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# GEORGI III. REGIS.

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## Cap. 78.

An Act for continuing and amending several Acts for repairing the Roads from *Stevenage*, in the County of *Hertford*, to *Biggleswade*, in the County of *Bedford*; and other Roads therein described.

[14th May 1811.]

**W**HEREAS an Act was passed in the Sixth Year of the Reign of His Majesty King George the First, intituled, *An Act for repairing the Roads from Stevenage, in the County of Hertford, to Biggleswade, in the County of Bedford*: And whereas another Act was passed in the Twelfth Year of the Reign of His said Majesty King George the First, intituled, *An Act for repairing the Roads from Lemsford Mill, in the County of Hertford, to Welwyn, and from thence to Cory's Mill; and from Welwyn (through Codicot) to Hitchin, in the said County; and for enlarging the Term granted by an Act, passed in the Sixth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, for repairing the Roads from Stevenage, in the said County, to Biggleswade, in the County of Bedford*: And whereas another Act was passed in the Twenty-eighth Year of His late Majesty King George the Second, intituled, *An Act to continue and render more effectual Two Acts of Parliament passed in the Sixth and Twelfth Years of the Reign of His late Majesty King George, for repairing the Roads from Stevenage, in the County of Hertford, to Biggleswade, in the County of Bedford; and for repairing the Roads from the North End of the said Roads to the Tollgate at the North End of the said Town of Biggleswade*: And

[Lac. & Per.] 18 H. whereas

6 G. 1. c. 25.  
12 G. 1. c. 10.  
28 G. 2. c. 30.



9 G. 3. c. 64. whereas an Act was passed in the Ninth Year of His present Majesty, intituled, *An Act to continue and render more effectual several Acts passed in the Sixth and Twelfth Years of King George the First, and the Twenty-eighth Year of His late Majesty, for repairing the Roads from Stevenage, in the County of Hertford, to Biggleswade, in the County of Bedford, and other Roads therein mentioned; and for repairing and widening the Road from Radwell Corner to the Turnpike Road at Arlsey, in the County of Bedford:* And whereas another Act was passed in the Eighteenth Year of the Reign  
 18 G. 3. c. 82. of His present Majesty, intituled, *An Act to enlarge the Term and Powers of several Acts passed in the Sixth and Twelfth Years of King George the First, the Twenty-eighth Year of His late Majesty, and the Ninth Year of His present Majesty, for repairing the Roads from Stevenage, in the County of Hertford, to Biggleswade, in the County of Bedford; and other Roads therein mentioned:* And whereas the Trustees appointed under or by virtue of the said recited Acts, borrowed several Sums of Money upon the Credit and Security of the Tolls and Duties thereby respectively granted, of which a considerable Part still remains due and cannot be repaid, nor can the said Roads be effectually amended and kept in good Repair unless the said Acts be continued for a further Term, and the Tolls thereby granted increased; and it is expedient that some of the Restrictions contained in the said Acts should be repealed, and that some further Powers and Provisions should be granted, for more effectually improving and keeping in Repair the said Roads: 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 Acts of the Sixth and Twelfth Years of *George the First*, the Twenty-eighth Year of *King George the Second*, and the Ninth and Eighteenth Years of His present Majesty, and all and every the Clauses, Powers, Penalties, Provisions, Matters and Things therein respectively contained, and now in Force, (except such of them as relate to Exemptions from Stamp Duties, and such as are hereby varied, altered, or repealed), shall, together with the Powers and Provisions in this Act contained, be and continue in full Force and Effect for and during the further Term herein-after limited; and that all the Tolls and Duties granted or made payable by this Act, shall be and the same are hereby declared to be subject and liable to the Payment of all Sums of Money now due or owing upon the Credit of the said recited Acts, or any of them, or the Tolls and Duties thereby, or by any of them, granted or made payable, or advanced for the Purposes of the said Roads, and such further Sums of Money as shall be borrowed in pursuance of the said Acts, or any of them, or of this Act, and of all Interest due and to grow due for the same Sums respectively.

Former Acts continued for a further Term.

Meetings on Emergencies.

II. And be it further enacted, That if after any Adjournment of any Meeting of the said Trustees, it shall be thought necessary that an earlier Day of Meeting should be appointed than the Day appointed by such Adjournment, in that Case the Clerk or Clerks to the said Trustees, upon an Order in Writing, signed by Five or more of the acting Trustees, mentioning the Time, Place, and Purpose of such Meeting, shall forthwith give at least Seven Days Notice thereof, in the Manner Notices are required to be given of other Meetings of the Trustees, and such earlier Meeting shall and may be held accordingly; and the Proceedings of the Trustees at all such Meetings shall be as valid and effectual as they would have been in case such Meeting had been held by Adjournment.

III. And



III. And be it further enacted, That if any Lessee of the Tolls to be demanded and taken by virtue of this Act, or any Gate Keeper, shall refuse to deliver up Possession of any Turnpike Gate or Toll House erected or to be erected upon or by the Side of the said Roads, after the Expiration of his Term or Lease, or after Non-payment of the Rent or Toll, for Five Days after Demand thereof, any Justice within the District where such Turnpike Gate or Toll House shall be, may by his Warrant order a Constable, with such Assistance as shall be necessary, to enter the Toll House and Premises in the Day-time, and remove the Person or Persons who shall be found therein, together with his or their Goods, out of such House.

For recovering Possession of Toll-houses.

IV. And be it further enacted, That so much of the said recited Act of the Sixth Year of the Reign of King *George* the First, as provides or enacts, that in case there shall be more than One Gate or Turnpike in or across the said Highway or Road, no Person or Persons having paid the Toll or Duty to the Receiver or Receivers, Collector or Collectors thereof, at the First Gate or Turnpike through which such Person or Persons should pass, and producing a Note or Ticket that the said Toll or Duty was paid, (which Note or Ticket such Receiver or Receivers, Collector or Collectors, was and were thereby required to give *gratis*), should be liable to pay any Toll or Duty at any other of the said Gates or Turnpikes upon the said Highway or Road, such Person or Persons delivering the said Note or Ticket to the said Receiver or Receivers, Collector or Collectors of the said Toll or Duty, at the latter Gate or Turnpike the same Day, shall, from and after the Sixth Day of *July* next ensuing the passing of this Act, be and the same is hereby repealed and made void.

Clause in 6 G. 1. respecting Exemptions from Toll repealed.

V. And be it further enacted, That so much of the said recited Act of the Twenty-eighth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Second, as enacts, that from and after the Twenty-fourth Day of *Jane* One thousand seven hundred and fifty-five, One-half only of the Tolls granted and continued by the said former Acts and that Act, should be demanded and taken at the Turnpike or Turnpikes erected or to be erected between *Stevenage* and *Baldock*; and One-half only should be demanded and taken at the Turnpike or Turnpikes erected or to be erected between *Baldock* and *Biggleswade*, shall, from and after the said Sixth Day of *July* next, be and the same is hereby repealed and made void.

Clause in 28 G. 2. directing Half Toll on certain Parts of the Road repealed.

VI. And be it further enacted, That the several Tolls now payable by virtue of the said recited Acts, or any of them, shall, from and after the said Sixth Day of *July* One thousand eight hundred and eleven, cease, determine, and be no longer payable, and that instead thereof the following Tolls shall be demanded and taken at the several Turnpikes or Toll Gates erected or to be erected upon the said Roads, or on the Sides thereof, before any Carriage, or any Horse, Cattle, or Beast, upon or in respect of which any Tolls are hereby made payable, shall be permitted to pass through the same; (that is to say),

New Tolls.

For every Coach, Chariot, Landau, Berlin, Chaise, Curricle, Hearse, or such like Carriage, drawn by Six Horses or other Beasts of Draught, the Sum of Two Shillings and Sixpence; by Four Horses or other Beasts of Draught, the Sum of Two Shillings; by Three Horses or other Beasts of Draught, the Sum of One Shilling and Sixpence; and by Two Horses or other Beasts of Draught, the Sum of One Shilling:

For:



For every Chaise, Chair, Gig, Buggy, Cart, or such like Carriage, drawn by One Horse or other Beast of Draught, the Sum of Sixpence :

For every Waggon, Wain, Cart, or other such Carriage, having the Sole or Bottom of the Fellies of the Wheels thereof of the Breadth or Gauge of Nine Inches, and rolling a Surface so flat or level as not to deviate more than Half an Inch from a flat or level Surface, and having the interior Diameter of each Wheel not deviating more from the exterior Diameter thereof than One-sixth Part of the Sole or Bottom of the Felly, a Sum at the Rate of Two-pence for each and every Horse or other Beast of Draught drawing the same :

For every Waggon, Wain, Cart, or other such Carriage, having the Sole or Bottom of the Fellies of the Wheels thereof of the Breadth or Gauge of Six Inches, and rolling such flat or level Surface as aforesaid, and having the interior and exterior Diameters of each Wheel not deviating from each other more than One-sixth Part of the Sole or Bottom of the Felly, a Sum at the Rate of Three-pence for each and every Horse or other Beast of Draught drawing the same :

For every Waggon, Wain, Cart, or other such Carriage, having the Sole or Bottom of the Fellies of the Wheels thereof of a less Breadth or Gauge than Six Inches, or deviating more than Half an Inch from a flat or level Surface, or having the interior Diameter of any Wheel deviating from the exterior Diameter thereof more than One-sixth Part of the Breadth of the Sole or Bottom of the Felly, a Sum at the Rate of Sixpence for each and every Horse drawing the same :

For every Coach, Chariot, Chaise, Chair, Cart, Waggon, or other Carriage with Four Wheels unladen, which shall be fastened or hung to and drawn behind any Waggon, Wain, Cart or Carriage, the Sum of One Shilling; and for every Chaise, Chair, or other such Carriage with Two Wheels unladen, which shall be fastened or hung and drawn as aforesaid, the Sum of Sixpence :

For every Cart or other Carriage not being empty or unladen as last aforesaid, which shall be fastened or hung to and drawn behind any Waggon, Cart or Carriage, the same Toll as such Cart or other Carriage would be liable to pay under or by virtue of this Act, if drawn separately by the same Number of Horses as shall draw the Waggon, Wain, Cart or Carriage to which the same shall be fastened or hung :

For every Horse, Mare, Gelding, or Mule, laden or unladen, and not drawing, the Sum of One Penny Halfpenny :

For every Ass, laden or unladen, and not drawing, the Sum of One Penny :

For every Drove of Oxen, Cows or Neat Cattle, the Sum of One Shilling and Three-pence *per* Score, and so in Proportion for any greater or less Number : And

For every Drove of Calves, Hogs, Sheep or Lambs, the Sum of Five-pence *per* Score, and so in Proportion for any greater or less Number :

Tolls vested  
in the Trustees.

Which said Tolls and Duties in and by this Act granted and made payable as aforesaid, shall be and are hereby vested in the Trustees for the Time being for carrying the said recited Acts and this Act into Execution, and shall be received and taken at the several Turnpikes or Tollbars erected or to be erected upon or on the Sides of the said Roads, and shall be paid, levied, applied, disposed of, and assigned for such Uses and Purposes, and in such Manner as the Tolls and Duties granted by the said recited Acts



are thereby directed to be received, paid, levied, applied, disposed of, and assigned, except as by this Act is otherwise directed.

VII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That the several Tolls herein-before granted or made payable shall only be taken once on the same Day, between the Commencement of the said Road in the Town of *Stevenage*, and the Town of *Baldock*, and between the Town of *Baldock* and the Termination of the said Road, in or near the Town of *Biggleswade* aforesaid. Tolls to be taken once a Day.

VIII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Trustees for the Time being, or any Five or more of them, at any publick Meeting holden for the Execution of this Act, and they are hereby authorized and required from Time to Time, whenever they shall deem it expedient, to lessen and reduce the Tolls and Duties hereby granted and made payable, and again to advance the same, so as every such Reduction be made with the Consent of the Person or Persons entitled to Three-fifth Parts of the Money then due on Security of the said Tolls, and so as the same do not at any Time exceed the Tolls and Duties hereby granted; and the Tolls so lessened, reduced, or advanced, shall be collected, recovered, and applied in the same Manner as the Tolls herein-before granted or made payable are directed to be collected, recovered, and applied. Tolls may be reduced.

IX. And be it further enacted, That all and every Exemption or Exemptions from the several Tolls and Duties granted and made payable by the said recited Acts or any of them, shall cease and be no longer allowed, and that in lieu thereof the several Exemptions from Tolls herein-after mentioned shall be allowed; that is to say, that no Toll shall be demanded or taken for any Horse or Carriage passing through any of the Turnpikes or Toll Gates erected or to be erected upon or on the Sides of the said Roads, carrying or conveying Stone, Bricks, Lime, Timber, Wood, Heath, Chalk, Gravel, or other Materials to be used on or about the said Roads, or for the repairing any Highways in any of the Parishes, Townships, Districts, or Places which are liable to perform Statute Duty upon any Part of the said Roads, or returning empty when so employed, or carrying or conveying Hay, Corn in the Straw, or other Produce of the Lands not sold or disposed of, but going to be laid up in the Houses, Out-houses, Barns, or Yards of the Owners thereof; nor any Ploughs, Harrows, or other Implements of Husbandry to be used in the Cultivation of Lands, or any Mould, Dung, Compost, Lime, or Manure to be laid and spread on Lands, or returning empty when so employed; nor shall any Toll be paid by any Farmer or other Person going to or returning from his Farm or Lands adjoining or lying near to the several Turnpike Gates erected or to be erected upon, across, or by the Sides of the said Roads; or by any Rector, Vicar, or Curate going to officiate or returning from officiating at any Church, Chapel, or other Place of Religious Worship, or when visiting his sick Parishioners, or upon any his Parochial or Ministerial Duty; nor by any other Person going to or returning from his, her, or their Church, Chapel, or other Place of Religious Worship tolerated by Law, on a *Sunday*, or on any other Day on which Divine Service is ordered by Authority to be celebrated, or for the Purpose of attending the Funeral of any Person or Persons who shall die and be buried in any of the said Parishes or Places; nor for any Horses, Mares, Geldings, Mules, Asses, or Exemptions from Toll.



Cattle going to or returning from Work in cultivating the Lands within the same Parishes or Places, or any of them; nor for any Horses, Mares, Geldings, Mules, Asses, Cattle, Sheep, Lambs, or Hogs, going to or returning from Pasture on any Commons or other grazing Grounds, or Watering Places, or Blacksmiths Shops to be shod, or having been shod; nor for any Horse or other Beast of Draught or Carriage employed in carrying or conveying any Furze, Peats, Turf or Heath for Fuel, or returning empty having been so employed; nor for any Horses or Carriage of whatsoever 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 the same, or in returning back from conveying the same; nor for the Horses of Soldiers on March or on Duty, or Carriages, or Horses, or other Beasts employed in carrying the Arms or Baggage of such Soldiers; or for any Horse, Mare, or Gelding furnished by or for any Person belonging to any Corps of Yeomanry or Volunteer Cavalry, and rode by him in going to or returning from the Place appointed for and on the Days of Exercise, provided such Persons are 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; 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, Commissariat, or other publick Stores of or belonging to His Majesty, or for the Use of His Majesty's Forces; or for any Carriage, Horse, or other Beast employed in the Conveyance of Vagrants travelling with legal Passes, or travelling with Vagrants sent by legal Passes; nor for any Horse or Carriage going to or returning from any Election of a Knight or Knights of the Shire to serve in Parliament for the said Counties of *Hertford* or *Bedford*, on the Day or Days of such Election, or on the Day before or Day after such Election shall begin or be concluded; and if any Person shall claim and take the Benefit of any of the Exemptions aforesaid, not being entitled thereto, or shall make use of any Fraud whatsoever, whereby the Payment of the said Tolls or any Part thereof shall be evaded, every such Person for every such Offence shall forfeit and pay a Sum not exceeding Five Pounds, One Moiety whereof shall go to the Informer, and the other Moiety shall be applied to the Purposes of this Act, and shall be levied and recovered in such Manner, and by such Ways and Means as are provided by the said recited Acts or any of them, for recovering Penalties and Forfeitures thereby imposed.

Carriages employed in His Majesty's Service, not to be subject to the Regulations for Overweight.

X. And be it further enacted, That no Person owning or driving 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 Waggon, Wain, Cart, or other Carriage, be stopped or otherwise detained by Reason of any Weight in any 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



Turnpike Roads, or in this Act, contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

XI. And whereas by the said recited Acts of the Twenty-eighth Year of His late Majesty King *George* the Second, the Rate of Interest on Money for the Purposes of the said recited Acts or any of them, is limited to Four *per Centum per Annum*; be it therefore enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Trustees, or any Five or more of them, to order and direct that as well all and every Sum and Sums of Money already borrowed and to be borrowed in pursuance of the said recited Acts or any of them, or this Act, shall thereafter bear Interest at any Rate not exceeding Five Pounds *per Centum per Annum*.

Trustees empowered to alter the Rate or Interest of Sums advanced for the Purposes of said Act.

XII. And be it further enacted, That if any Money shall be agreed or assessed to be paid for any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments purchased, taken, or used by virtue of the said recited Acts or any of them, or this Act, which shall belong to any Body Politick, Corporate, or Collegiate, Corporation Aggregate or Sole, Feoffees in Trust, Guardian, Committees, Trustees, Femes Covert, or other incapacitated Person or Persons, such Money shall, if the same amount to the Sum of Two hundred Pounds, with all convenient Speed be paid into the Bank of *England*, in the Name and with the Privity of the Accountant General of the High Court of Chancery, to be placed to his Account *ex parte* the Trustees for executing this Act, to the Intent that such Money shall be paid, under the Direction and with the Approbation of the said Court, to be signified by an Order made upon a Petition to be preferred in a summary Way, by the Person or Persons who would have been entitled to the Rents and Profits of the said Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, in the Purchase of the Land Tax, or the Discharge of any Debt or Debts, or such other Incumbrance or Part thereof as the said Court shall authorize to be paid, affecting the same Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, or affecting other Lands, Tenements; or Hereditaments standing settled to the same or the like Uses, Intents, and Purposes; or where such Money shall not be so applied, then the same shall be laid out and invested under the like Direction and Approbation of the said Court, in the Purchase of other Messuages, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, which shall be conveyed and settled to, for, and upon such and the like Uses, Trusts, Intents, and Purposes, and in the same Manner as the Hereditaments which shall be so purchased, taken, or used as aforesaid, stood settled or limited, or such of them as at the Time of making such Conveyance and Settlement shall be existing undetermined and capable of taking Effect; and in the mean Time and until such Purchase shall be made, the said Money shall, by Order of the said Court of Chancery upon Application thereto, be invested by the said Accountant General in his Name, in the Purchase of Three *per Centum* Consolidated or Three *per Centum* Reduced Bank Annuities; and in the mean Time and until the said Bank Annuities shall be ordered by the said Court to be sold for the Purposes aforesaid, the Dividends and Annual Produce of the said Consolidated or Reduced Bank Annuities, shall from Time to Time be paid by Order of the said Court to the Person or Persons who would for the Time being have been entitled to the Rents and Profits of the said Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments so hereby directed to be purchased, in case such Purchase or Settlement were made.

Application of Compensation when amounting to 200l.

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Application where the Compensation shall be less than 200l. and exceeding 20l.

XIII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That if any Money so agreed or assessed to be paid for any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, purchased, taken, or used for the Purposes aforesaid, and belonging to any Body Politick, or to any Person or Persons under any Disability or Incapacity as aforesaid, shall be less than the Sum of Two hundred Pounds, and shall exceed the Sum of Twenty Pounds, then and in all such Cases the same shall, at the Option of the Person or Persons for the Time being entitled to the Rents and Profits of the Hereditaments so purchased, taken, or used, or of his, her, or their Guardian or Guardians, Committee or Committees, in case of Infancy or Lunacy, to be signified in Writing under their respective Hands, be paid into the Bank of *England*, in the Name and with the Privity of the said Accountant General of the High Court of Chancery, and be placed to his Account as aforesaid, in order to be applied in Manner herein-before directed; or otherwise the same shall be paid at the like Option to Two Trustees to be nominated by the Person or Persons making such Option, and approved of by Five or more of the said Trustees for executing this Act (such Nomination and Approbation to be signified in Writing under the Hands of the nominating and approving Parties), in order that such Principal Money, and the Dividends arising thereon, may be applied in any Manner herein-before directed, so far as the Case be applicable, without obtaining or being required to obtain the Direction or Approbation of the Court of Chancery.

Application when the Money is less than 20l.

XIV. Provided also, and be it further enacted, That when such Money so agreed or assessed to be paid as herein-before mentioned, shall be less than Twenty Pounds, then and in all such Cases the same shall be applied to the Use of the Person or Persons who would for the Time being have been entitled to the Rents and Profits of the Hereditaments so purchased, taken, or used, for the Purposes of the said recited Acts or this Act, in such Manner as the said Trustees or any Five or more of them shall think fit; or in case of Infancy or Lunacy, then to his 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 or assessed for any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments to be purchased by virtue of the said recited Acts or any of them, 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 any Five or more of them; or in case the Person or Persons to whom such Sum or Sums of Money shall be so awarded or assessed 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 be lawful for the said Trustees, or any Five or more of them, to order the Sum or Sums of Money so awarded or assessed as aforesaid, to be paid into the Bank of *England*, in the Name and with the Privity of the Accountant General of the Court of Chancery, to be placed to his Account to the Credit of the Parties interested in the said Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments (*describing them*), subject to the Order, Controul, and Disposition of the said Court of Chancery; which said Court, on the Application of any Person or Persons making Claim to such Sum or Sums of Money, or any Part thereof, by Motion or Petition, shall be and is hereby empowered in a summary Way



of Proceeding or otherwise, as to the same Court shall seem meet, to order the same to be laid out and invested in the 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 Sum or Sums of Money into the Bank as aforesaid.

XVI. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That where any Question shall arise touching the Title of any Person or Persons to any Money to be paid into the Bank of *England*, in the Name and with the Privity of the Accountant General of the Court of Chancery, in pursuance of this Act, for the Purchase of any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, or of any Estate, Right, or Interest, in any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, to be purchased in pursuance thereof, 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 be lawfully entitled to such Lands, Tenements, and 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.

Persons in Possession shall be deemed well entitled.

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 this Act, the Purchase Money for the same shall be required to be paid into the said Court, and to be applied in the Purchase of other Lands or Hereditaments, to be settled to the like Uses in pursuance of this Act, it shall be lawful for the said Court to order the Expences of all Purchases from Time to Time to be made in pursuance of this Act, or so much of such Expences as the Court shall deem reasonable, together with the necessary Costs and Charges of obtaining such Order, to be paid by the said Trustees, who shall from Time to Time pay such Sums of Money for such Purposes as the said Court shall direct.

Court may order Trustees to pay the Expences of Purchases.

XVIII. And be it further enacted, That so much of the said recited Acts as relate to the Performance of Statute Labour on the said Roads, shall be and the same is hereby repealed; and 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 Roads comprised in the said recited Acts, or any of them, or any Part thereof, shall still remain liable thereto

Regulation as to Performance of Statute Duty.

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in like Manner as heretofore ; and it shall be lawful for any Two or more Justices of the Peace within their respective Jurisdictions, and they are hereby required and empowered, upon Application made to them by the said Trustees, or any Five or more of them, or by their Treasurer, 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 or Treasurers ; and in order thereunto it shall be lawful for such Justices from Time to Time to summon the Surveyor or Surveyors of the Highways of every such Parish or Place, to bring in Lists before such Justices at some Place to be expressed in such Summons, within Ten 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 Lists or Names shall be made in such Manner, and under such Regulations and Restrictions as are or may be directed by any Law or Statute in Force for the Repairs of the publick Highways ; and out of such Lists the said Justices shall and may allot, appoint, and order such and so many of the Persons who shall appear 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 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 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 Acts or this Act, or any of them, authorized or directed 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 usual Place or Places of Abode for that Purpose, by any Surveyor 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 for the Repair of publick Highways ; and if any Person who shall come or be sent 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 dismiss 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 or 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 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 and 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 the Expences of obtaining and passing this Act, together with legal Interest for Money advanced by any Person or Persons for that Purpose, shall be paid out of the Money already raised by virtue of the said recited Acts, or out of the first Money to be raised by virtue of this Act. Expences of this Act.

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

XXI. And be it further enacted, That this Act shall commence on the First Day of *July* One thousand eight hundred and eleven, and shall continue in force until the First Day of *July* which will be in the Year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and thirty-two, and from thence to the End of the then next Session of Parliament. Commencement and Continuance of this Act.



