are to be completed, together with the Penalties to be incurred in case of the Non-performance thereof; and the same shall be signed by the Clerk for the Time being of such Committee, as also by the Person or Persons contracting to perform such Works respectively, and shall be entered in a Book or Books to be kept for that Purpose by such Committee.

Directions for giving Notice of Contracts.

L. And

Power to the Common Council to appoint Clerks, Treasurers, and other Officers, taking Security,

and to allow them Salaries.

Nothing in this Act contained is to prejudice any Remedy against the Sureties of Officers.

Rights of His Majesty and of the Corporation of London not to be prejudiced.

Lord Mayor empowered, as Conservator of the River Thames, to punish Offences against this Act, or any Bye Laws to be made as aforesaid.

L. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons, in Common Council assembled, or such Committee or Committees as shall be appointed as herein-before is directed; and they are hereby authorized and empowered respectively, from Time to Time, to nominate and appoint such and so many Clerks, Treasurers, Watchmen and other Officers and Servants as they shall find necessary for the Purposes of this Act, taking such Security and Securities for the faithful Execution of their respective Offices as the said Mayor, Aldermen and Commons, in Common Council assembled, shall from Time to Time think fit; and out of the Money to be received by the said Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens, and their Successors, by virtue of this Act, to pay or allow unto the Persons so to be appointed respectively such Salaries, Allowances or Recompences yearly or otherwise, for their Time and Trouble, as to the said Mayor, Aldermen and Commons, in Common Council assembled, shall seem meet and reasonable, and from Time to Time to remove or suspend them, or any of them, and appoint others in their or his Stead, or in the Room of such as shall die or become incapable of performing their respective Offices.

LI. And be it further enacted, That nothing herein contained shall extend or be construed to extend to deprive the said Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens, or their Successors, of any Action or Actions, Suit or Suits, against the Surety or Sureties of any Collector or other Person or Persons whomsoever, to be appointed in Execution of this Act, for the Non-performance of any Covenant or Agreement entered into by such Collector or other Person or Persons to be appointed as aforesaid, or his or their Surety or Sureties, touching any thing to be done under or in pursuance of this Act.

LII. Provided also, and be it hereby enacted and declared, That nothing in this Act contained shall extend or be construed to extend to prejudice or derogate from the Estates, Rights, Interests, Privileges, Franchises, or Authority of the King's Majesty, His Heirs or Successors, or of the Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of the City of *London*, or their Successors, or the Lord Mayor of the said City for the Time being, or to prohibit, defeat, alter or diminish any Power, Authority or Jurisdiction, which at the Time of making this Act His Majesty, or the Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of the City of *London*, or the Lord Mayor of the said City for the Time being, as Conservator of the River of *Thames* and Waters of *Medway*, did or might lawfully claim, use or exercise; and further, that it shall be lawful for the Lord Mayor of the said City for the Time being, in like Manner as he hath used to do in other Cases, to enquire of, hear and determine, by Presentment or Indictment taken before him as Conservator of the said River and Waters, all Offences contrary to this Act, or such Bye Laws, Rules, Orders and Regulations as shall be made as aforesaid, and upon Conviction of the Offender or Offenders, to impose a Penalty or Penalties on him, her, or them, not exceeding the Penalty or Penalties hereby inflicted, or which shall be inflicted in and by the said Bye Laws, Rules, Orders and Regulations, for such Offence or Offences; but no Person shall be punished Twice for one and the same Offence.

LIII. Provided also, and be it enacted, That for the more effectual Execution of the Laws for the better Protection and Preservation of the Fishery of the River *Thames*, the said intended Locks and other Works shall, as far as respects the Fishery, be deemed and taken to be Parts of the River *Thames*, and be at all Times subject to all the Laws for the better Protection and Preservation of the Fishery, as if the same actually were Parts of the said River, and as such, within the Jurisdiction of the Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of the City of *London*, or their Successors, or the Lord Mayor of the said City for the Time being; and that no Right or Rights of Fishery shall be exercised in the said Works, but subject to such Laws for the Protection of the Fishery.

For preserv^{ing} the Rights of Fishery to the Corpora^{tion} of *London*.

LIV. Provided also, and be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for any Justice or Justices of the Peace, by whom any Judgement, Sentence, or Determination shall be given, pronounced, or made, concerning any Offence or Offences against this Act, from Time to Time, where he or they shall see Cause, to mitigate, compound, or lessen any of the Penalties or Forfeitures by this Act inflicted for the same Offence or Offences, as he or they in his or their Discretion shall think fit, so as such Mitigation or Composition do not extend to remit above One Moiety of any Penalty or Forfeiture inflicted and directed to be levied by this Act; and that every such Mitigation or Composition shall be a sufficient Discharge to the Person or Persons offending respectively, for so much of the Penalty or Forfeiture, Penalties or Forfeitures, as shall be so remitted.

Power to mitigate Penalties and Forfeitures.

LV. And be it further enacted, That if any Person or Persons shall think himself, herself, or themselves aggrieved by the Judgment of any Justice or Justices of the Peace, by reason of any Sentence or Judgment to be given or pronounced by him or them in the Execution of this Act, or of any Bye Law, Rule, or Regulation made in pursuance of this Act, or by any other Matter or Thing done by virtue of this Act, such Person or Persons shall and may complain or appeal to the Justices of the Peace assembled at the next General or Quarter Sessions of the Peace to be holden in and for the County, City, or Place wherein the Cause of Complaint shall have arisen, first giving Twenty-one Days Notice of such Complaint or Appeal, and of the Matter thereof, to the Person or Persons against whom such Complaint is intended to be made; which Justices so assembled are hereby empowered to summon and examine Witnesses upon Oath, and finally to hear and determine the Matter of every such Complaint or Appeal, and in case of Conviction to issue a Warrant or Warrants for levying and enforcing, by the Ways and Means herein mentioned, Payment of the Penalties and Forfeitures which shall be inflicted in Execution of this Act, upon the Person or Persons so convicted, together with such Costs and Charges to the Party in whose Favour such Appeal shall be determined, as the Justices in their said Sessions shall order and direct; and the Determination, Order, and Judgement of such Justices shall in every such Case be final and conclusive to all Parties, and shall not be removed or removable by any Writ or Writs of *Certiorari*, or otherwise, into any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster* or elsewhere.

Parties aggrieved may appeal to the Quarter Sessions.

LVI. And be it hereby further enacted, That all Penalties and Forfeitures by this Act inflicted or authorized to be imposed (the Manner of levying and recovering whereof is not hereby otherwise particularly directed),

Penalties and Forfeitures, how to be recovered.

rected), shall upon Conviction be levied and recovered by Distress and Sale of the Offender's Goods and Chattels, by Warrant or Warrants under the Hand and Seal or Hands and Seals of any One or more Justice or Justices of the Peace for the County, City, or Place where the Offence shall be committed, or the Offender or Offenders found; which Warrant or Warrants such Justice or Justices is or are hereby empowered and required to grant upon the Confession of the Party or Parties, or upon Information of any One or more credible Witness or Witnesses upon Oath, and which Oath such Justice or Justices is and are hereby empowered and required to administer without Fee or Reward; and such Penalties and Forfeitures when recovered (after rendering the Overplus, if any, upon Demand, to the Party or Parties whose Goods and Chattels shall be distrained and sold, the Charges of such Distress and Sale being first deducted), shall be paid and disposed of as herein-after directed, if not herein-before otherwise directed to be paid and applied; and in case sufficient Distress shall not be found, then it shall be lawful for such Justice or Justices to commit the Offender or Offenders to any Prison within his or their Jurisdiction, without Bail or Mainprize, for any Space of Time not exceeding Six Calendar Months, or until Payment of the respective Penalty or Forfeiture, Penalties or Forfeitures, shall be sooner made.

LVII. And for the more easy Conviction of Offenders against this Act, be it further enacted, That any Justice or Justices of the Peace, before whom any Person or Persons shall be convicted of any Offence or Offences against this Act, may cause the Conviction to be drawn up in the following Form, or to the like Effect.

‘ **B**E it remembered, That on the _____ Day of _____
 ‘ _____ in the Year of our Lord _____
 ‘ *A. B.* is convicted before _____ of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace
 ‘ for the _____ by virtue of an Act made in the Fiftieth
 ‘ Year of the Reign of King *George* the Third, intituled [*here set forth the*
 ‘ *Title of this Act*] of having [*here specify the Offence*]. Given under our
 ‘ Hands and Seals [*or my Hand and Seal*] the Day and Year first afore-
 ‘ said.’

Distress not
to be deemed
unlawful for
Want of
Form.

LVIII. 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, Default, or Want of Form in any Proceeding relating thereto, nor shall the Party or Parties be deemed a Trespasser or Trespassers, *ab initio*, on account of any Irregularity which shall be afterwards done by the Party or Parties distraining; but the Person or Persons aggrieved by such Irregularity may recover full Satisfaction for Special Damage by Action on the Case.

Proceedings
not to be
quashed for
Want of
Form.

LIX. And be it further enacted, That no Proceedings to be had touching the Conviction of any Offender or Offenders against this Act, or any Order to be made, or any other Matter or Thing to be done or transacted in or relating to the Execution of this Act, shall be vacated or quashed for Want of Form only, or be removed or removable by *Certiorari*, or any other Writ or Process whatsoever, into any of His Majesty's Courts of

Record at *Westminster*; any Law or Statute to the contrary notwithstanding.

LX. And be it further enacted, That all Penalties and Forfeitures to be incurred, inflicted, or paid, or levied, for any Offence or Offences which shall be committed against this Act, or contrary to or in breach of any of the Bye Laws, Rules, Orders, and Regulations to be hereafter made as aforesaid, under the Authority of this Act, shall, when not hereby otherwise directed to be paid and applied, be paid and disposed of, One Moiety to the Informer, and the other Moiety into the Receipt of the Chamber of the City of *London*, to be applied in the same Manner as the Monies to arise from the Tolls and Duties hereby made payable to the Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of the City of *London*, and their Successors, are hereby directed to be applied, and in aid thereof.

Application
of Penalties
and Forfeitures.

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

Punishment
for giving
false Evi-
dence, or
swearing
falsely.

LXII. And be it further enacted, That no Action or Suit shall be commenced against any Person or Persons for any thing done in pursuance or under colour of this Act, until Twenty-one Days' Notice shall be thereof given in Writing to him, her, or them, or after sufficient Satisfaction or Tender thereof hath been made to the Party or Parties aggrieved, or after Three Calendar Months next ensuing the Time when the Act or Thing shall have been done for which such Action or Actions, Suit or Suits, shall be so brought; and every such Action shall be brought, laid, and tried in the City or County where the Cause of Action shall arise, and not elsewhere; and the Defendant or Defendants in such Actions or Suits, and every of them, 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 appear that such Action or Suit was brought before Twenty-one Days' Notice given as aforesaid, or that a sufficient Satisfaction was made or tendered as before mentioned, or if any such Action or Suit shall not be commenced within the Time herein-before for that Purpose limited, or shall be laid in any other County or Place than as aforesaid, then the Jury or Juries shall find for the Defendant or Defendants therein; and if the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs in such Action or Actions, Suit or Suits, shall become nonsuited, or suffer a Discontinuance thereof, or if Judgement shall be given for the Defendant or Defendants therein, then, and in any of the Cases aforesaid, such Defendant or Defendants shall have Treble Costs, and shall have such Remedy for recovering the same as any Defendant or Defendants hath or have for Costs in other Cases by Law.

As to Actions
brought for
any thing
done in pur-
suance of this
Act,

General Issue
may be
pleaded.

Treble Costs.

LXIII. And

Public Act.

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

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