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Cap. 140.

An Act to explain, amend, and enlarge the Powers of certain Acts passed for making and maintaining the *Grand Junction Canal*. [9th June 1812.]

WHEREAS an Act was passed in the Thirty-third Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled *An Act for making and maintaining a Navigable Canal from the Oxford Canal Navigation at Braunston, in the County of Northampton, to join the River Thames, at or near Brentford, in the County of Middlesex, and also certain Collateral Cuts from the said intended Canal*, by which certain Persons therein named were incorporated by the Name and Style of *The Company of Proprietors of the Grand Junction Canal*, for making the said Canal and Collateral Cuts, and the several other Works necessary for carrying the said Act into Execution: And whereas another Act was passed in the Thirty-fourth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled *An Act for making certain Navigable Cuts from the Towns of Buckingham, Aylesbury, and Wendover, in the County of Buckingham, to communicate with the Grand Junction Navigation, authorized to be made by an Act of the last Session of Parliament, and for amending the said Act*: And whereas another Act was passed in the Thirty-fifth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled *An Act for authorizing the Company of Proprietors of the*

33 G.3. c. 80.
34 G.3. c. 24.
35 G.3. c. 8.

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- Grand Junction Canal to vary the Course of a certain Part of the said Canal, in the County of Hertford, so as to render the Navigation thereof more safe and convenient; and for making some other Amendments and Alterations in an Act made in the Thirty-third Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, for making the said Canal: And whereas another Act was passed in the Thirty-fifth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty,*
- 35 G.3. c.43. *intituled An Act for making a Navigable Cut from the Grand Junction Canal in the Precinct of Norwood, in the County of Middlesex, to Paddington, in the said County: And whereas another Act was passed in the Thirty-*
- 35 G.3. c.85. *fifth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled An Act for making and extending a Navigable Cut from the Town of Watford, in the County of Hertford, to the Town of Saint Alban, in the same County: And whereas another Act was passed in the Thirty-sixth Year of the Reign of His pre-*
- 36 G.3. c.25. *sent Majesty, intituled An Act to enable the Company of Proprietors of the Grand Junction Canal to finish and complete the same, and the several Cuts and other Works authorized to be made and done by them, by virtue of several Acts of Parliament: And whereas another Act was passed in the Thirty-*
- 38 G.3. c.33. *eighth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled An Act for confirming and carrying into Execution certain Articles of Agreement made and entered into between Beilby Lord Bishop of London, Thomas Wood Esquire, Sir John Frederick Baronet, and Arthur Stanhope Esquire, Sir John Morshead Baronet, and Dame Elizabeth his Wife, and Robert Thistlethwayte Esquire, and Selina his Wife, and the Company of Proprietors of the Grand Junction Canal; and for other Purposes therein mentioned: And whereas another Act was passed in the Forty-first Year of the Reign of*
- 41 G.3. c.71. *His present Majesty, intituled An Act for enabling the Company of Proprietors of the Grand Junction Canal more effectually to provide for the Discharge of their Debts, and to complete the Whole of the Works to be executed by them in pursuance of the several Acts of the Thirty-third, Thirty-fourth, Thirty-fifth, Thirty-sixth, and Thirty-eighth Years of the Reign of His present Majesty; and for altering and enlarging the Powers and Provisions of the said Acts: And whereas another Act was passed in the Forty-third*
- 43 G.3. c.8. *Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled An Act for empowering the Company of Proprietors of the Grand Junction Canal to raise a further Sum of Money to enable them to complete the Works authorized to be executed in pursuance of the several Acts passed in the Thirty-third, Thirty-fourth, Thirty-fifth, Thirty-sixth, Thirty-eighth, and Forty-first Years of the Reign of His present Majesty; and for amending, altering, and enlarging the Powers and Provisions of the said Acts: And whereas another Act was*
- 45 G.3. c.68. *passed in the Forty-fifth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled An Act for altering, amending, and enlarging the Powers of certain Acts for making and maintaining the Grand Junction Canal: And whereas another Act was passed in the Fifty-first Year of the Reign of His present*
- 51 G.3. c.169. *Majesty, intituled An Act for confirming certain Articles of Agreement, entered into between the Company of Proprietors of the Grand Junction Canal and certain Persons, for supplying with Water the Inhabitants of the Parish of Paddington, and the Parishes and Streets adjacent, in the said County of Middlesex: And whereas the said Company of Proprietors have made and completed the said Grand Junction Canal, and likewise a considerable Part of the Collateral Communications authorized by the said recited Acts to be made; and in order to render the said Acts more effectual for the*
- Purposes

Purposes intended, it is expedient that some of the Provisions thereof should be explained and amended, and additional Powers granted to the said Company: 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 for the more effectual Preservation of the Waters of the River *Colne*, and in order to prevent any Loss or Diminution thereof, by the said Company of Proprietors of the Grand Junction Canal, or their Servants or Agents, by or by means of any other Person or Persons, Bodies Politic or Corporate, claiming by, from, or under them, in making, or forming and maintaining, any Reservoir or Reservoirs, or other Works, for the Supply of the Grand Junction Water Works, they the said Company, or any such other Person or Persons, or Bodies Politic or Corporate, claiming by, from, through, under, or in Trust for them, shall not in any Manner intercept or make use of the Waters of the Springs or Feeders of the said River *Colne*, or any of the Branches therefrom, which did not on the Fourth Day of *June* One thousand eight hundred and eleven run and flow into the said Canal, or into some Reservoirs or Works then made and completed; and that the said Company of Proprietors of the Grand Junction Canal shall not, nor shall any other Person or Persons, Bodies Politic or Corporate, claiming by, from, or under them, on any Pretence, by any Means, or for any Purpose whatsoever, bring any Portion of the Flood Waters to be collected in any Reservoir or Reservoirs, or other Works now making, or hereafter to be made or constructed for the Use of the Grand Junction Water Works into the said River *Colne*, or any of its Branches, Feeders, or Aqueducts, without the Consent in Writing, under the Hand and Seal of *Hugh Duke of Northumberland*, his Heirs or Assigns, first had and obtained.

For more effectually preserving the Waters of the River *Colne*.

II. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the Owners and Occupiers of the Mills and Works on the Branch of the said River *Colne*, called the *Isleworth* Mill River, or the Majority of them, assembled at any Meeting to be called for the Purpose by any Two or more of them, on Notice in Writing given to the whole of them; in addition to the Persons already appointed, or hereafter to be appointed, under the Authority of the said first-recited Act, and of the said first-recited Act of the Thirty-fifth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, to appoint from Time to Time a Person to be paid by the said Owners and Occupiers, with such Salary as is now or hereafter shall be paid by the said Company of Proprietors of the Grand Junction Canal to the Persons usually employed by the said Company in superintending their Locks, and the Amount of such Salary shall be allowed, returned, and repaid by the said Company of Proprietors of the Grand Junction Canal, in Manner herein-after mentioned, and when they shall see Occasion so to do, to remove such Person; and appoint another in his Stead, and so *toties quoties*; and that the said Person, when so appointed, shall be resident on the Spot, in a House which shall be provided or erected and kept in Repair by and at the Expence of the said Company of Proprietors of the Grand Junction Canal, in such a Situation as near as conveniently may be to the

Empowering the *Isleworth* Mill Owners to appoint a Lock-keeper at *Cowley* Lock.

the Lock at *Cowley* in the said County of *Middlesex*, as the said Owners and Occupiers shall direct or appoint, which said Person, and also such other Person or Persons as the said Owners and Occupiers of Mills and Works shall at their own Expence from Time to Time appoint, shall have such Inspection and Superintendence of the Locks, Paddles, and Waite Gates at *Cowley* and *Uxbridge*, and the other Works of the said Company of Proprietors of the Grand Junction Canal, as shall enable him or them effectually to discover and ascertain, and also to prevent the improper Use or Waste of the Waters of the said River *Colne*, or its tributary or other Streams, or any or either of them, contrary to the true Intent and Meaning of the said first-recited Act, or of this Act; and also to direct the Delivery of the Water at *Cowley* Lock aforesaid into the said River *Colne*, in such Manner, in such Cases, and in such Proportions, as are herein-after mentioned; and that if the Waters hereafter required and directed to be delivered from the said Lock at *Cowley* into the said River *Colne* shall not be delivered according to the Provisions of this Act, and the true Intent and Meaning thereof, the said Company of Proprietors of the Grand Junction Canal shall forthwith pay or cause to be paid to the said *Hugh Duke of Northumberland*, his Heirs or Assigns, for every Lock-full of Water, or Quantity equal to a Lock-full of Water deficient, which shall not be so delivered, the Sum of Twenty Pounds of lawful *British* Money, together with Costs, as a Compensation and Satisfaction for the Damage the said Duke or his Tenants shall sustain thereby; which said Sum of Twenty Pounds may be recovered by the said Duke in an Action to be brought against the Company of Proprietors of the said Grand Junction Canal, in his own Name, and when recovered shall be by the said Duke divided in equal Proportions amongst his Tenants; and that all Sums of Money to be from Time to Time paid to such Superintendent by way of Salary as aforesaid shall be repaid by the said Company of Proprietors of the Grand Junction Canal to the Person or Persons advancing the same, and, in case of Neglect or Refusal, may be recovered by an Action at Law, in which it shall be sufficient to state that the same was for Money paid, laid out, and expended to and for the Use of the said Company of Proprietors of the Grand Junction Canal; and in all Cases in which any Sum or Sums of Money shall or may be recovered of them by virtue of this Act, the said Sum or Sums of Money shall and may, together with all Coists and Charges of such Action and Execution, be levied upon all or any of the Tolls of the said Canal by the Sheriff for the Time being of the County in which the same may be collected or found, by virtue of a Writ of Execution to be directed to him for that Purpose.

Empowering
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to appoint a
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certain
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III. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury for the Time being, or any Three or more of them, at their Discretion, at any Time hereafter, and from Time to Time, if they shall deem it necessary, to appoint a Person to superintend and inspect the said Locks, Paddles, and Water Gates at *Cowley* and *Uxbridge*, and such other Works of the said Grand Junction Canal Company as shall enable him effectually to discover and ascertain, and also prevent the improper Use or Waste of the Waters of the said River *Colne*, contrary to the true Intent and Meaning of

of the said first-recited Act; and such Person, when so appointed, shall be paid such Salary as is now or hereafter shall be paid by the said Company of Proprietors to Persons usually employed by the said Company in superintending the Locks, and the Amount of such Salary shall be allowed, returned, and paid by the said Company of Proprietors in Manner hereinbefore mentioned, with regard to the Person to be appointed by the said Duke of *Northumberland*; and such Person shall be resident in a House to be provided or erected in a proper and convenient Situation for the Purpose, and kept in Repair by and at the Expence of the said Company of Proprietors.

IV. And be it further enacted, That the said Company of Proprietors of the Grand Junction Canal shall and they are hereby required to erect, make, and maintain at their own Expence, in a convenient Situation in the County of *Hertford*, within One thousand Yards of the said River *Colne*, or at such other convenient Distance from the said River as shall be fixed by *William James* of the Borough of *Warwick*, Gentleman, and *Benjamin Bevan* of *Leighton* in the County of *Bedford*, Civil Engineer, or in case of their Disagreement, then by such Person as shall have been previously named by them as Umpire to decide thereon, a proper Gauge, made of Stone or Iron, or other sufficient and durable Materials, to be used during the Time of the Delivery of Water into the said River *Colne* from the Reservoir on *Aldenham Common*, made by the said Company of Proprietors for the Use of the Mills on the said River *Colne*, so as effectually to ascertain from Time to Time the Quantity of Water delivered from the said Reservoir into the River *Colne*, over and above the Quantity arising from any Spring or Feeders of the said River *Colne* which such Reservoir hath intercepted or embraced; and that the Delivery of such Water shall be at such Times only when the same may be beneficially used and employed by or for the Use of the Mills and Works on or adjoining the said River, and shall be inspected and ascertained, and the Times of Delivery thereof directed by the Person or Persons appointed or to be appointed by virtue of the said first-recited Act, and of the said first-recited Act of the Thirty-fifth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, to superintend the Delivery of the Water from the said Reservoir into the said River *Colne*; and that such Person or Persons shall from Time to Time, on Demand made thereof, grant Certificates of the Quantity of Water delivered from the said Reservoir into the said River *Colne*, one Copy of which Certificates shall, whilst the said Reservoir is running, be produced and delivered, at the End of every Week, to the Person or Persons to be stationed at *Cowley* aforesaid, on Behalf of the said Owners and Occupiers of Mills and other Works, and another Copy thereof to any Agent or Lock-keeper of the said Company of Proprietors applying for the same: Provided always, that the said Company of Proprietors shall not permit any Water to flow into or through the said Gauge, save and except such Water as shall flow from the said Reservoir.

A Stone or Iron Gauge to be erected by the Company, to ascertain the Delivery of Water into the River *Colne* from the Reservoir on *Aldenham Common*.

V. And be it further enacted, That the said Company of Proprietors shall deliver into the said River *Colne*, from the said Reservoir at *Aldenham*, the Quantity of Three hundred and twenty Locks-full of Water, of the
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same Contents as the said Lock at *Cowley*, as a Compensation for the Soakage and Evaporation caused by the increased Surface of the said River *Colne* in making the said Canal, and that such Quantity shall be brought into the said River at such Times and in such Manner as shall from Time to Time, between the First Day of *June* and the First Day of *November* in every Year, be directed by the Owners and Occupiers of Mills and Works on the said River *Colne*, and that for every Lock full of Water over and above the said Three hundred and twenty Locks-full, which shall or may be delivered from the said Reservoir, by the Means aforesaid, into the said River, there shall be delivered from the said Lock at *Cowley* the same Quantity of Water into the Lower Level of the said Canal; and that, in order to ascertain the Quantity of Water brought from the Summit Level of the said Canal, extending from near *Marsworth* in the County of *Buckingham* to near *Northchurch* in the County of *Hertford*, into the said River *Colne*, and passing through a certain Lock there, called *Cowroast Lock*, and also the Quantity of Water taken from the said River *Colne* through the said *Cowley Lock*, proper permanent Gauges, specifying the Depth of Water on the Sills of the said respective Locks, shall be forthwith fixed to each of the said Locks by and at the Expence of the said Company of Proprietors of the Grand Junction Canal, under the Superintendence and to the Satisfaction of an Engineer to be appointed for that Purpose by the said *Hugh Duke of Northumberland*, his Heirs or Assigns, and that proper Regulations shall be made, so as to shew by Inspection the Quantity of Water brought into the said River *Colne* through the said *Cowroast Lock*, and that the same Quantity shall be allowed to pass out of the said *Cowley Lock* into the Lower Level of the said Canal, as and for a Lock-full of Water, and no more; and that a proper Person (to be appointed by the Owners and Occupiers of Mills and Works as aforesaid, and in like Manner, and with such a Salary as aforesaid, to be allowed and paid by the said Company of Proprietors of the Grand Junction Canal as aforesaid) shall be stationed to inspect and superintend the said *Cowroast Lock*, in order to ascertain the Quantity of Water passing through the same; and that the said Company of Proprietors shall and will, at their own Expence, find and provide, and keep in Repair, a proper Habitation for the said Person so to be appointed, as near to the said *Cowroast Lock* as conveniently may be, and as shall be sufficient for the Purpose of enabling such Person to execute with Correctness the Duties to be so performed by him.

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VI. And whereas many of the Boats navigating the said Canal, which pass through the said *Cowley Lock*, do not pass through the said *Cowroast Lock*, by which Means a Lock-full of Water for every such Boat is lost to the said River *Colne*; be it further enacted, That every Lock-full of Water, which shall be introduced into the said *Cowley Lock* for the Passage of such Boat or Boats as shall not pass through the said *Cowroast Lock*, shall be discharged into the said River *Colne* by the said Person to be appointed by the said Owners and Occupiers as aforesaid, or under his Direction, by means of an additional Lock, or by a Side Paddle or Side Paddles already made or to be made, constructed, and completed in or near the said *Cowley Lock*, and at all Times after the passing of this Act to be maintained and repaired by and at the Expence of the said

Company of Proprietors of the Grand Junction Canal; and that in respect of and for every Boat or Vessel passing through the said *Cowroast* Lock, by which a Lock-full of Water shall be introduced into the said River, and which Boat or Vessel shall afterwards pass through the said *Cowley* Lock, the said Company of Proprietors shall be entitled to take through the said *Cowley* Lock into the Lower Level of the said Canal a Quantity of Water of the same Contents as the Quantity introduced by the said *Cowroast* Lock; and that the said Company of Proprietors shall also be entitled to take into the said Lower Level, through the said *Cowley* Lock, a Quantity of Water of the same Contents as shall be used at *Cowroast* Lock, for every Lock-full of Water taken from the said Summit through the said *Cowroast* Lock, and brought into the said River *Colne* by means of the Passage of Boats through the same, which shall not pass through the said *Cowley* Lock; and that for the better ascertaining the Quantity of Water so to be brought into and taken from the said River by means of Boats and Vessels passing through the said *Cowley* and *Cowroast* Locks, or either of them, the Person or Persons having the Care and Management of every Boat or Vessel passing through *Cowley* Lock aforesaid shall, previous to such Boat or Vessel passing through the said *Cowley* Lock, produce to the Person or Persons to be appointed as aforesaid, and stationed at the said *Cowley* Lock, (to be countersigned by the Clerk or Lock-keeper, or other Person, stationed at the said Locks at *Cowroast* and *Cowley* respectively, as the Case may require), a Paper or Document shewing the Extent of the Voyage of such Boat or Vessel; and that if such Clerk or Lock-keeper shall fraudulently countersign, make, and deliver or produce, or cause or procure to be made and delivered or produced, any false Paper or Papers, or Certificate or Certificates, of any Boat or Vessel, or Boats or Vessels, having passed, or being intended to pass, through the said *Cowroast* Lock, when it has not so passed, or shall not so pass, the said Company of Proprietors of the Grand Junction Canal, in respect of every Person so offending, shall for every such Offence pay the Sum of Twenty Pounds to the said Duke of *Northumberland*, his Heirs or Assigns; and in Default of Payment, to be by him or them recovered, levied, and divided as aforesaid.

VII. And it is hereby further enacted, That the said Company of Proprietors of the Grand Junction Canal shall from Time to Time and at all Times maintain, preserve, and keep their Locks, Lock Gates, Paddles, and other Works at or near to *Uxbridge* and *Cowley* aforesaid respectively, in good Repair and Condition, so as to prevent, as nearly as may be, any Waste or Loss of Water to the said River *Colne*; and in case the same shall be at any Time or Times, in any Manner defective, or out of Repair, the said Company of Proprietors shall forthwith alter and repair the same, so as effectually to prevent such Waste or Loss, and in case such Defects or Want of Reparation shall not be removed or amended, and the said Locks, Lock Gates, Paddles, and other Works, shall not from Time to Time be altered or repaired, as the Case may require, by the said Company of Proprietors of the Grand Junction Canal, or their Agents, then and in that Case the said Superintendent or Superintendents, so to be appointed as first aforesaid, is and are hereby authorized and empowered, within One Month after Notice in Writing to be by him deli-

For preventing any Waste or Loss of Water to the River *Colne* at the Locks near *Uxbridge* and *Cowley*.

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vered to the Clerk or Lock-keeper, stationed at *Cowley Lock* aforesaid, of such Defects or Want of Reparation, to alter or repair the same, or to cause the same to be altered or repaired at the Expence of the said Company of Proprietors of the Grand Junction Canal; and that the Amount of such Repairs (unless the same shall be paid by the said Company of Proprietors within Fourteen Days after Demand thereof made) shall and may be recovered by the said Duke of *Northumberland*, or his Heirs or Assigns, against the said Company, in an Action upon the Case, for Money paid, laid out, and expended to and for the Use of the said Company, to be levied in Manner herein-before mentioned; and that the said Company shall, previous to their again using the Navigation of the said Canal, return to the said River a Quantity of Water, equal at least to what shall have been lost by such their defective Works, for the beneficial Use of the Mills and other Works thereon; and that if any Person or Persons in the Employment of the said Company of Proprietors of the Grand Junction Canal shall wantonly or unnecessarily open or draw, or cause to be opened or drawn, any Lock Gate, Paddle, Valve, or Clough, or shall remove or alter any Gauge, Sill, Tumbling Bay, or other Device, erected or to be erected or made on the said River *Colne* or the said Canal, or do any other Act or Acts by which the Supply of Water to the said River *Colne*, or any of the said Streams or Cuts, may be altered, diverted, or diminished, or shall wilfully obstruct or hinder or prevent any or either of the Persons so appointed or to be appointed as aforesaid, on Behalf of the Owners and Occupiers of Mills and Works, by virtue of the said first recited Act or of this Act, for the Superintendence of the said Reservoir on *Aldenham Common*, and for the Direction and Superintendence of the Locks, Paddles, and Waste Gates at or near to *Cowley*, *Uxbridge*, and *Cowroast* aforesaid, and such other Works as aforesaid, in the Execution of their respective Duties, the said Company of Proprietors of the Grand Junction Canal shall, in respect of every Person so offending in any of the Cases aforesaid, pay for every such Offence the Sum of Fifty Pounds to the said Duke of *Northumberland*, his Heirs or Assigns, to be by him or them recovered, levied, and divided in Manner herein-before directed.

The Company to make a Reservoir to supply the River Thame with Water.

VIII. And whereas Provision should be made for discharging into the River *Thame*, and from thence into the River *Thames* or *Isis* respectively, above *Dorchester* Bridge, a Quantity of Water equal to the Quantity which is diverted or taken into the said Grand Junction Canal, and the Navigable Cut therefrom to the Town of *Wendover* aforesaid, from the Springs and Streams of Water which formerly flowed into the said River *Thame* at the Time of the passing of the said recited Acts of the Thirty-third and Thirty-fourth Years of the Reign of His present Majesty; be it therefore enacted, That the said Company of Proprietors shall (in addition to the Reservoir already made by them in the Parishes of *Weston*, *Turville*, and *Halton*, in the County of *Buckingham*) and they are hereby empowered and required to construct, make, and complete, at the Expence of the said Company, within Three Years after the passing of this Act, and for ever after to maintain and keep in Repair, at the like Expence, as near the said Summit Level of the said Canal as shall by any Person appointed by the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury for

for the Time being, or any Three or more of them, and by any Person appointed by the said Company of Proprietors, and any Third Person to be appointed by such Two Persons in case of any Difference of Opinion, be deemed most expedient, one other Reservoir capable of containing Fifteen Millions of Cubic Feet of Water at the least; and the said Company of Proprietors shall at all Times hereafter take due Care that such Reservoir shall be filled and actually contain and hold the said Quantity of Fifteen Millions of Cubic Feet of Water on the First Day of *May* in each Year; and the said Company of Proprietors shall, between the Eighth Day of *May* and the Thirtieth Day of *October* in each and every Year after the said Reservoir hereby directed to be made shall be completed, discharge or cause to be discharged into the River *Thame*, in Manner by this Act directed, the full Quantity of Fifteen Millions of Cubic Feet of Water into the said River *Thame*, so as to make good the Quantity of Water so taken away as aforesaid.

IX. And be it further enacted, That the said Company shall and they are hereby required to execute, make, construct, and complete such Reservoir as aforesaid, of the said Capacity of Fifteen Millions of Cubic Feet of Water, together with all such Cuts, Feeders, Communications, Locks, Sluices, Weirs, Gates, and other Works, as may be necessary for supplying the same with Water, and discharging the Water therefrom either into the said Summit Level or into the said River *Thame*, without going into the said Summit Level; and all such Gauges and Marks as may be necessary for the Purpose of ascertaining the Quantity of Water from Time to Time in the said Reservoir, and measuring the Quantity of Water discharged therefrom into the said Summit Level or into the River *Thame*, and such Reservoir, and all such Cuts, Feeders, Communications, Locks, Sluices, Weirs, Gates, and other Works, shall be constructed and made with the Approbation of such Person as shall be appointed by the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury for the Time being to inspect the same, and shall be completed within Four Years from the passing of this Act; and in case the said Company of Proprietors shall fail to execute and finish the said Reservoir and other Works aforesaid within such Four Years as aforesaid, the said Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, or any Three or more of them, are hereby authorized and empowered to appoint a proper Person or Persons to construct and execute such a Reservoir, and other Works and Things aforesaid, and to recover all the Expences and Costs of executing the same, from the said Company of Proprietors, in an Action at the Suit of the said Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, in which it shall be sufficient to state that the said Company of Proprietors are indebted to the said Lords Commissioners for Money paid, laid out, and expended under the Provisions of this Act.

If the Company shall not complete Reservoir within a certain Period, the Treasury shall construct Reservoir at the Expence of the Company.

X. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the Lords Commissioners for the Time being of His Majesty's Treasury, or any Three or more of them, within One Calendar Month after the said Reservoir herein-before directed to be made shall be completed, to appoint from Time to Time a Person to superintend and carry into Execution the Provision of this Act as to the Application of the Water of such

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Empowering the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury to appoint a Superintendent.

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Reservoir as aforesaid, and such Person shall be paid by the said Lords Commissioners such Salary as is now or hereafter shall be paid by the said Company of Proprietors to the Persons usually employed by the said Company in superintending their Locks, and the Amount of such Salary shall be allowed, returned, and paid by the said Company of Proprietors in Manner herein-before mentioned with regard to the Person to be appointed by the said Duke of *Northumberland*; and the said Lords Commissioners shall, when they shall see Occasion so to do, remove such Person and appoint another in his Stead, and so *toties quoties*, and the said Person when so appointed, shall be resident in a House which shall be provided or erected and kept in Repair by and at the Expence of the said Company of Proprietors, in such a Situation as the said Lords Commissioners shall direct or appoint, and shall have such Inspection and Superintendence of the said Reservoir, and of the Aqueducts to be made therefrom, as shall enable him effectually to discover and ascertain, and also to prevent the Discharge from the said Reservoir of the said Quantity of Water in any other Manner or for any other Purpose than is before mentioned, and contrary to the true Intent and Meaning of this Act; and shall also have full Power and Authority to discharge or cause to be discharged from the said Reservoir all such Water as may be required to be discharged in Manner herein-before directed into the said River *Thame*, and for that Purpose to shut and keep locked and fastened, or open any Sluices, Locks, Weirs, or Gates, or other Works necessary for the regulating the Discharge of Water from the said Reservoir, according to the Provision of this Act, but no further or otherwise.

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from the
Reservoir.

XI. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Company of Proprietors, and they are hereby authorized, to discharge from the same Reservoir the full Quantity of Six hundred thousand Cubic Feet of Water, in each and every Week between such Periods as aforesaid, amounting in the Whole to the said Quantity of Fifteen Millions of Cubic Feet of Water, into the said Summit Level of the said Canal, and from thence into and along the said navigable Cut, authorized to be made, and now making to the Town of *Aylesbury* aforesaid, by virtue of the said recited Act, of the Thirty-fourth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, for the supplying Water for the said Navigable Cut to the said Town of *Aylesbury*, in case the Passage of Boats along the same shall require the said Quantity of Water, so that by means thereof the full Quantity of Fifteen Millions of Cubic Feet of Water at the least may, after the supplying the Purposes of the Navigation and Trade of the said Company, along the said Navigable Cut to *Aylesbury* as aforesaid, be discharged into the said River *Thame*, between such Periods as aforesaid, in addition to the Quantity of Water already provided by the said Company to be discharged into the said River *Thame*, pursuant to the Direction of the said first-recited Act.

Restraining
the Discharge
of Water be-
yond a limit-
ed Quantity.

XII. Provided also, and be it further enacted, That the said Company of Proprietors shall not discharge or take from the said Reservoir, into the said Summit Level of the said Canal, in any Week, or during any Part of such Period as aforesaid of any Year, any greater Quantity of Water than shall

shall have been required in the preceding Week for the Use of the Boats navigating the said Cut, calculating the Number of Cubic Feet of Water required by each Boat; and such Quantity shall not in any Case exceed the said Quantity of Six hundred thousand Cubic Feet in any Week, unless in the Cases herein-after mentioned.

XIII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Company of Proprietors, and they are hereby authorized, to discharge from the said Reservoir, and take into the said Summit Level, any surplus Water which shall or may be at any Time in the said Reservoir, beyond the Quantity which may be sufficient to supply the said River *Thame*, in Manner by this Act directed, the full Quantity of Six hundred thousand Cubic Feet at the least *per* Week, for such Part of any Year as may remain to complete the Period to the Thirtieth Day of *October* as aforesaid; and it shall also be lawful for the Superintendent appointed by the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury for the Time being, under this Act, at all Times to retain in the said Reservoir a sufficient Quantity of Water to ensure such average Supply of Six hundred thousand Cubic Feet *per* Week to the said River *Thame* during such Period as aforesaid, and from Time to Time, as Occasion may require, to discharge or cause to be discharged into the River *Thame*, by any Cut or Watercourse running towards and into the said River *Thame*, such Quantity of Water as may be necessary to make up, in addition to the Quantity which may have been discharged down the said Cut to *Aylesbury* in each Week, the full Supply in each Week of the said Quantity of Six hundred thousand Cubic Feet to the said River *Thame*; and the said Superintendent is hereby required to obey all such Orders and Directions as he shall from Time to Time receive from the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury for the Time being, or any Three or more of them, as to discharging such Supply, at such Times and in such Proportions as shall be most beneficial to and required by the Owners or Occupiers of any Mills or Lands situate in or near to any such Cut or Watercourse through which such Water shall be discharged into the said River *Thame* as aforesaid, or the Owners or Occupiers of any Mills or Lands situate in or near to the said River *Thame*.

Further Regulations as to the Delivery of Water from the Reservoir.

XIV. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That when the regular weekly Passage of Boats along the said Cut to *Aylesbury* shall, to the Satisfaction of the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, ensure the Discharge from the said Grand Junction Canal into the said River *Thame*, of the Quantity of Six hundred thousand Cubic Feet of Water *per* Week, within the Periods aforesaid, in every Year, then and in such Case, upon the Consent in Writing of any Three or more of the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury for the Time being, the Duties and Powers of the Superintendent of the said Reservoirs shall cease, and the said Company shall not be required or liable to pay any Salary for such Person.

The Powers of the Superintendent to cease in certain Events.

XV. And be it further enacted, That they the said Company of Proprietors of the Grand Junction Canal, or any Person or Persons, Body or Bodies Politic or Corporate, claiming by, from, or under, or in Trust for

No Land to be used the Property of the Bishop of London and

his Lessees
without his
Consent.

for them, shall not, nor will, by virtue of the Powers granted by the said recited Acts, or any or either of them, use, take or purchase any of the Lands or Grounds of or belonging to the See of the Lord Bishop of London, or to the Lessees thereof, as are situate in the Parish of *Paddington* in the said County of *Middlesex*, for the Purpose of making any Reservoir or Reservoirs, or for any other Purpose or Purposes whatsoever, authorized by the said recited Acts of the Thirty-eighth and Fifty-first Years of His Majesty's Reign, or either of them, (other than and except such Lands or Grounds as are now set out and ascertained for those Purposes, and also such Lands or Grounds as are already agreed to be set out for the Purposes of forming Streets, Roads, and Passages, pursuant to the Provisions of the said recited Act of the Thirty-eighth Year of His present Majesty's Reign, and of certain Articles of Agreement entered into between the said Company and the Right Reverend *John* Lord Bishop of *London* and his Lessees, Proprietors of the said *Paddington* Estate), without the Consent in Writing of the Lord Bishop of *London* for the Time being, and his Lessees, Proprietors of the said *Paddington* Estate, for that Purpose first had and obtained.

Amending
Parts of a
Clause in Act
33 G. 3. re-
quiring Lock-
keepers not
to give Pre-
ference to
Boats passing
Locks, &c.

XVI. And whereas it was by the said first-recited Act enacted, that if any Lock-keeper or other Servant belonging to the said Company of Proprietors should give any undue Preference, or shew any Partiality to any Boat, Barge, or other Vessel, in passing through any Lock or Locks upon the said Canal and Collateral Cuts, or any of them, every Person so offending should forfeit and pay the Sum of Twenty Shillings to the Informer, be it further enacted, That it shall not be deemed an undue Preference in any Lock-keeper or other Servant of the said Company to permit any Boat or Vessel carrying light Goods, Merchandize, or other Articles, and commonly called *Fly-boats*, to pass any such Lock or Locks, before a Boat or Vessel laden with Coal, Timber, Stones, Lead, or other heavy Articles, in case such *Fly-Boat* shall be within the Distance of Two hundred Yards of such Locks respectively.

For repealing
a certain
Clause in Act
33 G. 3. c. 80.
regulating
Vessels passing
the Locks.

XVII. And whereas, by a Clause in the said first-recited Act, certain Regulations are established for the Conduct of Boatmen and other Persons navigating upon the said Canal, in passing through the Locks thereon, and certain Penalties are imposed upon such Boatmen and other Persons for neglecting to shut the Gates, and for improperly going through the same; and it is expedient that the said Clause should be repealed, and that other and more effectual Provisions should be made in lieu thereof; be it therefore further enacted, That the said Clause shall be and the same is hereby repealed.

Providing
other Re-
gulations in
lieu thereof.

XVIII. And be it further enacted, That every Boatman or other Person navigating, or having the Care of any Boat or other Vessel upon the said Canal or Collateral Cuts, or any of them, which shall pass through any Lock made or to be made thereon, shall, previously to his bringing his Boat or Vessel into any Lock, shut the lower Gates of such Lock, and the Paddles or Sluices thereto belonging, before he shall draw the Paddles or Sluices of the Upper Gates thereof; and after he shall have guided or brought his Boat or Vessel into the said Lock, he shall then shut the Upper Gates thereof,
and

and the Paddles or Sluices thereto belonging, before he shall draw the Paddles or Sluices of the Lower Gates thereof; and in going up the said Canal or Cuts, or any of them, from a lower to a higher Level, such Boatman or other Person shall first guide his Boat or Vessel into the said Lock, and carefully shut the lower Gates thereof, and the Paddles or Sluices thereto belonging, before he shall draw the Paddles or Sluices of the Upper Gates thereof; and as soon as he shall have passed with his Boat or Vessel out of the said Lock, such Boatman or other Person shall securely shut the Upper Gates thereof, and the Paddles or Sluices thereto belonging; and at all Times Boats or Vessels going up the said Canal or Cuts, or any of them, if within Sight of any Boat or Vessel coming down, and at a Distance not exceeding Two hundred Yards below any Lock, shall pass through such Lock before the Boat or Vessel coming down, and then the Boat or Vessel above such Lock shall come down; and if there shall be more Boats or Vessels than One below and One above any Lock at the same Time, within the Distance aforesaid, such Boats or Vessels shall go up and come down through such Locks by Turns as aforesaid, until all the Boats or Vessels going up or coming down shall have passed the same, in order that one Lock-full of Water may serve Two Boats or Vessels; and if any Person or Persons shall offend against any such Provision or Provisions, Rule or Rules, Regulation or Regulations, for entering or passing any such Lock or Locks, or for opening or shutting any Gate or Gates thereof, or for drawing or shutting the Paddles or Sluices thereof, or any of them, [then and in every such Case every such Person shall for every such Offence forfeit any Sum not exceeding Five Pounds, to be recovered and applied in the same Manner as Forfeitures and Penalties are directed to be recovered and applied by the said first-recited Act.

XIX. And be it further enacted, That if any Person or Persons, when necessarily emptying a Lock for the Purpose of passing into or entering the same, shall neglect to shut the top Gate or Gates thereof, and the Paddles or Sluices thereto belonging, before he shall draw the Paddles or Sluices of the bottom Gates thereof or any of them, or shall navigate or cause to be navigated any Boat or other Vessel on the said Canal and Collateral Cuts, or any of them, without a Rudder to steer or guide the same, or without a skilful Person on board to steer and manage such Boat or Vessel, and also a Person attending to drive the Horse drawing the same; or shall navigate Two or more Boats fastened or chained together on the said Canal and Collateral Cuts or any of them; or shall cut down any Corn, Grass, or Clover growing on any Lands adjoining or contiguous to the said Canal and Collateral Cuts, or any of them, without the Consent of the Owner or Owners, Occupier or Occupiers thereof respectively; or shall wilfully commit any Trespass on any such Lands with his or their Horse or Horses; or shall load or unload any Goods, Articles, or Things, in, over, or under any Lock, Aqueduct, Towing Path, Embankment, or Bridge of the said Canal or Collateral Cuts, or any of them; or shall stop, moor, or keep any Boat or Vessel in the Night Time on any Part of the said Canal or Cuts, or any of them, other than and except at some Wharf or Quay, or in some Basin or Place appointed for Boats or Vessels to lie or moor in; or shall wilfully obstruct, hinder, or prevent any Per-

Penalty on Persons misusing the Locks, or doing other Damage to the Navigation.

son in the Execution of this Act, every Person offending in any of the Cases aforesaid shall forfeit and pay for every such Offence any Sum not exceeding Five Pounds, to be recovered and applied in like Manner as any Penalty imposed by the said first-recited Act may be recovered and applied.

Regulating
the Structure
of Vessels.

XX. And be it further enacted, That no Person shall use or navigate on the said Canal and Collateral Cuts, or any of them, any Boat or Vessel that shall have a square Head or Stern, or Projection at the Sides or Bottom thereof, or be constructed in any respect so as to injure, or tend to injure, the Locks, Masonry, Banks, Lining, Puddling, or other Works of the said Canal or Cuts; and it shall be lawful for the said Agents or Servants of the said Company to stop any such Boat or Vessel, and prevent the same from passing any Lock, or navigating the said Canal or Cuts, or any of them.

Collectors to
gauge Boats.

XXI. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful to and for any Collectors of Rates, or other Officers of the said Company, and they are hereby authorized and empowered, to charge for Goods, Wares, Merchandize, Articles and Things conveyed by any Boat or other Vessel along the said Canal and Collateral Cuts, or any of them, according to the Weight thereof, declared by the Gauge of such Boat or other Vessel.

Masters of
Boats to give
an Account
of their
Lading.

XXII. And be it further enacted, That the Person having the Care, Charge, or Management of any Boat or other Vessel navigating upon the said Canal and Collateral Cuts, or any Part thereof, shall give to the Collector of the said Rates, or to any other Officer to be appointed for such Purpose, at the Place or Places, where he shall attend for that Purpose, a just Account in Writing, signed by the Person or Persons sending or consigning such Goods and other Things as shall be embarked in each such Boat or other Vessel, or by his or their known Clerk or Agent, which Account shall contain a Statement of the Quantities and Weight of such Goods and other Things and of their Nature, Sort, or Kind, which shall be embarked in each such Boat or Vessel, from whence the same shall be brought, and where the same is intended to be landed; and if the Goods or other Things contained in any such Boat or Vessel shall be liable to the Payment of different Rates, then such Account shall specify the Quantities liable to the Payment of each of the said Rates; and in case the Person having the Care, Charge, or Management of such Boat or Vessel, shall neglect or refuse to give such Account, or if the Person or Persons sending or consigning such Goods or Things, or his or their known Clerk or Agent, shall sign a false Account thereof, every Person so offending shall forfeit and pay the Sum of Twenty Shillings for every Ton of Goods or other Things (and so in proportion for any less Quantity than a Ton) which shall be in or be conveyed by such Boats or other Vessels respectively, over and above the Rates which shall be payable for the same by virtue of the said recited Acts or any of them, and to be recovered, by Action of Debt or on the Case, in any, of His Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster*.

XXIII. And

XXIII. And be it further enacted, That every Owner, Master, or Person having the Care, Charge, or Management of any Boat or other Vessel passing upon the said Canal, shall upon Demand permit and suffer every such Boat or other Vessel, when not laden, to be gauged, weighed, or measured at the Expence of the said Company of Proprietors, whenever it shall be required by them, or any Person or Persons appointed for that Purpose, at such Place or Places on the said Navigation as they shall appoint; and that the Person or Persons so to be appointed to gauge, weigh, and measure any such Boat or other Vessel, shall from Time to Time enter in a Book to be kept for that Purpose the Particulars of the Measurement and Weight thereof, and shall also affix on such Boat or other Vessel an Iron or other Metal Plate, containing the Gauge Number thereof; and every Person having the Care, Charge, or Management of any Boat or other Vessel, who shall remove, deface, or destroy such Plate or Number, or shall fix any false Plate thereon, or shall do or permit any other Act whereby the Plate or Gauge Number of such Boat or other Vessel shall be altered, without previous Notice given thereof to the said Company, or who shall refuse to permit and suffer the same to be gauged and measured, shall for every such Offence forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Five Pounds, to be recovered and applied in the same Manner as Forfeitures and Penalties are directed to be recovered and applied by the said first-recited Act.

Vessels to be gauged.

XXIV. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the Agents or Servants of the said Company of Proprietors to seize and destroy any Poles, Shafts, or Instruments of less Area at either End thereof than Ten Square Inches, which shall be used for navigating any Boat or Vessel on the said Canal and Collateral Cuts, or any of them.

Poles may be seized in certain Cases.

XXV. And be it further enacted, That if any Person or Persons, who shall be summoned as a Witness or Witnesses to attend and give Evidence before any Justice of the Peace, touching any Matter of Fact contained in any Information or Complaint for any Offence against the said recited Acts, or of this Act, or any of them, either on the Part of the Prosecutor or the Person or Persons accused, shall refuse or neglect to appear at the Time and Place to be for that Purpose appointed, having been paid or tendered a reasonable Sum for his, her, or their Costs and Charges, without a reasonable Excuse for his, her, or their Refusal or Neglect, or appearing shall refuse to be examined upon Oath (or, in case of a Quaker or Quakers, on solemn Affirmation), and to give Evidence before such Justice of the Peace, then and in either of the said Cases every such Person shall forfeit and pay for every such Offence any Sum not exceeding Five Pounds, to be recovered and applied in like Manner as any Penalty imposed by the said first-recited Act may be recovered and applied.

Compelling Witnesses to attend.

XXVI. And be it further enacted, That in all Cases where the Purchase Monies for Lands and Hereditaments let out and ascertained for the Purposes of the said recited Acts, or of this Act, or any of them, shall have been, or shall at any Time hereafter be invested in the Names of Trustees named by the Person or Persons, Bodies Politic, Corporate, or Collegiate, entitled

Directing Mode of appointing Trustees in certain Cases.

entitled to or interested in such Lands or Hereditaments, it shall be sufficient that the Persons so named as Trustees shall have been or shall be approved by the said Company of Proprietors of the Grand Junction Canal, by Writing under their Common Seal, or by any Three of the General Committee for the Time being of the said Company, by any Writing under their Hands, any Thing in the said first-recited Act to the contrary notwithstanding.

Company
empowered
to buy up
Shares.

XXVII. And be it further enacted, That if the said Company of Proprietors, or their General Committee for the Time being, shall deem it expedient, out of any Surplus Monies arising by virtue of the said recited Acts or any of them, or otherwise, to buy up any Share or Shares in the said Canal which shall be offered for Sale, then and in every such Case it shall be lawful for any General or Special Assembly of the said Company of Proprietors, to be held in Manner directed by the said first-recited Act, to authorize and empower their General Committee for the Time being to buy up any such Share or Shares, and to direct that any such Share or Shares so bought shall merge in the said Undertaking.

Company
empowered
to purchase
Lands be-
longing to
the Duchy of
Cornwall.

XXVIII. And whereas Doubts have arisen whether, under the Powers and Provisions contained in the said recited Acts, the said Company of Proprietors are enabled to purchase and make use of any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments of or belonging to the Duchy of *Cornwall*, be it therefore enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Company of Proprietors, and they are hereby authorized and empowered, to purchase and make use of any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, of or belonging to the Duchy of *Cornwall*, for the Purposes of the said recited Acts and of this Act, in such and the like Manner in all respects as they the said Company are under and by virtue of the recited Acts authorized or empowered to purchase or make use of any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments of any Bodies Politic, Corporate, or Collegiate, or other Person or Persons whomsoever, for the Purposes thereof; and it shall and may be lawful for the Surveyor General of the Duchy of *Cornwall*, now or for the Time being, to contract and agree with the said Company of Proprietors for the Sale to the said Company of such or so much of the Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments of or belonging to the said Duchy of *Cornwall*, as shall or may have become or shall be necessary for the Purposes aforesaid, and the Purchase Money to be paid for the same shall be paid by the said Company of Proprietors into the Bank of *England*, to be there received by the Cashiers of the Bank, and to be accounted for, and invested in the Purchase of Three Pounds *per Centum* Bank Annuities, in the Name of the Duke of *Cornwall*, in like Manner as is directed and provided under the Act of the Thirty-eighth Year of His present Majesty's Reign, intituled *An Act for making perpetual, subject to Redemption and Purchase in the Manner therein stated, the several Sums of Money now charged in Great Britain as a Land Tax for One Year, from the Twenty-fifth Day of March One thousand seven hundred and ninety-eight*, provided that nothing herein contained shall extend to authorize or empower the said Company of Proprietors to purchase and make use of any Part or Parts of such Lands, Tenements,
or

or Hereditaments (other than and except such Lands belonging to the said Duchy of *Cornwall* as have been already made use of for the Purposes aforesaid), without the Consent in Writing of the said Surveyor General of the Duchy of *Cornwall*, and of the Lessee or Lessees for the Time being thereof respectively, first had and obtained for that Purpose: Provided also, that the said Company of Proprietors shall not at any Time hereafter alter the said Canal, or any of the Works made and erected thereon, through and upon the Lands of the Duchy of *Cornwall*, without such Consent in Writing first had and obtained.

XXIX. And be it further enacted, That if any Agent, Toll Collector, Wharfinger, Lock-keeper, or other Servant of the said Company, occupying any House, Offices, or Buildings belonging to the said Company, without paying Rent for the same, shall be discharged from his Office by or by the Order of the said Company or their General Committee, and shall not deliver up the Possession of such House, Offices, Buildings, and Appurtenances, together with the Books, Papers, and other Matters and Things belonging to the said Company, in his Custody, Power, or Possession, within Six Days next after Notice of such Discharge shall be given to him, or left at such House, Offices, or Buildings; or if the Widow or Family of any such Agent, Toll Collector, Wharfinger, Lock-keeper, or other Servant who shall happen to die while in the Service of the said Company, shall refuse to deliver up the Possession of such House, Offices, Buildings, and Appurtenances as aforesaid, together with the Books, Papers, and other Matters and Things belonging to the said Company, in his, her, or their Custody, Power, or Possession, within Fourteen Days after Demand made thereof, then and in either of the said Cases it shall be lawful for any Justice of the Peace for the County where such House, Offices, and Buildings shall be, and he is hereby required, by Warrant under his Hand and Seal, to order the Constable or other Peace Officer, with such Assistance as shall be necessary, to enter such House, Offices, and Buildings in the Day-time, and to remove the Persons who shall be found therein, together with their Goods and Chattels, out of such House, Offices, and Buildings, and to take Possession of all the Books, Papers, Matters, and Things belonging to the said Company which shall be found therein, and to deliver Possession of such House, Offices, and Buildings, together with the Books, Papers, Matters, and Things found therein belonging to the said Company, to the new appointed Agent, Toll Collector, Wharfinger, Lock-keeper, or other Servant, or to such other Person or Persons as the said Company or their General Committee shall appoint to receive the same.

Agents, Collectors, &c. to give Possession of Houses, &c. when removed.

XXX. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the General Committee for the Time being of the said Company of Proprietors of the Grand Junction Canal from Time to Time to lower or reduce all or any Part of the Rates or Tonnage granted by the said recited Acts or any of them, and to raise the same again to such Sums as they shall think proper, not exceeding the Sums mentioned in the said Acts, as often as they shall deem it necessary for the Interest of the said Navigation.

Rates may be reduced by the General Committee.

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Public Act.

XXXI. 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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