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Cap. 183.

An Act for increasing the Fund for watching, lighting, cleansing, watering, and repairing *Blackfriars Bridge*. [27th June 1812.]

WHEREAS by an Act passed in the Twenty-ninth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King George the Second, intituled *An Act for building a Bridge cross the River Thames, from Blackfriars in the City of London, to the opposite Side in the County of Surry*; the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons of the City of London, in Common Council assembled, were authorized and empowered to build the said Bridge, and to preserve and maintain the same when built: And whereas by another Act passed in the Seventh Year of His present Majesty's Reign; intituled *An Act for completing the Bridge cross the River Thames, from Blackfriars in the City of London, to the opposite Side in the County of Surry, and the Avenues thereto on the London Side, for redeeming the Tolls on the said Bridge and on London Bridge, for rebuilding the Gaol of Newgate in the said City, for repairing the Royal Exchange within the same, for embanking Part of the North Side of the said River within certain Limits, and for further continuing towards those Purposes the Imposition of Sixpence per Chaldron or Ton of Coals and Culm imported into the Port of the said City, established by an Act of the Fifth and Sixth Years of the Reign of King William and Queen Mary*; and also for carrying on the new Pavements in the City and Liberties of Westminster and Parishes adjacent, and in the Town and Borough of Southwark, and for other Purposes therein mentioned; the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons, in Common Council assembled, were authorized and empowered to inclose and embank the Ground and Soil of the River Thames, between the West Corner of *Powell's Wharf*, near *Puddle Dock*, in the said City of London, and the East Corner of *Robert's Wharf*, near *Milford Lane*, in the County of *Middlesex*; and were further authorized and empowered to borrow and raise, in Manner therein mentioned, a certain Sum of Money upon the Credit of the said Fund, so by the said Act

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of the Fifth and Sixth Years of King *William* and Queen *Mary* (intituled *An Act for Relief of the Orphans and other Creditors of the City of London*) established; Part thereof to be applied in defraying the Expence of embanking so much of the North Side of the said River, within the Limits aforesaid, as should be embanked by virtue of the said Act; and the Residue of such Part of the said Sum of Money (if any) after defraying such Expences, to be applied in Manner therein mentioned, as Part of a Fund for lighting, watching, cleansing, and repairing the said then intended Bridge; and the Soil and Ground of the said River *Thames*, which, by virtue of the said Act, should be so inclosed and embanked, was thereby charg'd with certain Quit Rents, which were thereby vested in and made payable to the Mayor, and Commonalty and Citizens of the said City for ever; but to be respectively redeemable upon Payment to the Chamberlain of the said City for the Time being, of the Price or Value thereof, to be estimated as therein is mentioned; and it was further enacted, That all the Monies which should be so paid for the Redemption or Purchase of any Part of the said Quit Rents, and also the Residue, if any, (of such Part as aforesaid, of the Sum of Money so to be borrowed and raised as aforesaid) which might remain after defraying the Expence of the said Embankments, should be placed out at Interest, upon Government Securities, in the Name of the Chamberlain, Comptroller, and Town Clerk of the said City for the Time being; and the Interest or Dividends of the said Sums, so placed out at Interest, which should accrue before the Twenty-ninth Day of *September* One thousand seven hundred and seventy, and the said Quit Rents which in that Time should become due and payable, should in like Manner be placed out at Interest, in Addition to the said Principal Sums, and the Interest or Dividends of the said accumulated Sums, together with the Quit Rents which should not be redeemed and should accrue from and after the said Twenty-ninth Day of *September* One thousand seven hundred and seventy, should from Time to Time be issued and applied, and the same were thereby appropriated to, for, or towards the lighting, watching, cleansing, and repairing the said Bridge: And whereas the annual Produce of the Fund actually provided by the said last recited Act, amounts to no more than the Sum of One hundred and sixty-seven Pounds Eight Shillings and Tenpence: And whereas by an Act passed in the Twenty-sixth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled *An Act for laying a Toll upon all Horses and Carriages passing on a Sunday over Blackfriars Bridge, and for applying the Money to arise thereby towards increasing the Fund for watching, lighting, cleansing, watering, and repairing the said Bridge*, several Tolls and Duties were granted to and vested in the said Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of the City of *London*, and their Successors, for a certain Term, which expired on or about the Fourth Day of *July* One thousand eight hundred and eight: And whereas by an Act passed in the Forty-ninth Year of His present Majesty, intituled *An Act for reviving, continuing, and amending an Act, passed in the Twenty-sixth Year of His present Majesty, for laying a Toll upon all Horses and Carriages passing on a Sunday over Blackfriars Bridge, and for applying the Money to arise thereby towards increasing the Fund for watching, lighting, cleansing, watering, and repairing the said Bridge*, the said last recited Act, and the Tolls and Duties thereby granted, were revived from the Day of the passing thereof, and continued for the Term of One Year, and from thence to the End of the then next Session of Parliament, which Term expired on or about the Twenty-fourth Day

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of July last: And whereas inasmuch as the said Tolls have ceased, the said yearly Sum of One hundred and sixty-seven Pounds Eight Shillings and Ten-pence only is applicable for the Support and Maintenance of the said Bridge, as well as the lighting, watching, paving, cleansing, and watering thereof; and as the same is quite insufficient, it is necessary and expedient that the said Fund provided for these Purposes by the said recited Act of the Seventh Year of His present Majesty should be increased: And whereas the said Fund so by the said Act of the Fifth and Sixth Year of King *William* and Queen *Mary* established, called *The Orphans Fund*, (which was originally intended, together with the said Quit Rents, to provide a Fund for the Purposes aforesaid), and the Receipts and Disbursements thereof are under the Management and Direction of the Court of Mayor and Aldermen of the said City of *London*: And by Three Acts passed, One in the Twenty-first Year of His late Majesty King *George* the Second, intituled *An Act for the further Relief of the Orphans and other Creditors of the City of London, and for other Purposes therein mentioned*; another in the Seventh Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, and herein-before in Part recited; and the other in the Forty-fourth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled *An Act for raising an additional Sum of Money for carrying into Execution several Acts for widening the Entrance into the City of London near Temple Bar, for making a more commodious Street at Snow Hill, and for raising on the Credit of the Orphans Fund certain Sums of Money for those Purposes, and also for enlarging the Powers of the said Acts*, the several Provisions for supporting the said Fund have been continued and augmented, and the Whole of the Rates and Charges applicable to the said Fund, from the Time of passing the said Act of the Seventh Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, are to remain and continue until the Fifth Day of *July*, which will be in the Year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and thirty-seven, when some of the said Rates and Duties are to cease; but the Sum of Ten thousand Pounds *per Annum*, by the said Acts of Parliament of the Fifth and Sixth Years of King *William* and Queen *Mary*, and of the Twenty-first Year of His late Majesty King *George* the Second, charged upon or made payable out of the Revenues of or belonging to the said City of *London*, and certain other of the Rates and Charges therein also mentioned, are thereby continued until all the Principal Monies charged upon the said Orphans Fund, together with Interest for the same, shall be paid off and annihilated: And whereas the Income of the said Fund called *The Orphans Fund*, hath for several Years past so much increased as to afford a reasonable Probability, that if the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons, in Common Council assembled, were enabled to raise the Sum of Twenty thousand Pounds for the Purposes aforesaid, upon the Credit of the Surplusses to arise from the said Fund, such Surplusses will be amply sufficient to pay off such further Charge, together with the Whole of the Debt and Sums of Money already charged thereon, within the Time for which the said Fund is now continued by the Acts of Parliament aforesaid, or some of them; but the same cannot be done without the Aid and Authority of Parliament: 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 it shall be lawful for the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons of the City of *London*, in Common Council assembled, at any Time or Times after the passing of

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this Act to borrow and raise by Annuities any Sum or Sums of Money not exceeding in the Whole the Sum of Twenty thousand Pounds upon the Credit of the said Fund, called *The Orphans Fund*, over and above the several Sums heretofore charged and now remaining due thereon; and all such Monies so to be raised shall be paid into the Receipt of the Chamber of the City of *London*, by such Instalments, in such Proportions, at such Times, and in such Manner, as the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons, in Common Council assembled, shall direct; and the Persons who shall contract to advance or contribute any Part of the said Monies, shall, in respect of the Sums which they shall so respectively advance, be entitled to Annuities at such Rates of Interest as the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons, in Common Council assembled, shall think reasonable, to commence from the Fifth Day of *January* One thousand eight hundred and twelve, to be payable Half Yearly, and continue until Redemption thereof by Payment of each respective Principal Sum.

II. And be it further enacted, That the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons, in Common Council assembled, shall cause a Bond, or Note, or other Security in Writing, under the Common Seal of the said City, to be delivered to every Person advancing any Part of the said Monies for the Payment of such Annuities, in respect thereof, until redeemed, as is herein-after mentioned; which Bonds, Notes, or other Securities, shall be assignable by Indorsement.

III. And be it further enacted, That the said Fund, called *The Orphans Fund*, shall be, and the same is hereby charged and made chargeable with the Annuities which shall be payable in respect of the said Sum of Twenty Thousand Pounds to be borrowed and raised by virtue of this Act, subject nevertheless and without Prejudice to the Payment of Interest on the Principal Debts remaining due to the Orphans and other Creditors of the said City, and to the Payment of the several Annuities which are, or shall be payable in respect of the several Principal Sums borrowed and raised upon the Credit of the said Fund, by virtue of any Act or Acts of Parliament already passed, and now in force, or by virtue of any Act or Acts to be passed in this present Session of Parliament.

IV. And be it further enacted, That out of the future Surpluses of the said Orphans Fund, (after reserving so much Money as will be sufficient to satisfy the Interest payable from Time to Time to the Orphans and other Creditors of the said City, as also to satisfy the Annuity and yearly Interest payable from Time to Time, in respect of the several other Principal Sums raised and borrowed by virtue or under the Authority of the several Acts of Parliament already passed for that Purpose, and now in force, or to be raised and borrowed by virtue or under the Authority of any Act or Acts to be passed in this present Session of Parliament), the Annuities payable and to be paid in respect of the said Sum of Twenty thousand Pounds authorized and directed to be raised and borrowed under and by virtue of this Act, shall be paid from Time to Time as the same shall grow due, before any Part of such Surpluses shall be applied in Redemption of the Annuities, and the Payment of the Principal Monies already charged upon the said Fund; and that

that the Residue of such Surplusses, after such Payment as by this or by any other Act or Acts of Parliament already passed, and now in Force, or by any Act or Acts to be passed in this present Session of Parliament, are or shall be directed to be made out of the same, shall be paid and satisfied, shall from Time to Time, by Order of the Court of Mayor and Aldermen of the said City of *London*, (which Orders the said Court are hereby authorized and directed to make), or by the Chamberlain of the said City for the Time being, be applied towards the Redemption of all and singular the Annuities payable in respect of the said Sum of Twenty thousand Pounds by this Act charged on the said Fund, in such Order and Course as the said Court of Mayor and Aldermen shall think fit.

V. And be it further enacted, That the Court of Mayor and Aldermen of the said City of *London* shall give, or cause to be given Notice in the *London Gazette*, of the Intention to redeem such Annuities, as shall by virtue of this Act be granted in respect of the said Sum of Twenty thousand Pounds, and shall annex to such Notice a Copy of this present Clause; and at the End of Six Calendar Months next after such Notice, upon Payment or Tender of the respective Sums for which such Annuities shall have been granted, together with a proportionate Part of the same Annuities respectively, up to the Days of such Payment or Tender, to or for the Person or Persons then entitled thereto, at the Office of the Chamberlain of the said City for the Time being, in the Guildhall of the same City, the Annuity or Annuities payable to such Person or Persons respectively shall cease and determine: Provided nevertheless, that such Person or Persons, at any Time after such Notice shall have been given as aforesaid, and before the End of the said Six Calendar Months shall, at the Expiration of Ten Days next, after a Declaration in Writing of his, her, or their Intention to receive the same shall have been delivered at the said Office, (such Declaration being delivered between the Hours of Ten in the Morning and Two in the Afternoon), be paid at the said Office the Sum or Sums for which such Annuity or Annuities respectively shall have been granted, together with a proportionate Part of the same Annuity or Annuities respectively, up to the Day expressed in such Declaration for receiving the same, and such Annuity or Annuities respectively shall, upon the Day specified in such Declaration for Payment, cease and determine.

Upon Notice of Redemption of the Annuities and Tender of the Monies, Annuities to cease.

VI. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That if the Surplusses of the said Fund charged with the Annuities which shall be payable by virtue of this Act, in respect of the said Sum of Twenty thousand Pounds, shall at any Time hereafter prove insufficient to pay the same, then, and in every such Case, and so often as the same shall happen, the Sum which shall be wanting to complete the Payment of such Annuities shall be advanced and paid out of the Chamber of the said City, and be made good and supplied out of the future Surplusses of the said Fund.

If Surplusses of Orphans Fund insufficient for Payment of Annuities, Deficiencies paid out of the Chamber of London.

VII. And be it further enacted, That the Sum of Twenty thousand Pounds, or so much thereof as shall be raised as aforesaid, shall be placed out at Interest upon Government or real Securities, in the Names of the Chamberlain, Town Clerk, and Comptroller of the said City for

The Monies to be raised under this Act to be laid out at

Interest, and the Interest to form Part of the Fund provided for lighting, &c. the Bridge.

the Time being; and the Interest or Dividends which shall from Time to Time become payable in respect thereof, shall be issued and applied, and the same are hereby appropriated to and directed to form Part of the yearly Fund provided by the said recited Act of the Seventh Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, to, for, or towards the watching, lighting, cleansing, and repairing the said Bridge at *Blackfriars*, and to or for no other Use, Intent, or Purpose whatsoever.

Authorizing the Application of 5000l. of the Money to be raised in repairing the Bridge.

VIII. And whereas it is apprehended that it will be necessary forthwith to make considerable and substantial Repairs to the said Bridge; be it therefore further enacted, That it shall be lawful to and for the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons, in Common Council assembled, within the Space of Five Years, to be computed from the passing of this Act, either by and out of the Monies to be raised by virtue of this Act, before the same shall be placed out at Interest as aforesaid, or by Sale or Conversion into Money of the Government, or Real Securities, in which the same shall be invested, after the same shall be placed out at Interest as aforesaid, or a sufficient Part thereof, to raise and apply any Sum or Sums of Money (not exceeding in the Whole the Sum of Five thousand Pounds) for or towards the substantial Repairs of the said Bridge, any Thing herein-before contained to the contrary thereof in anywise notwithstanding.

Securities to be entered in Books.

IX. And be it further enacted, That the Chamberlain of the said City for the Time being, shall enter into a Book or Books to be kept for that Purpose all Securities for Monies borrowed, or Monies granted in pursuance of this Act, and all Assignments and Transfers thereof, expressing in Words at length the Names, Surnames, Additions, Places of Abode, and other Descriptions of all such Persons as shall from Time to Time be entitled to such Securities, and the Sums received upon such Securities, and the Days whereon the said Annuities respectively shall be payable, to which Book and Books, all and every Person and Persons intitled to or interested in such Annuities, shall at all reasonable Times in the Day-time have Access, with free Liberty to inspect the same without Fee or Reward.

Chamberlain to keep Accounts of Monies raised, &c.

X. And be it further enacted, That from Time to Time there shall also be provided and kept by the Chamberlain of the said City for the Time being, one or more Book or Books, in which all the Monies which by virtue of this Act shall be raised or borrowed upon the Credit of the said Fund, shall from Time to Time, as the same shall be received, be entered and set down, and wherein also all the Monies paid and disbursed and laid out at Interest, and the Monies to be received, shall from Time to Time be entered and set down; and such Entry shall express the Time when the same shall be paid, disbursed, or laid out at Interest, and the Occasions for which, and the Names of the Persons to whom the same shall be paid.

Disbursements to be included in the Chamberlain's Annual Account.

XI. And be it further enacted, That in the annual Account in and by the said Act of the Seventh Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, directed to be by the Chamberlain of the said City for the Time being, laid before each House of Parliament, shall be included an Account of the Disbursements and Investments of the said Sum of Twenty thousand

said Pounds, or so much thereof as shall then have been raised and borrowed.

XII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall extend to lessen or affect the Security of any of the present Creditors of the said Mayor, and Commonalty and Citizens, further or otherwise than is herein expressly directed and enacted.

This Act not to affect any of the City's present Creditors.

XIII. And be it further enacted, That the Expences of obtaining and passing this Act, shall be paid out of the Monies to be raised and received under or by virtue of this Act.

Expences of this Act how to be paid.

XIV. And be it further enacted, That in case in any Year the annual Produce of the said Fund, by the said recited Act of the Seventh Year of His present Majesty directed to be made, when increased by the Interest or Dividends of the Sum or Sums of Money to be borrowed and raised by virtue of this Act, and laid out at Interest as aforesaid, be more than sufficient to defray the Expences of watching, lighting, cleansing, watering, paving, and repairing the said Bridge in such one Year; then and in every or any such Case the Sum or Sums of Money which after defraying all such Expences as aforesaid shall remain unappropriated of the Produce of the said Fund in such one Year, shall be placed out at Interest as is herein-before directed, concerning, and in Addition to the Sum or Sums of Money to be raised by virtue of this Act, and the Interest or Dividends which shall become payable in respect thereof, shall be appropriated as and be, and be considered Part of the said annual Fund, and shall be applied accordingly.

Any Surplus of the Annual Fund to be laid out at Interest, and the Interest on Dividends to form Part of the said Fund.

XV. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful to and for the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons, in Common Council assembled, from Time to Time to appoint one or more Committee or Committees, to manage and transact all or any of the Matters or Purposes respecting the Fund so by the said recited Act of the Seventh Year of His present Majesty and this Act provided as aforesaid, the watching, lighting, cleansing, and repairing the said Bridge, which they the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons, in Common Council assembled, are authorized and required to do, execute, or perform; which Committee or Committees so to be appointed, shall have for that Purpose the Powers and Authorities given to or vested in the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons, in Common Council assembled, for managing, and transacting such Matters and Things as last aforesaid, as the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons, in Common Council assembled, shall think fit or proper to delegate to such Committee or Committees.

Common Council empowered to appoint Committees.

XVI. Provided nevertheless, and be it further enacted, That if any Person being a Member of any such Committee shall be directly or indirectly interested or concerned in any Contract which shall be made or entered into, by or on behalf of such Committee, for or concerning any of the Works to be performed or done for the Purposes aforesaid, or for or concerning any Materials to be used or employed therein, every such Contract shall be void, and the Person who being a Member of such Committee shall be so interested or concerned shall for every such Offence forfeit and pay the Sum of One hundred Pounds to any

Persons interested not eligible on such Committee.

Person or Persons who shall sue for the same; to be recovered in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster*, by Action, of Debt, Bill, Plaint, or Information, to be commenced within Three Calendar Months next after the Offence committed; in which Action or Suit, respectively, no Protection, Effoign, or Wager of Law, or more than one Imparlanee shall be allowed.

Persons not free of the City may be employed by Committees.

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

5 Eliz. c. 4.

Committees to have the entire Direction and Expenditure of the Fund.

XVIII. And be it further enacted, That the Committee or Committees so to be appointed, shall, and may, and they are hereby empowered to cause the Fund, so provided and appropriated by the said Act of the Seventh Year of His present Majesty, and this Act as aforesaid, to be expended in watching, lighting, cleansing, watering, paving, and repairing the said Bridge, in such Manner as they shall think proper; and the Chamberlain, Town Clerk, and Comptroller of the said City for the Time being, shall, and they are hereby directed to pay such Part of the said Fund as is and shall be vested in them, as herein-before is mentioned, to such Person or Persons, for such Occasions and in such Manner as such Committee or Committees shall direct, without any Discretion in such Chamberlain, Town Clerk, or Comptroller for the Time being, to withhold any such Sum or Sums of Money so directed to be paid; and that the Orders of such Committee or Committees shall be, respectively, sufficient Discharges to such Chamberlain, Town Clerk, and Comptroller for the Payment of the Monies, in such Orders respectively directed to be paid.

Chamberlain to keep an Account of the Receipts and Disbursements of the Fund, which shall be audited every Year by the Committee.

XIX. And to the End that the said Fund, by the said recited Act of the Seventh Year of His present Majesty and this Act, provided and appropriated for the Purposes aforesaid, may be duly applied to the Purposes to which the same respectively are applicable, by virtue of the said last-mentioned recited Act and this Act, and to no other; be it further enacted, That a full Account shall be kept by the Chamberlain of the City of *London*, in a Book or Books to be provided and kept by him for that Purpose, of all the Monies received from or on Account of the Fund, and for what the same were received, and of all Payments and Disbursements

Disbursements out of the same, and the Time when the Occasion for which and the Person or Persons to whom the same shall be so paid and disbursed; and such Account shall be audited and allowed once in every Year, between the Fifth Day of *January* and the Fifth Day of *April*; by the Committee for the Time being, so to be appointed as aforesaid; and such Account, when so audited and allowed, shall effectually discharge the Chamberlain, Town Clerk, and Comptroller for the Time being; from all Claims and Demands whatsoever, for or in respect of any Payments made by them, and contained, audited, and allowed in such Account.

XX. And be it further enacted, That if the said Sum of Twenty Thousand Pounds, or any Part thereof, or any Part of the Fund so provided and appropriated as aforesaid, shall happen to be misapplied, or converted to any other Uses than are herein-before directed, concerning the same respectively as aforesaid by the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons, of the City of *London*, in Common Council assembled, or by such Committee or Committees as aforesaid, or by the Mayor, and Commonalty, and Citizens of the said City for the Time being, or any of their Officers, or any other Person or Persons acting under Colour of any Order, Warrant, Power, or Authority, by, from, or under them respectively, then and in such Case, the said Mayor, and Commonalty, and Citizens, and their Successors, shall be answerable for the same out of the Revenue of the said Corporation, in any Action or Actions to be brought by any of the Creditors of the said Mayor, and Commonalty, and Citizens, and their Successors, claiming under or by virtue of this Act, or of the said recited Acts of the Seventh Year of His present Majesty, or by the Executors, Administrators, or Assigns of any such Creditors, which said Sum or Sums of Money so recovered shall be applied to the same Uses as the Monies so misapplied or converted should or might have been applied to if such Mis-application had not happened, except that the Costs of Suit shall be deducted and retained thereout in the first Place, for the Benefit of him, her, or them, so suing.

The Corporation of London answerable in case of Mis-application of the Money.

XXI. And whereas by virtue of the said recited Acts of the Fifth and Sixth Year of the Reign of King *William* and Queen *Mary*, and of the Twenty-first Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Second, the said Fund called *The Orphans Fund* has been provided for Payment of the Debts and Sums of Money due to the Orphans and other Creditors of the said City, with Interest for the same, and by virtue of the said recited Act of the Seventh Year of His present Majesty's Reign, Ten other Acts respectively made in the Eighteenth Year of His present Majesty's Reign, intituled *An Act for empowering the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons, of the City of London, in Common Council assembled, to raise upon the Credit of the Surpluses to arise out of a certain Fund commonly called The Orphans Fund, the Sum of Forty thousand Pounds, towards discharging the Debt incurred in rebuilding the Gaol of Newgate, and a Sessions House adjoining, and for completing the said Gaol, and building an Infirmary thereto, and other the Purposes therein mentioned; An Act for applying the Sum of One thousand Pounds, to arise out of the Surpluses of a certain Fund commonly called The Orphans Fund, for the Purpose of opening Communications between Wapping Street and*

Upon Notice of Redemption of Annuities granted under the several Acts of Parliament for charging the same on the Orphans Fund (now remaining unfatished) and Tender of the Monies, Annuities to cease.

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*Ratcliff Highway, and between Old Gravel Lane and Virginia Street, within the Parishes of Saint George and Saint John of Wapping, in the County of Middlesex; An Act for applying the Sum of One thousand five hundred Pounds, to arise out of the Surpluses of a certain Fund commonly called The Orphans Fund, for the Purpose of widening certain Avenues leading into Goodman's Fields, in the County of Middlesex; An Act for applying the Sum of Four thousand Pounds, to arise out of the Surpluses of a certain Fund commonly called The Orphans Fund, towards completing of the Paving of the Town and Borough of Southwark, and certain Parts adjacent, in the County of Surrey; An Act for authorizing the Justices of the Peace for the County of Middlesex to sell the present Session House for the said County, and for enabling them to build another Session House in a more convenient Situation, and to keep the same in Repair; and for applying the Sum of Eleven thousand Pounds (to be borrowed upon the Credit of the Surpluses of a certain Fund commonly called The Orphans Fund), towards defraying the Expence of building the said Session House; An Act for empowering the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons, of the City of London, in Common Council assembled, to make a Street or Opening from Moorfields opposite Chiswell Street towards the East into Bishopsgate Street; and also from the East End of Chiswell Street Westward into Barbican; and to raise upon the Credit of the Surpluses to arise out of a certain Fund commonly called The Orphans Fund, the Sum of Sixteen thousand five hundred Pounds for such Purpose; An Act for erecting a Building for holding the Courts, and exercising the Jurisdiction of the Dean and Chapter of the Collegiate Church of Saint Peter in Westminster, within the City and Liberty of Westminster, and for holding the Quarter Sessions of the Peace, and transacting the other public Business of the said City and Liberty, and for appropriating Part of the Surpluses of the Orphans Fund, towards defraying the Expence thereof; An Act for paving the High Street or Road leading from Aldersgate Bars, in the Parish of Saint Botolph Without, Aldersgate, London, to the Turnpike near the End of Goswell Street, in the County of Middlesex; and for applying the Sum of Five Thousand Pounds, to be raised upon the Credit of the Surpluses to arise out of a certain Fund commonly called The Orphans Fund for such Purpose; An Act for applying the Sum of Nine Thousand Pounds, to arise out of the Surpluses of a certain Fund commonly called The Orphans Fund, for the Purpose of making a Passage for Carriages from Spital Fields to Bishopsgate Street, in the County of Middlesex; and An Act for widening and improving a certain Avenue called Dirty Lane and Part of Brick Lane, leading from Whitechapel to Spital Fields, in the County of Middlesex, and for paving Dirty Lane; and also the East Side of Petticoat Lane, from Whitechapel High Street to Wentworth Street, the said Avenue called Wentworth Street, from thence in one continued Line through Old Montague Street, Chapel Street, and Prince's Row, to Baker's Row inclusive, and the several Streets and Passages leading into the same, and for removing all Obstructions and Encroachments therefrom, and preventing the like for the future; Two other Acts respectively made in the Thirty-fifth Year of His present Majesty's Reign, intituled *An Act for widening and improving the Entrance into the City of London near Temple Bar, for making a more commodious Street or Passage at Snow Hill, and for raising on the Credit of the Orphans' Fund a Sum of Money for those Purposes; and, An Act for repairing the Common Sewer in New Bridge Street, Blackfriars, in the City of London, or making a new Sewer**

instead of the defective Part or Parts thereof, and for maintaining and cleansing the same; another Act made in the Thirty-ninth and Fortieth Year of His present Majesty's Reign, intituled *An Act for raising a further Sum of Money for carrying into Execution Two several Acts passed in the Thirty-fifth and Thirty-eighth Years of the Reign of His present Majesty, for widening and improving the Entrance into the City of London near Temple Bar, for making a more commodious Street or Passage at Snow Hill, and for raising on the Credit of the Orphans Fund a Sum of Money for those Purposes, and for explaining and amending the said Acts,* the said recited Act of the Forty-fourth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, and another Act made in the Fifty-first Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled *An Act for raising an additional Sum of Money, for carrying into Execution the several Acts for widening the Entrance into the City of London near Temple Bar, for making a more commodious Street at Snow Hill, and for raising Money on the Credit of the Orphans Fund for these Purposes, and for extending the Powers of the said Acts;* the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons, in Common Council assembled, have borrowed and raised by Annuities certain large Sums of Money upon the Credit of the said Fund called *The Orphans Fund*; and it is in and by the several last-mentioned Acts, passed in the Reign of His present Majesty, respectively enacted, That the Court of Mayor and Aldermen of the said City should give or cause to be given, Six Calendar Months Notice of their Intention to pay off the Principal Debt or Sums due to the Orphans and other Creditors of the said City, or to redeem such Annuities as should by virtue of the same Acts respectively be granted, at the End of which Six Calendar Months, upon Payment or Tender of the respective Sums so due, or for which such Annuities should have been granted, to or for the Person or Persons then intituled thereto, at the Office of the Chamberlain of the said City for the Time being, in the Guildhall of the same City, the Interest or Annuity and Annuities payable to such Person or Persons respectively, should cease and determine: Provided nevertheless, that the Monies so tendered should be paid to such Person or Persons, upon his, her, or their making Demand thereof, and giving a Discharge for the same; now in order to obviate any Doubts which may arise, whether by virtue of the said several Acts respectively, the Person or Persons to whom such Principal Debt or Sum, or Debts or Sums, shall be due, or to whom such Annuity or Annuities respectively shall belong, is or are intituled to receive the said Sum or Sums so due, or for which the same Annuity or Annuities respectively shall be granted, before the End of the Six Calendar Months, for which such Notice shall be given, be it further enacted, That after such Notice shall have been given as aforesaid, by virtue of the said several Acts respectively, or Notice shall have been given in the *London Gazette*, and also in Two or more Daily Papers published in the City of *London* or *Westminster*, of the Intention of the said Court of Mayor and Aldermen to pay off such Principal Debt or Sum, or Debts or Sums, or to redeem such Annuities, the Person or Persons then intituled to such Debt or Sum, or Debts or Sums, or Annuity or Annuities respectively, at any Time before the Expiration of Six Calendar Months next after such Notice shall have been given, shall at the Expiration of Ten Days next after a Declaration in Writing, of his, her, or their Intention to receive the same shall have been delivered at the said Office, (such Declaration being delivered between the Hours

of Ten in the Morning and Two in the Afternoon), be paid at the said Office the Sum or Sums so due, or for which such Annuity or Annuities respectively shall have been granted, together with Interest, or a proportionate Part of the same Annuity or Annuities respectively, up to the Day expressed in such Declaration for receiving the same; and such Interest, or Annuity and Annuities respectively shall, upon the Day specified in such Declaration for Payment, cease and determine.

Limitation
of Actions.

XXII. And be it further enacted, That no Action or Suit shall be commenced against any Person or Persons, for any Thing done in pursuance, or under Colour of this Act, until Twenty-one Days Notice shall be thereof given in Writing, to or after sufficient Satisfaction or Tender thereof hath been made to the Party or Parties aggrieved; or after Three Calendar Months next after the Fact committed, for which such Action or Actions, Suit or Suits, shall be so brought; and every such Action shall be brought, laid, and tried in the City or County where the Cause of Action shall arise, and not elsewhere; and that the Defendant or Defendants in such Actions or Suits, and every of them, may plead the General Issue, and give this Act and the special Matter in Evidence at any Trial or Trials which shall be had thereupon; and that the Matters or Things for which such Action or Actions, Suit or Suits, shall be so brought, was done in pursuance and by the Authority of this Act; and if the said Matter or Thing shall appear to have been so done, or if it shall appear that such Action or Suit was brought before Twenty-one Days Notice given as aforesaid, and that a sufficient Satisfaction was made or tendered as aforesaid; or if any such Action or Suit shall not be commenced within the Time before for that Purpose limited, or shall be laid in any other County or Place than as aforesaid, then the Jury or Juries shall find for the Defendant or Defendants therein; and if the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs in such Action or Actions, Suit or Suits, shall become non-suited, or suffer a Discontinuance thereof; or if Judgment shall be given for the Defendant or Defendants therein, then, and in any of the Cases aforesaid, such Defendant or Defendants shall have Double Costs, and shall have such Remedy for recovering the same as any Defendant or Defendants hath or have for Costs in other Cases by Law.

General Issue.

Double Costs.

Public Act.

XXIII. 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.