



ANNO QUINQUAGESIMO QUINTO

GEORGI III. REGIS.

Cap. xviii.

An Act to amend an Act of His present Majesty, for establishing a Ferry across the River *Thames* at *Woolwich*, in the County of *Kent*. [2d May 1815.]

WHEREAS an Act was made in the Fifty-first Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled *An Act for establishing a Ferry across the River Thames, at Woolwich, in the County of Kent*: 51G.3.c.199.

And whereas the Company of Proprietors thereby constituted have nearly completed the said Ferry and Works appertaining thereto, at a very considerable Expence, but find the Powers and Authorities given by the said Act ineffectual for supporting the same; and it is therefore expedient that the said Act should be altered and amended, and the tolls thereby granted increased, 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 from and after the passing of this Act, so much of the said Act as directs that the Vote and Votes to be given by the Proprietors of the said Company shall be given in Person, shall be and the same is hereby repealed.

Repeal of Direction for Proprietors to vote in Person.

II. And be it further enacted, That every Person and Persons, who shall be in the actual Possession of One or more Share or Shares in the said Undertaking, shall and may vote by Proxy; and that every Proprietor holding Proxies of One or more Proprietor or Proprietors, shall and may vote for and in respect of the Shares for which he shall hold Proxies, according to the Number of Votes the Proprietor or Proprietors giving such Proxy or Proxies would be entitled to under the said Act; and the Appointment of every such Proxy shall and may be made in the Form or to the Effect following; (that is to say),

Proprietors may vote by Proxy.

“ I *A. B.* Proprietor of Share [or Shares] in the *Woolwich*
“ Ferry, do hereby nominate, constitute, and appoint, *G. H.* to be
“ my Proxy, and in my Name and in my Absence to vote and give my
“ Assent or Dissent to any Business, Matter, or Thing relating to the said
“ Undertaking, which shall be mentioned or proposed at any Meeting of
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“ the Proprietors of the said Undertaking, or any Adjournment thereof,
 “ in such Manner as he the said G. H. shall think proper, according to his
 “ Opinion and Judgment for the Benefit of the said Undertaking, or
 “ any Thing appertaining thereto, until I shall revoke this Appointment,
 “ by Notice in Writing to the Clerk to the said Company of Proprietors ;
 “ In Witness whereof, I have hereunto set my Hand the Day
 “ of ”

At Meetings
of Proprie-
tors, all
Questions to
be deter-
mined by the
Majority of
Votes.

And that every Question, Matter, and Thing whatsoever, which may be proposed, discussed, or considered at any Meeting of Proprietors to be held by virtue or in pursuance of the said recited Act, shall be determined by the Majority of the Votes in Person and by Proxy, which the Persons attending any such Meeting shall have a Right to give and shall give, and such Determination so made shall be binding and conclusive upon the Rest of the Proprietors, and be observed and acted upon accordingly, any Thing in the said recited Act contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

Proxies to be
entered in a
Book.

III. And be it further enacted, That all Proxies shall be produced to the Clerk to the said Company of Proprietors, and entered in a Book or List to be kept by him for that Purpose, before any Vote shall be given in respect of such Proxies, which Book or List shall be sufficient Authority for any Person deputed by such Proxy to give his Vote without Production of the Proxy, at the Time of his voting, until such Proxy is revoked.

Increasing
the Number
of Shares at
General
Meetings.

IV. And whereas it is by the said Act enacted, that Five Members or Proprietors of the said Company, each holding two or more Shares, being present, shall constitute and be considered a Meeting of the said Company: And whereas, from the increased Capital of the said Company, it is proper that Proprietors possessed of a larger Number of Shares should be necessary to constitute a Meeting of the said Company; be it therefore enacted, That the said Provision shall be, and the same is hereby repealed, and that every Meeting of the said Company shall consist of at least Five Proprietors thereof, holding among them Thirty or more Shares in the said Company.

Reducing the
Quorum of
the Direc-
tors.

V. And whereas the Number of Directors authorized to carry the said Act into Execution has been found highly inconvenient; be it therefore enacted, That all Acts and Proceedings authorized by the said recited Act, or this Act, to be done by the Directors of the said Company, shall and may be done and performed by any Three or more of them, any Thing in the said Act contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

New Tolls.

VI. And be it further enacted, That the Tolls granted by the said Act shall from and after the passing of this Act cease and determine, and that instead thereof the Tolls following shall and may be demanded and taken; (that is to say),

For every Foot Passenger, the Sum of Three-pence.

For One Horse or Mule, whether ridden or unriden, and not drawing, the Sum of One Shilling and Sixpence.

If Two or more Horses or Mules in Company, whether ridden or unriden, and not drawing, for each of such Horses or Mules, the Sum of One Shilling.

For every Horse or Mule, laden and not drawing, the Sum of One Shilling and Sixpence.

For One Ass, the Sum of Nine-pence.

If Two or more Asses in Company, for each of them, the Sum of Sixpence.

For every Two Wheel Chaise or other Carriage of the like Nature, drawn by One Horse or Mule, and for the Horse or Mule, the Sum of Six Shillings.

For every other Horse or Mule drawing such Carriage, the Sum of Sixpence.

For every Coach, Chariot, or other Carriage of the like Nature, drawn by Two Horses or Mules, and for the said Horses or Mules, the Sum of Ten Shillings.

And if drawn by Three Horses or Mules, the Sum of Ten Shillings and Sixpence.

For every Hearse, Coach, Chariot, or other Carriage of the like Nature, drawn by Four Horses or Mules, and for the said Horses or Mules, the Sum of Eleven Shillings.

And for every other Horse or Mule, drawing such Carriage, the Sum of Sixpence.

For every Cart drawn by One Horse or Mule, or by Two Horses or Mules, and for the Beast or Beasts, the Sum of Five Shillings.

And for every other Horse or Mule, drawing such Cart, the Sum of Sixpence.

For every Wain or Waggon, drawn by Three, Four, or more Horses or Mules, and for the Beasts, the Sum of Ten Shillings.

For One Bull, Ox, or Cow, the Sum of One Shilling and Sixpence.

If Two or more Bulls, Oxen, or Cows in Company, for each of them, the Sum of One Shilling.

For every Calf, the Sum of Sixpence.

For One Hog, the Sum of Four-pence.

If Two or more Hogs in Company, for each of them, the Sum of Three-pence.

For every Sheep, the Sum of Two-pence.

For One Hoghead of Beer or other Liquor, the Sum of One Shilling and Sixpence.

If Two or more Hogheads of Beer or other Liquor together, for each Hoghead thereof the Sum of One Shilling.

For every Hundred Weight of Goods, Wares, Coals, Stone, Lime, or any Kind of Merchandize, the Sum of Three-pence.

For every Bag of Corn or Grain, the Sum of Three-pence.

And for every Person, Animal, or other Thing, except Carriages and Horses drawing the same, in respect whereof any Toll is hereby made payable, who or which shall pass, or be conveyed over on a *Sunday*, Double the Sum hereinbefore specified or expressed.

Which said Tolls shall be collected, levied, recovered, and applied, in such and the like Manner as the Tolls now payable at the said Ferry are collected, levied, recovered, and applied.

VII. And whereas it was by the said Act enacted, that if any Person or Persons without the Authority, Licence, or Permission of the said Company should, for Hire, Reward, or otherwise than for his, her, or their own Use, between certain Hours carry or convey over the said River any Person or Persons, Carriage, Horse, or other Animal specified in the said Act, within Half a Mile of the said Ferry, or should permit his, her, or their Boat to be used for that Purpose, every such Person should for every such Carriage, Animal, or Person so carried or conveyed, forfeit and pay the Sum of Forty Shillings: And whereas the Distance thereby prescribed has not been found sufficient to protect the said Company in the full Enjoyment of the Right granted them by the said Act; be it therefore enacted, That if any Person or Persons, without the Authority, Licence, or Permission of the said Company, shall for Hire or Reward, after the Hour of Four of the Clock

Penalty for
defrauding
the Ferry.

Clock in the Morning, and before the Hour of Ten of the Clock in the Evening, between the Twenty-fourth Day of *March* and the Twenty-ninth Day of *September* next following, or after the Hour of Six of the Clock in the Morning, and before the Hour of Eight of the Clock in the Evening, between the Twenty-eighth Day of *September* and the Twenty-fifth Day of *March* following, carry or convey over the said River any Person or Persons, Carriage, Horse, or other Animal hereinbefore specified, within Two Miles of the said Ferry, or shall permit his, her, or their Boat or Boats to be used for that Purpose, whereby the Payment of any Toll, Rate, or Duty, hereby granted or limited, shall be avoided (otherwise than as hereinbefore expressed), such Person or Persons respectively shall for every such Carriage, Animal, or Person, as he or they shall so carry, or convey, or permit, or suffer to be carried or conveyed over the said River, forfeit and pay the Sum of Five Pounds, to be levied, recovered, and applied in Manner directed by the said Act.

Exception
for the Ordnance and
Dock Yard.

VIII. Provided nevertheless, and be it further enacted, That nothing herein contained shall extend or be construed, deemed, or taken to extend, to prevent, hinder, or interrupt the free Passage of the Military and Civil Officers of His Majesty's Ordnance and Dock Yard at *Woolwich*, or of the Servants or others in their Company, or of any Person employed by or in the actual Service of the said Ordnance and Dock Yard respectively, or of the said Military and Civil Officers, at all Times in any Boats or Vessels belonging to or appropriated to the Use of the same Officers respectively, or the free Conveyance of any Cattle, Carriages, Stores, Goods, or Merchandize, for the Use of the Office of Ordnance, or of His Majesty's Royal Army or Navy, or otherwise for His Majesty's Service, or the Persons attending the same from and to any Part of the said several Parishes of *Woolwich* and *West Ham*, other than and except the landing Places of the said Ferry.

In case Military Ferry shall be discontinued, Men and Stores to be conveyed by Company.

IX. And be it further enacted, That in case at any Time hereafter the Ferry called the Military Ferry heretofore established by and now under the Directions of His Majesty's Ordnance from the Royal Arsenal in the said Parish of *Woolwich* to the opposite Shore at *West Ham* aforesaid, shall at any Time hereafter be discontinued, and that it shall be found necessary or convenient for His Majesty's Service that a Party or Parties of Men, with or without Military or Naval Stores, should be sent to or from the Parish of *Woolwich* aforesaid and the Parish of *West Ham* aforesaid, then it shall and may be lawful to and for such Party or Parties of Men, and such Military or Naval Stores as aforesaid, at all Times from and after such Discontinuance as aforesaid, freely to pass, repass, and be conveyed in the Boats and Vessels of the said Ferry, and to use the Roads and Approaches to and from the said Ferry upon Payment of One Half only of the Tolls hereby granted.

Expences of the Act.

X. And be it further enacted, That the Charges and Expences of procuring and passing this Act shall be defrayed by the said Company of Proprietors.

Public Act.

XI. 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.