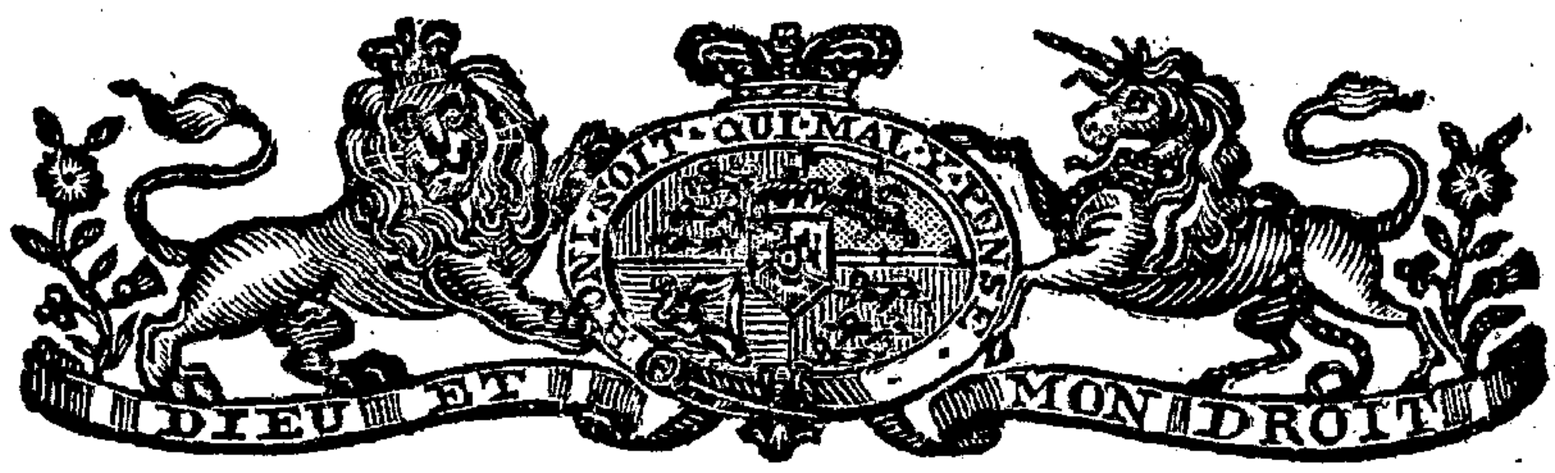

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GEORGII III. REGIS.

Cap. 72.

An Act for enlarging the Term and Powers of an Act of His present Majesty, for repairing the Road from *Bromham Bridge*, in the County of *Bedford*, to *Olney*, and other Places, in the County of *Bucks*.

[14th *May* 1811.]

WHEREAS an Act was passed in the Thirtieth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled, *An Act for amending, widening, and keeping in Repair, the Road from the East End of* Bromham Bridge, *in the County of* Bedford, *to the Turnpike Road leading from* Wellingborough *to* Olney, *in the County of* Bucks; *and also the Road from the said Turnpike Road, at or near the South End of the Town of* Olney *aforesaid, to the Turnpike Road leading from* Northampton *to* Newport Pagnell *in the same County:* And whereas the Trustees appointed to put the said Act into Execution, have made a considerable Progress in the Repair and Improvement of the said Roads, and for that Purpose have borrowed several Sums of Money upon the Credit of the Tolls thereby granted, which now remain due; but that such Tolls are insufficient for the proper Maintenance and Repair of the said Roads, and for the Payment of the Money so due and owing, with the Interest thereof; and it is therefore necessary that the Term and Powers of the said Act should be continued and enlarged, and additional Tolls granted: May it therefore please Your Majesty that it may be enacted; and be it enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That the said recited Act, and all the

30 G. 3. c. 114.

Former Act continued.

the Clauſes, Powers, Proviſions, Matters, and Things therein contained, (except ſuch Parts thereof as relate to Exemptions from Stamp Duties, and alſo ſuch as are hereby varied or altered), ſhall be and continue in full Force and Effect, and ſhall be executed for and during the Term hereinafter mentioned, as fully and effectually, to all Intents and Purpoſes, as if the ſame were repeated and re-enacted in the Body of this Act, but ſubject nevertheleſs to the Alterations and Amendments herein contained, and the Term and Powers hereby granted, ſhall be, and are hereby declared to be, ſubject and liable to the Payment of all Sums of Money now due and owing on the Credit of the ſaid recited Act, and of ſuch other Sums of Money as ſhall hereafter be borrowed upon the Credit thereof, and of this Act, and of all Intereſt due and to grow due thereon reſpectively.

Additional Truſtees appointed.

II. And be it further enacted, That from and after the paſſing of this Act, Lord Viſcount *Althorpe*, *William Lee Antonie* M. P., *Thomas Alſton*, *Juſtinian Alſton*, *Rowland Alſton*, *Vere John Alſton*, the Moſt Noble *John* Duke of *Bedford*, *Joſeph Barnard*, *Thomas Barnard*, *Edward Bouverie*, Honourable and Reverend *Archibald Hamilton Cathcart* Clerk, *William Ralph Cartwright* M. P., *John Cooke*, *Daniel Coles*, Reverend *Thomas Fry* Clerk, Lord *Charles Fitzroy* M. P., *Farrer Grove Spurgeon Farrer*, *John Green*, *George Gunning* M. P., *Francis Green*, *Miller Golding*, *Robert Garſtin*, *John Gibbard*, Lord Viſcount *Hampden*, *William Hanbury* M.P., *Iſaac Henley Handſcombe*, *Thomas Hale*, *William Harden*, *John James*, *Thomas Kitelee*, *Joſeph Kitelee*, *Richard Kitelee*, Reverend *John Seagrave* Clerk, *Thomas Lovell*, *Manſel Dawkin Manſel*, *Archibald Morton*, *Peregrine Naſh*, *Richard Orlebar*, *Joſeph Foſter Palmer*, *James Backwell Praed*, *William Tyringham Praed*, *Charles Pinfold*, *John Pickering*, *Theed Pearſe*, *William Fiſh Palmer*, *Charles Fytch Palmer*, the Right Honourable *Spencer Perceval*, the Reverend *Legh Richmond* Clerk, *John Rogers*, *Benjamin Rogers*, the Reverend *George Rooke* Clerk, *Archibald Rodick*, *William Swannell*, *Chriſtopher Smith*, *William Tyler Smith*, *Charles Smith*, *George Smith*, *Charles Smith* junior, *Thomas Scriven*, the Reverend *Chriſtopher Stephenſon* Clerk, the Moſt Noble the Marquis of *Taviſtock*, the Reverend *William Talbot* Clerk, *Richard Townſend*, *William Wootton*, *Robert Whitworth*, *Philip Hoddle Ward*, Sir *William Wake* Baronet, *Charles Wagſtaff*, *William Watkins*, *George Wagſtaff*, *William Wilſon*, *Ralph Wilſon*, *Chriſtopher Yeates* M.D., ſhall be added to and joined with the Truſtees appointed in and by virtue of the ſaid recited Act for putting the ſame and this Act into Execution, and the Truſtees hereby nominated and appointed, and their Succeſſors reſpectively, (being qualified according to the Directions of the ſaid firſt-recited Act), are hereby empowered to act in the Execution of the ſaid recited Act and this Act, as fully and effectually, to all Intents and Purpoſes, as if they had been nominated and appointed Truſtees in and by the ſaid recited Act.

For altering the Times of Meeting.

III. And whereas it is by the ſaid recited Act enacted, that the ſaid Truſtees ſhall hold One Annual Meeting upon the *Thurſday* in *Eaſter* Week in every Year, to be called the General Annual Meeting, at which Meetings the Accounts are to be audited, and certain other Matters proceeded upon, which Limitation, as to the Time of holding ſuch Meetings, has been attended with Inconvenience; be it therefore further enacted, That from and after the paſſing of this Act, it ſhall be lawful for the ſaid

Truſtees, or any Five or more of them, on giving Ten Days previous Notice in Writing, to be affixed upon each of the Turnpikes upon the ſaid Road, and alſo by Advertiſement, to be inſerted in ſome Newſpaper publiſhed or circulated in the ſaid Counties of *Bedford* and *Bucks*, to hold their Meetings for any of the Purpoſes of the ſaid recited Act or this Act, at any other Time or Times in the Year which they ſhall think proper; any Thing in the ſaid recited Act contained to the contrary thereof notwithſtanding.

Meetings on Emergencies.

IV. And be it further enacted, That if after any Adjournment of the ſaid Truſtees it ſhall be thought neceſſary that they ſhould meet at an earlier Time than the Day appointed by ſuch Adjournment, in that Caſe the Clerk to the ſaid Truſtees, upon an Order in Writing ſigned by Five or more of them, mentioning the Time, Place, and Purpoſe of ſuch Meeting, ſhall forthwith give Notice thereof in the Manner before directed, and of the Time and Place which ſhall be mentioned in ſuch Order, (ſuch Time not being leſs than Seven Days after ſuch Notice), and ſuch earlier Meeting ſhall and may be held for the Purpoſe only for which ſuch Meeting ſhall have been called; and all Proceedings of the Truſtees at ſuch Meetings ſhall be as valid and effectual as they would have been in caſe ſuch Meetings had been held in purſuance of Adjournments.

Truſtees not to be required to repair or take Toll upon a certain Part of the Road.

V. And be it further enacted, That nothing herein contained ſhall extend or be conſtrued to extend to authorize, empower, or require the ſaid Truſtees to amend, widen, or keep in Repair, ſo much or ſuch Part of the Roads aforeſaid as leads or extends from the Eaſt End of the ſaid Bridge, called *Bromham Bridge*, to the South End of a certain Road or Lane in the Pariſh of *Bromham* aforeſaid, near *Bromham Grange*, called *Peacock's Lane*, or to raiſe or keep in Repair any of the Arches, Drains, Cauſeways, or Embankments on the aforeſaid Road, or to authorize ſuch Truſtees to continue the preſent Toll Gate at *Bromham* aforeſaid, or to ſet up or erect, or to cauſe to be ſet up or erected, any Toll Gate, Turnpike, or Toll Houſe, in, upon, or acroſs any Part of the ſaid Road ſo leading or extending from the Eaſt End of *Bromham Bridge* aforeſaid, to the Eaſt End of *Peacock's Lane* aforeſaid, ſo as to ſubject any Perſon or Perſons from and after the Thirteenth Day of *May* next, to the Payment of any Toll or Duty for any Horſe or other Cattle or Carriage paſſing or repaſſing along the ſame; any Thing in the ſaid recited Act to the contrary thereof in anywiſe notwithſtanding.

Truſtees to erect a Turnpike Gate.

VI. And be it further enacted, That it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the ſaid Truſtees, and they are hereby authorized and empowered to ſet up and erect One Toll Gate or Turnpike and Toll Houſe, in, upon, or acroſs the South End of the ſaid Lane called *Peacock's Lane*.

Truſtees may remove Collectors for Miſconduct, and take Poſſeſſion of Toll Houſes.

VII. And be it further enacted, That when and as often as any Collector or Receiver of the Tolls ſhall neglect or be incapable of performing his Duty, or ſhall abſcond or abſent himſelf, any Five or more of the ſaid Truſtees, though not aſſembled at a Meeting of the ſaid Truſtees appointed by virtue of this Act, ſhall and may lawfully diſcharge ſuch Collector or Receiver, ſo neglecting or being incapable of performing his Duty, or abſconding or abſenting himſelf; and in ſuch caſe, and alſo in caſe any

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ſuch Collector or Receiver ſhall die, ſuch Truſtees ſhall and may nominate and appoint a proper Perſon to be Collector or Receiver of the ſaid Tolls, to continue until the next Meeting of the Truſtees, in the Stead of ſuch Collector or Receiver as ſhall die or be diſcharged; and ſuch Perſon, ſo nominated and appointed, ſhall have the like Power and Authority, and be anſwerable and accountable in the ſame Manner in all Reſpects, as the Perſon who ſhall ſo die or be diſcharged would have had or would have been ſubject to; and that if any Collector or Receiver of the ſaid Tolls, who ſhall be diſcharged from his Office by virtue of this Act, or the Wife or Widow, or any of the Children, Family, or other Repreſentative or Repreſentatives of any Collector or Receiver who ſhall die or be diſcharged, or any other Perſon, ſhall refuſe to deliver up the Poſſeſſion of any Toll Houſe or Building erected on the ſaid Roads, for the Space of Three Days after Demand thereof made, and Notice in Writing given for that Purpoſe by any Five or more of the ſaid Truſtees, although not aſſembled at a Meeting, or by their Clerk or Clerks, or Treaſurer or Treaſurers, for the Time being, then and in any of the ſaid Caſes, it ſhall and may be lawful for any Juſtice or Juſtices of the Peace for the County in which ſuch Toll Houſe, Building, and Appurtenances, ſhall be ſituated, by Warrant under his or their Hand and Seal, or Hands and Seals, to order any Conſtable or other Peace Officer, with ſuch Aſſiſtance as ſhall be neceſſary, to enter ſuch Houſe or Building in the Day-time, and to remove the Perſon or Perſons who ſhall be found therein, together with his, her, or their Goods, out of the ſame, and to put the ſaid Truſtees, or any Three or more of them, or ſuch new appointed Collector or Receiver, into the Poſſeſſion thereof.

Truſtees may take Poſſeſſion of Toll Houſes in other Caſes.

VIII. And be it further enacted, That in caſe the Tolls ariſing from all or any of the Toll Gates to be continued or erected on the ſaid Road, ſhall, at any Time or Times during the Continuance of this Act, be demiſed or let to Farm to any Perſon or Perſons whomſoever, and the Leſſee or Leſſees, Farmer or Farmers thereof, ſhall neglect or refuſe to perform the Terms and Conditions on which the ſame ſhall be ſo demiſed or let; or in caſe the Rent or Rents agreed to be paid by ſuch Leſſee or Leſſees, Farmer or Farmers, ſhall be in Arrear by the Space of Seven Days next after any of the Days on which the ſame ought to be paid purſuant to the Agreement for letting the ſame, then and in either of thoſe Caſes the ſaid Truſtees, or any Three or more of them, or their Clerk, Treaſurer, or Surveyor, or other Perſon authorized by Writing under the Hands of any Three or more of them, ſhall be at Liberty and they are hereby authorized to enter into and take Poſſeſſion of the Toll Houſe or Toll Houſes, with the Buildings, Gates, and Appurtenances thereto belonging, ſo let as aforeſaid, and to remove and put out ſuch Leſſee or Leſſees, Farmer or Farmers, from the Poſſeſſion thereof, and from the Collection of the Tolls there payable; and that thereupon it ſhall be lawful for the ſaid Truſtees, or any Five or more of them, (if they ſhall think fit,) to vacate and determine the Contract or Agreement for leaſing or letting the ſaid Tolls to ſuch Leſſee or Leſſees, Farmer or Farmers, and the ſame ſhall be utterly void to all Intents and Purpoſes, (ſave as to the Covenants or Agreements for Payment of the Rent or Rents thereby reſerved), as if ſuch Demiſe or Agreement had never been made; and it ſhall and may be lawful for the ſaid Truſtees, or any Five or more of them, in every ſuch Caſe to demiſe

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or let to Farm the said Tolls again to any Person or Persons, or cause them to be taken and collected, as if no former Contract or Agreement had been entered into relative thereto.

IX. And whereas it is by the said recited Act enacted, that no Person or Persons shall be subject to the Payment of more than Two full Tolls for the same Horse, Cattle, or Carriage, passing and repassing in the same Day, (to be computed from Twelve of the Clock at Night to Twelve of the Clock in the succeeding Night), through all the Turnpikes to be continued or erected by virtue of the said recited Act or this Act; nor more than One full Toll for the same Horse, Cattle, or Carriage, passing or repassing in the same Day (to be computed as aforesaid) through any Two of such Turnpikes: And whereas it is necessary that further Tolls should be collected for enabling the Trustees to maintain the said Roads, and to pay the Principal and Interest due upon the Credit of the said recited Act and this Act; be it therefore enacted, That from and after the Thirteenth Day of *May* next, the several Tolls in the said recited Act mentioned, shall be demanded and taken at all the respective Turnpikes to be continued or erected upon the said Roads, for the same Horse, Cattle, or Carriage, passing and repassing in the same Day (to be computed as aforesaid), through each and every of such respective Turnpikes, any Thing in the said recited Act contained to the contrary thereof notwithstanding: Provided always, that no more than Three full Tolls shall be taken for passing or repassing upon the said Roads in any One Day. Trustees to take Toll at all the Turnpikes upon the Road.

X. And be it further enacted, That no Toll shall be demanded or taken for any Horse, Cattle, Beast, or Carriage, employed in carrying or conveying, or going to carry or convey, or returning from carrying or conveying, having been employed only in carrying or conveying on the same Day, any Stones, Bricks, Timber, Wood, Gravel, or other Materials for repairing of the said Roads, or any of the Roads in the Townships or Parishes in which any Part of the said Roads lie; or any Hay, Turnips, Straw, or Corn in the Straw only, not sold or disposed of, but passing to be laid up or placed in the Barns, Outhouses, or Yards of the Owners thereof; or of carrying or conveying any Mould or Lime for manuring Land; or for any Horse, Cattle, or Beast, employed in carrying or conveying, or going empty to carry or convey, or returning empty from carrying or conveying, having been employed only in carrying or conveying any Ploughs, Harrows, or Implements of Husbandry, Corn for feeding the Ground, or any Dung, Compost, or Manure, employed in Husbandry for manuring or improving Lands, or for any other Thing employed in the Management of any Farm or Lands; nor for any Horses or Cattle going to or returning from Pasture or Watering Places, or going to be or returning from being shoed or farried; or from any Person going to or returning from his or her proper Parochial Church, Chapel, or other Place of Religious Worship authorized by Law, on a *Sunday*, or upon any other Day on which Divine Service is ordered by Authority to be celebrated, or attending the Funeral of any Person that shall die and be buried in any of the said Townships or Parishes, or from any Clergyman going to or returning from visiting any sick Person, or going to or returning from his Parochial or Ministerial Duty on a *Sunday*, or on any other Day on which Divine Service is ordered by Authority to be celebrated; Exemptions.

brated; or for any Horſe, Cattle, or Carriage of whatever Deſcription, employed or to be employed in conveying the Mails of Letters and Expreſſes under the Authority of His Majeſty's Poſtmaſter General, either when employed in conveying, fetching, or guarding ſuch Mails or Expreſſes, or in returning back from conveying the ſame; or for any Horſe, Cattle, or Beaſt, attending any Soldiers upon their March or on Duty, or drawing any Carriage attending them with their Arms or Baggage; nor for any Waggon, Wain, Cart, or other Carriage whatſoever, or the Horſe or Horſes or other Cattle drawing the ſame, which ſhall be employed in conveying any Ordnance, Barrack or Commiſſariat, or other publick Stores, of or belonging to His Majeſty, or for the Uſe of His Majeſty's Forces; or for any Horſe, Cart, Cattle, or Beaſt, employed in the Conveyance of Vagrants ſent by legal Paſſes, or returning therefrom; or for any Horſe, Cattle, or Beaſt, carrying or conveying any Perſon or Perſons going to or returning from any Election of a Knight or Knights of the Shire, to ſerve in Parliament for the Counties of *Bedford* and *Buckingham*, on the Day or Days of ſuch Election, or on the Day before or Day after ſuch Election ſhall begin or be concluded; and that no Tolls ſhall be demanded or taken for any Horſe, Mare, or Gelding, furniſhed by or for any Perſons belonging to any Corps of Yeomanry or Volunteer Cavalry, and rode by them in going to or returning from the Place appointed for and on the Days of Exerciſe, provided that ſuch Perſons ſhall be dreſſed in the Uniform of their reſpective Corps, and have their Arms, Furniture, and Accoutrements, according to the Regulations provided for ſuch Corps reſpectively, at the Time of claiming ſuch Exemption as aforeſaid; and if any Perſon or Perſons ſhall in any fraudulent or colluſive Manner whatſoever claim and take the Benefit of any of the Exemptions by this Act granted, not being entitled to the ſame, every ſuch Perſon ſhall forfeit for every ſuch Offence the Sum of Five Pounds, One Moiety whereof ſhall go to the Informer, and the other Moiety ſhall be applied for the Purpoſes of this Act.

Carriages conveying Military Stores, not to be ſubject to Penalties for Overweight, &c.

XI. And be it further enacted, That no Perſon owning or driving, or cauſing to be driven, any Waggon, Wain, Cart, or other Carriage, provided for the Service of His Majeſty's Forces, or conveying any Ordnance, Barrack or Commiſſariat, or other publick Stores of or belonging to His Majeſty, or for the Uſe of His Majeſty's Forces, ſhall be ſubject to any Penalty or Forfeiture for Overweight, nor ſhall any ſuch Waggon, Wain, Cart, or other Carriage, be ſtopped or detained by reaſon of any Weight in ſuch Waggon, Wain, Cart, or other Carriage, or of being drawn by any Number of Horſes or Oxen, but it ſhall be lawful for any Owner or Driver of any ſuch Waggon, Wain, Cart, or other Carriage, to put any Number of Horſes or Oxen to ſuch Waggon, Wain, Cart, or other Carriage; any Thing in any Act or Acts of Parliament relating to Highways or Turnpike Roads, or in this or the ſaid recited Act contained, to the contrary notwithſtanding.

Application of Money if equal to 200l.

XII. And be it further enacted, That if any Money ſhall be agreed or awarded to be paid for any Lands, Tenements or Hereditaments, purchaſed, taken or uſed, by virtue of the Powers of the ſaid recited Act or this Act, for the Purpoſes thereof, which ſhall belong to any Corporation, Feme Covert, Infant, Lunatic, or Perſon or Perſons under any Diſability

ability or Incapacity as in the ſaid recited Act particularly mentioned, ſuch Money ſhall in caſe the ſame ſhall amount to or exceed the Sum of Two hundred Pounds, with all convenient Speed be paid into the Bank of *England*, in the Name and with the Privity of the Accountant General of the High Court of Chancery, to be placed to his Account *ex parte* the Truſtees for executing the ſaid recited Act or this Act, to the Intent that ſuch Money ſhall be applied, under the Direction and with the Approbation of the ſaid Court, to be ſignified by an Order made upon a Petition to be preferred in a ſummary Way by the Perſon or Perſons who would have been entitled to the Rents and Profits of the ſaid Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, in the Purchaſe of the Land Tax, or towards the Diſcharge of any Debt or Debts, or other Incumbrances, or Part thereof, as the ſaid Court ſhall authorize to be paid, affecting the ſame Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, or affecting other Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, ſtanding ſettled therewith to the ſame or the like Uſes, Truſts, Intents, or Purpoſes, or where ſuch Money ſhall not be ſo applied, then the ſame ſhall be laid out and inveſted, under the like Direction and Approbation of the ſaid Court, in the Purchaſe of other Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, which ſhall be conveyed and ſettled to, for, and upon ſuch and the like Uſes, Truſts, Intents and Purpoſes, and in the ſame Manner as the Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, which ſhall be ſo purchaſed, taken, or uſed as aforeſaid ſtood ſettled or limited, or ſuch of them as at the Time of making ſuch Conveyance or Settlement ſhall be exiſting undetermined and capable of taking Effect; and in the mean Time, and until ſuch Purchaſe ſhall be made, the ſaid Money ſhall, by Order of the ſaid Court of Chancery, upon Application thereunto, be inveſted by the ſaid Accountant General in his Name, in the Purchaſe of Three Pounds *per Centum* Conſolidated or Three Pounds *per Centum* Reduced Bank Annuities; and in the mean Time, and until the ſaid Bank Annuities ſhall be ordered by the ſaid Court to be ſold for the Purpoſes aforeſaid, the Dividends and annual Produce of the ſaid Conſolidated or Reduced Bank Annuities ſhall from Time to Time be paid by Order of the ſaid Court, to the Perſon or Perſons who would for the Time being have been entitled to the Rents and Profits of the ſaid Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, by the ſaid recited Act or this Act directed to be purchaſed, in caſe ſuch Purchaſe or Settlement were made.

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

XIII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That if any Money ſo agreed or awarded to be paid for any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, purchaſed, taken, or uſed for the Purpoſes aforeſaid, and belonging to any Corporation, or to any Perſon or Perſons under Diſability or Incapacity as aforeſaid, ſhall be leſs than the Sum of Two hundred Pounds, and ſhall amount to or exceed the Sum of Twenty Pounds, then and in all ſuch Caſes the ſame ſhall, at the Option of the Perſon or Perſons for the Time being entitled to the Rents and Profits of the Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments ſo purchaſed, taken, or uſed, or of his, her, or their Guardian or Guardians, Committee or Committees, in caſe of Infancy or Lunacy, to be ſignified in Writing under their reſpective Hands, be paid into the Bank in the Name and with the Privity of the ſaid Accountant General of the High Court of Chancery, to be placed to his Account as aforeſaid, in order to be applied in Manner before directed; or otherwiſe the ſame ſhall be paid, at the like Option, to Two

Truſtees to be nominated by the Perſon or Perſons making ſuch Option, and approved of by Five or more of the ſaid Truſtees for executing the ſaid recited Act and this Act, (ſuch Nomination and Approbation to be ſignified in Writing under the Hands of the nominating and approving Parties), in order that ſuch Principal Money, and the Dividends ariſing thereon, may be applied in Manner herein-before directed, ſo far as the caſe be applicable, without obtaining or being required to obtain the Direction or Approbation of the Court of Chancery.

Application of Money if leſs than 20l.

XIV. Provided alſo, and be it further enacted, That where ſuch Money ſo agreed or awarded to be paid as laſt before-mentioned ſhall be leſs than Twenty Pounds, then and in all ſuch Caſes the ſame ſhall be applied to the Uſe of the Perſon or Perſons who would for the Time being have been entitled to the Rents and Profits of the Lands, Tenements or Hereditaments ſo purchaſed, taken, or uſed for the Purpoſes of the ſaid Act and this Act, in ſuch Manner as the ſaid Truſtees or any Five or more of them ſhall think fit; and in caſe of Infancy or Lunacy, then to his, her, or their Guardian or Guardians, Committee or Committees, to and for the Uſe and Benefit of ſuch Perſon or Perſons ſo entitled reſpectively.

In caſe of not making out Titles.

XV. And be it further enacted, That in caſe the Perſon or Perſons to whom any Sum or Sums of Money ſhall be awarded for the Purchaſe of any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments to be purchaſed by virtue of the ſaid recited Act or this Act, ſhall refuſe to accept the ſame, or ſhall not be able to make a good Title to the Premiſes to the Satisfaction of the ſaid Truſtees; or in caſe ſuch Perſon or Perſons to whom ſuch Sum or Sums of Money ſhall be ſo awarded as aforeſaid cannot be found, or if the Perſon or Perſons entitled to ſuch Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, be not known or diſcovered, then and in every ſuch Caſe it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the ſaid Truſtees, or any Five or more of them, to order the ſaid Sum or Sums of Money ſo awarded as aforeſaid, to be paid into the Bank of *England*, in the Name and with the Privity of the Accountant General of the ſaid Court of Chancery, to be placed to his Account to the Credit of the Parties intereſted in the ſaid Lands, Tenements or Hereditaments [*deſcribing them*], ſubject to the Order, Controul, and Diſpoſition of the ſaid Court of Chancery, which ſaid Court of Chancery, on the Application of any Perſon or Perſons making Claim to ſuch Sum or Sums of Money, or any Part thereof, by Motion or Petition, ſhall be and is hereby empowered, in a ſummary Way of Proceeding or otherwiſe, as to the ſaid Court ſhall ſeem meet, to order the ſame to be laid out and inveſted in the publick Funds, and to order Diſtribution thereof, or Payment of the Dividends thereof, according to the reſpective Eſtate or Eſtates, Title or Intereſt, of the Perſon or Perſons making Claim thereunto, and to make ſuch other Order in the Premiſes as to the ſaid Court ſhall ſeem juſt and reaſonable; and the Caſhier or Caſhiers of the Bank of *England*, who ſhall receive ſuch Sum or Sums of Money, is and are hereby required to give a Receipt or Receipts for ſuch Sum or Sums of Money, (mentioning and ſpecifying for what and for whoſe Uſe the ſame is or are received,) to ſuch Perſon or Perſons as ſhall pay any ſuch Sum or Sums of Money into the Bank as aforeſaid.

XVI. Provided

XVI. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That where any Question shall arise touching the Title of any Person to any Money to be paid into the Bank of *England*, in the Name and with the Privity of the Accountant General of the Court of Chancery, in pursuance of the said recited Act or this Act, for the Purchase of any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, or of any Estate, Right, or Interest in any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments to be purchased in pursuance of the said recited Act or this Act, or to any Bank Annuities to be purchased with any such Money, or to the Dividends or Interest of any such Bank Annuities, the Person or Persons who shall have been in Possession of such Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, at the Time of such Purchase, and all Persons claiming under such Person or Persons, or under the Possession of such Person or Persons, shall be deemed and taken to have been lawfully entitled to such Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, according to such Possession, until the contrary shall be shewn to the Satisfaction of the said Court of Chancery; and the Dividends or Interest of the Bank Annuities to be purchased with such Money, and also the Capital of such Bank Annuities shall be paid, applied, and disposed of accordingly, unless it shall be made appear to the said Court that such Possession was a wrongful Possession, and that some other Person or Persons was or were lawfully entitled to such Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, or to some Estate or Interest therein.

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

XVII. Provided also, and be it further enacted, That where by reason of any Disability or Incapacity of the Person or Persons or Corporation entitled to any Lands, Tenements or Hereditaments, to be purchased under the Authority of the said recited Act or this Act, the Purchase Money for the same shall be required to be paid into the Court of Chancery, and to be applied in the Purchase of other Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, to be settled to the like Uses, in pursuance of the said recited Act or this Act, it shall be lawful for the said Court of Chancery to order the Expences of all Purchases from Time to Time to be made in pursuance of the said recited Act or this Act, or so much of such Expences as the said Court shall deem reasonable, together with the necessary Costs and Charges of obtaining such Order, to be paid by the said Trustees, or any Three or more of them, who shall from Time to Time pay such Sums of Money for such Purchases as the said Court shall direct.

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

XVIII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That all Persons who by Law are or shall be liable to do Statute Work, or are or shall be chargeable towards repairing and amending the said Roads, or any Part thereof, shall still remain liable thereto in like Manner as heretofore; and it shall and may be lawful to and for any Two or more Justices of the Peace for the said Counties of *Bedford* and *Buckingham*, or either of them, and they are hereby empowered and required, upon Application made to them for that Purpose by the said Trustees, or by their Clerk or Surveyor, by their Order yearly to adjudge and determine what Part or Proportion of the Statute Work shall every Year be done upon the said Roads, by the Inhabitants of the respective Parishes or Places in which the said Roads lie, and also what Proportion of the Money received by the Surveyor or Surveyors of the Highways of every such Parish or Place, in lieu of or as a Composition for such Statute Work as aforesaid, shall be by him, her, or them paid to the said Trustees, or to their Treasurer; and in order thereunto,

Persons chargeable to Statute Work to continue so.

Justices to determine Differenes, touching Statute Work.

unto, it shall and may be lawful to and for such Justices, from Time to Time to summon the Surveyor or Surveyors of the Highways for every such Parish or Place, to bring in such Lists before such Justices, at some Place to be expressed in such Summons, (within Five Days after the serving of such Summons), of the Names of the several Persons who within such Parish or Place are by Law subject and liable to do Statute Work for that Year, or to the Payment of any Money in lieu of, or as a Composition for such Statute Work, distinguishing the Nature of the Work to be done, whether with Teams or Draughts, or otherwise, and also the Amount of the respective Sums to be paid; which List of Names shall be made in such Manner, and under such Regulations and Restrictions, as is, are, or may be directed by any Law or Statute in Force and Effect for the Repair of the publick Highways; and out of such Lists, such Justices shall and may allot, appoint and order, so many of the Persons who shall appear to be subject and liable to Statute Work as aforesaid, to do such Number of Days Statute Work in every Year, upon the said Roads, as the said Justices shall think reasonable; and the same shall be done on such Days, and at such Times (not being Haytime or Harvest), and on such Parts of the said Roads, as the said Trustees or their Surveyor or Surveyors, shall from Time to Time order, direct, and appoint; and the said Justices shall and may also order and direct the Persons who by such Lists shall appear to be subject and liable to the Payment of any Money, in lieu of or as a Composition for Statute Work as aforesaid, to pay such Proportion thereof as the said Justices shall think proper, to the said Trustees or their Treasurer, at such Time or Times as the said Justices shall direct; and in Default of Payment thereof, the same shall and may be recovered by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of the respective Persons liable to the Payment thereof, in like Manner as any Penalty is by the said recited Act authorized to be recovered; and each and every Person who shall neglect or refuse to do such Statute Work as aforesaid, after Notice in Writing given to or left for him, her, or them, at his, her, or their last or usual Place or Places of Abode, for that Purpose, signed by the Surveyor or Surveyors to the said Trustees, shall for every Day of his, her, or their Default, or the Default of any Labourer or Labourers, Team or Teams, Draught or Draughts, Horse or Horses, Beast or Beasts, to be provided by him, her, or them, be subject and liable to such Pains, Penalties, and Forfeitures as such Person or Persons may be subject or liable to, by any Law or Statute in Force and Effect for the Repair of the publick Highways; and if any Person who shall come to work as a Labourer, or shall be sent with any Team or Draught to work on the said Roads, shall be found idle or negligent by any Surveyor to the said Trustees, such Surveyor is hereby empowered to remove and turn off the Person who shall be found idle or negligent as aforesaid, and in that case every such Person shall be subject and liable to the respective Forfeitures and Payments aforesaid, as if he had neglected or refused to come, or such Team and Draught had not been sent to work on any Part of the said Roads; all which Forfeitures shall be paid to the Treasurer to the said Trustees, and applied towards amending the said Roads; and in case the said Surveyor or Surveyors of the Highways for any of the said Parishes or Places, shall refuse or wilfully neglect to give in such Lists as aforesaid, or shall knowingly or wilfully give in false or imperfect Lists, every such Surveyor so offending, shall, for every such Offence, forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Ten Pounds.

XIX. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Trustees to compound and agree with any Person or Persons, Bodies Politic or Coporate, for the Statute Work to be by them done on the said Roads, or any Part thereof; and also with the Inhabitants and Occupiers of Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments of and in all or any of the Parishes or Places in which the said Roads are situate, for a certain Sum of Money, by the Year or otherwise, as the said Trustees shall think reasonable, in lieu of the Whole or of any Part of the Statute or other Work to be by all or any of the said Inhabitants and Occupiers done on the said Roads; which Composition Money shall always be paid by the Surveyor or Surveyors of the Highways or other Officer of the Parish, or by the Person or Persons so compounding, to the Treasurer to the said Trustees, in Advance, on or before the Fifteenth Day of *May* in each and every Year, or otherwise the Inhabitants and Occupiers of such Parish or Place shall not be permitted to compound for that Year. Trustees may compound for Statute Work.

XX. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That from and after the passing of this Act, it shall and may be lawful for any Justice or Justices of the Peace, who may be called upon to act under or by virtue of the said recited Act, or of this Act, at his and their Discretion to reduce to a Moiety any Penalty or Penalties which may be incurred by any such Person or Persons, who may be convicted, before such Justice or Justices, of offending against the said recited Act or of this Act. Empowering Justices to mitigate Penalties.

XXI. And be it further enacted, That the Costs, Charges, and Expences incident to and attending the procuring and obtaining of this Act, together with lawful Interest for the same, from the Time of advancing the same till the Time of Payment, shall be paid and satisfied by the said Trustees; and that it shall be lawful for the said Trustees, or any Five or more of them, and they are hereby directed and required to order and direct the Payment of the said Charges and Expences, with Interest as aforesaid, out of the First Monies that shall be collected, borrowed, or received, by virtue of the said recited Act and this Act, in preference to all other Payments and Disbursements whatsoever. For paying the Expences of the Act.

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

XXIII. And be it further enacted, That the said recited Act (subject to the Alterations, Additions and Amendments in this Act contained) and this Act, shall continue and be in Force and be executed, for and during the Residue now to come of the Term granted by the said recited Act, and from the Expiration thereof, for and during the further Term of Twenty-one Years, and from thence to the End of the then next Session of Parliament. Continuance of the Act.

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