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Cap. ix.

An Act for providing a convenient House, with suitable Accommodations, for His Majesty's Judges at the Assizes for the County of *Northampton*.

[29th March 1817.]

WHEREAS the Lodgings in the Town of *Northampton*, in which His Majesty's Judges have heretofore resided during their Attendance at the Assizes for the County of *Northampton*, are very inconvenient, and do not afford proper and suitable Accommodation to them during their Residence in the said Town: And whereas the Justices of the Peace for the said County assembled at the Quarter Sessions holden at *Northampton* on the Seventeenth Day of *October* One thousand eight hundred and sixteen, having duly considered the Propriety of procuring a better Accommodation for the Judges, were of opinion that such Accommodation ought to be procured; and that there appears no Mode of procuring suitable Accommodation for them but the taking on Lease from Time to Time, or by purchasing, repairing, or building of some House for that Purpose, and for which the Expenditure of a considerable Sum of Money will be necessary; but as the same cannot be done without the 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 at the next General Quarter Sessions of the Peace to be holden after the passing of this Act at *Northampton*, in and for the said County of *Northampton*, and afterwards at any subsequent General

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Quarter Sessions of the Peace to be holden for the said County, it shall and may be lawful for the Justices of the Peace for the said County then and there assembled; and they are hereby authorized and empowered, to make from Time to Time such Order or Orders for taking on Lease, purchasing, building, repairing, providing and furnishing, in the Town of *Northampton* aforesaid, any proper House, or any Piece or Pieces of Land or Hereditaments whereon a House may be built, with suitable Offices and Accommodations for the Residence of His Majesty's Judges at the Assizes for the said County, with their Officers and Attendants, and for transacting the Business usually transacted at the Lodgings of His Majesty's Judges during the Assizes, as to them the said Justices so assembled, or the major Part of them, shall from Time to Time appear expedient or necessary, and for paying, discharging, and defraying all the Expences, Costs, and Charges of and attending the taking, purchasing, or renewing of any Lease or Leases, or the purchasing, erecting, building, repairing, providing, and furnishing of such House, Piece or Pieces of Land and Hereditaments, and of effecting and carrying into Execution the several Purposes of this Act, by and out of the Public Stock or County Rates; subject to such Restrictions and Provisions as are herein-after contained; and that such Order or Orders for the purchasing or building of any House for the permanent Accommodation of the said Judges may be made and carried into Execution at any Time hereafter, notwithstanding any previous Order or Orders shall be made for the taking or purchasing the Lease of any House or Houses for their temporary Accommodation.

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II. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Justices of the Peace, assembled at any General or Quarter Sessions for the said County, from Time to Time to order and direct such Salary or Allowance to be paid out of the Monies to be raised by virtue of this Act, or out of the County Rates, to the Clerk of the Peace for the said County of *Northampton* for the Time being, or his Deputy, for assisting in the Execution of this Act, or for executing any Rules, Orders, or Regulations to be made in pursuance thereof, as shall be thought reasonable by the said Justices.

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III. And for the more effectually carrying into Execution the Powers of this Act, be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Justices assembled at any General Quarter Sessions of the Peace, or the major Part of such Justices, to borrow and take up at legal or lower Interest any Sum or Sums of Money, not exceeding in the whole the Sum of Seven thousand Pounds on the Credit of the Rates to be made, raised, and assessed upon and within the said County, and by Writing under their Hands and Seals to mortgage or assign over any such Rates to the Person or Persons who shall advance or lend such Money; or to his, her, or their Trustee or Trustees, as a Security for the Repayment of any Money to be advanced for the Purposes of this Act, with Interest as aforesaid; and all Persons to whom any such Mortgages or Assignments shall be made, or who shall be entitled to the Money thereby secured, shall be, in proportion to the Sums in such Securities mentioned, Creditors on the said Rates equally one with another, without any Preference in respect of the Priority of advancing such Money, or the Dates of any such Mortgages or Assignments; and every such Mortgage or Assignment shall be good, valid, and effectual in the Law for the Purposes

Purposes thereby intended; all which Mortgages or Assignments shall be in the Form or to the Effect following; (that is to say),

WE, A. B. one of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace, and Chairman of the Court of Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the County of Northampton, holden at Northampton the _____ Day of _____ and C. D. E. F. G. H. and I. K. Four other of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace acting for the said County, and assembled in the said Court, in pursuance of the Powers to us given by an Act passed in the Fifty-seventh Year of the Reign of His Majesty King George the Third, intituled *An Act for providing a convenient House, with suitable Accommodations, for His Majesty's Judges at the Assizes for the County of Northampton*, do hereby in open Court mortgage and charge all the Rates to be raised within the said County, under the Description of County Rates, by the Laws now in being, with the Payment of the Sum of _____ which L. M. of _____ hath proposed and agreed to lend, and hath now actually advanced and paid for the Purposes of the said Act; and we do hereby confirm and establish the same unto the said L. M. his Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, for securing the Repayment of the said Sum of _____ and Interest for the same after the Rate of _____ for One hundred Pounds for a Year; and do hereby order the Treasurer of the Western Division of the said County to pay the Interest of the said Sum of _____ half-yearly, as the same shall become due, until the Principal shall be discharged.

IV. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the respective Persons entitled to any of the Securities to be given for Money advanced for the Purposes of this Act, and their respective Executors, Administrators, or Assigns, at any Time by Writing under their Hands and Seals to transfer such Securities to any Person or Persons whomsoever; and Copies of all Mortgages and Assignments which shall be made in pursuance of this Act, and Extracts or Memorials of all Transfers thereof, shall be entered in a Book to be kept for that Purpose by the Clerk of the Peace for the said County; which Extracts or Memorials shall specify and contain the Dates, Names of the Parties, and the Sums of Money thereby secured, to which Book any Person interested shall at all reasonable Times have Access, and shall have free Liberty to inspect the same without Fee or Reward; and for the Entry of every such Transfer the said Clerk of the Peace shall be paid by the Person to whom such Transfer shall be made the Sum of Five Shillings and no more; and after such Entry made of any such Transfer, every such Transfer so entered shall entitle the Person to whom the same shall be made, and his, her, and their respective Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, to the Benefit of the Security thereby transferred.

Securities for Money to be transferable.

V. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That the Money to be expended in the purchasing, building, erecting, providing, fitting up, and furnishing such House, Buildings, Lands, Offices, Accommodations, Furniture, and Appurtenances as are by this Act directed, shall not in the whole exceed the Sum of Seven thousand Pounds: Provided always, that it shall be lawful for the said Justices so assembled as aforesaid to raise any further Sum or Sums of Money, over and above the said Sum of Seven thousand Pounds, which shall be found wanting to discharge and pay all the Costs, Charges,

The Money to be expended not to exceed 7,000l. Expences of the Act.

Charges, and Expences incident to and attending the obtaining and passing of this Act, together with lawful Interest for any Money which may be lent or advanced by any Person or Persons for that Purpose.

Justices enabled to purchase Houses and Lands for the Purposes of this Act.

VI. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Justices so assembled as aforesaid, or the major Part of them, and they are hereby authorized and empowered, from Time to Time to treat, contract, and agree with the Owners of and Persons interested in any Houses, Buildings, Lands, or Hereditaments which they shall judge to be proper or necessary for the Purposes of this Act, for the Purchase or Letting thereof, and by and out of the said public Stock and County Rates of the said County to pay or cause to be paid for the Purchase of such Houses, Buildings, Lands, or Hereditaments, or for a Fine on the granting or renewing the Lease or Leases thereof, such Sum or Sums of Money as shall be agreed upon between such Owners and Persons interested as aforesaid and the said Justices, and also the Costs and Charges attending such Agreement and Purchase, or the granting or renewing of any such Lease or Leases as aforesaid; and upon Payment of the Money agreed to be paid for the Purchase or Lease of any such Houses, Buildings, Lands, or Hereditaments as aforesaid, it shall be lawful for the said Justices of the Peace, or any Two or more of them, their Surveyors, Workmen, or Agents, at any Time thereafter, to enter upon and take Possession of the said Houses, Buildings, Lands, or Hereditaments; and the same shall be conveyed or leased to the Clerk of the Peace for the said County of *Northampton* for the Time being for the Purposes of this Act.

Bodies Politic, &c. enabled to sell.

VII. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for all Bodies Politic, Corporate, or Collegiate, Corporations Aggregate or Sole, Tenants for Life or in Fee Tail General or Special, or for Years determinable on any Life or Lives, and all Husbands, Trustees, or Feoffees in Trust, Executors, Administrators, Guardians, Committees, and all other Trustees whomsoever, not only for and on behalf of themselves, their Heirs and Successors, but also for and on behalf of their Cestuique Trusts, whether Infants, Issue unborn, Femes Covert, Lunatics, Idiots, or other Person or Persons whomsoever, and to and for all Femes Covert who are or shall be seized, possessed of, or interested in their own Right, and to and for all and every Person or Persons whomsoever who are or shall be seized, possessed of, or interested in any of such Houses, Buildings, Lands, or Hereditaments, to treat, contract, and agree with the said Justices, or the major Part of them so assembled as aforesaid, for the Sale or Letting of such Houses, Buildings, Lands, or Hereditaments, and of all or any Part of their Interest therein, or in any Part thereof, and to convey or lease the same to such Person or Persons for the Purposes of this Act, and in such Manner as they the said Justices, or the major Part of them so assembled as aforesaid, shall direct, and as Occasion shall require; and all Contracts, Sales, Leases, and Conveyances which shall be so made, shall be valid to all Intents and Purposes, any Law, Statute, Usage, or other Matter to the contrary in anywise notwithstanding; and all and every such Bodies Politic, Corporate, or Collegiate, Corporations Aggregate or Sole, Husbands, Trustees, Feoffees, Executors, Administrators, Guardians, Committees, and all other Persons, shall be and are hereby indemnified for what they shall do by virtue of this Act.

All Contracts to be valid.

Trustees, &c. indemnified.

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VIII. And be it further enacted, That if any Money shall be agreed to be paid for the Purchase or Lease of any Houses, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments purchased or leased by virtue of the Powers of this Act for the Purposes thereof, which shall belong to any Body Politic, Corporate, or Collegiate, or to any Feoffee in Trust, Executor, Administrator, Husband, Guardian, Committee, or other Trustee, for or on behalf of any Infant, Lunatic, Idiot, Feme Covert, or other Cestuique Trust, or to any Person or Persons whose Houses, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments are limited in strict or other Settlement, or to any other Person or Persons under any other Disability or Incapacity whatsoever, such Money shall, in case the same shall amount to or exceed the Sum of Two hundred Pounds, with all convenient Speed be paid into the Bank of *England*, in the Name and with the Privity of the Accountant General of the High Court of Chancery, to be placed to his Account *ex parte* the Justices of the Peace for the County of *Northampton*, to the Intent that such Money shall be applied, under the Direction and with the Approbation of the said Court, to be signified by an Order made upon a Petition to be preferred in a summary Way by the Person or Persons who would have been entitled to the Rents and Profits of the said Houses, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, in the Purchase of the Land Tax, or in or towards the Discharge of any Debt or Debts, or such other Incumbrances or Part thereof as the said Court shall authorize to be paid, affecting the same Houses, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, or affecting any other Houses, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments settled therewith to the same or the like Uses, Trusts, Intents, or Purposes; or where such Money shall not be so applied, then the same shall be laid out and invested, under the like Direction and Approbation of the said Court, in the Purchase of other Houses, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, which shall be conveyed and settled to, for, and upon such and the like Uses, Trusts, Intents, and Purposes, and in the same Manner, as the Houses, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments which shall be so purchased or taken on Lease as aforesaid stood settled or limited, or such of them as at the Time of making the Conveyance and Settlement shall be existing undetermined and capable of taking Effect; and in the meantime and until such Purchase shall be made, the said Money shall by Order of the said Court of Chancery, upon Application thereto, be invested by the said Accountant General in his Name in the Purchase of Three Pounds per Centum Consolidated, or Three Pounds per Centum Reduced Bank Annuities; and in the meantime, and until the said Bank Annuities shall be ordered by the said Court to be sold for the Purposes aforesaid, the Dividends and annual Produce of the said Consolidated or Reduced Bank Annuities shall from Time to Time be paid by Order of the said Court to the Person or Persons who would for the Time being have been entitled to the Rents and Profits of the Houses, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments so hereby directed to be purchased, in case such Purchase or Settlement were made.

Application of Compensation when amounting to 200l.

IX. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That if any Money so agreed to be paid for any Houses, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments purchased or leased for the Purposes aforesaid, and belonging to any Corporation, or to any Person or Persons under any Disability or Incapacity as aforesaid, shall be less than the Sum of Two hundred Pounds,

Application where the Compensation is less than 200l. and exceeds 20l.

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and shall amount to or exceed the Sum of Twenty Pounds, then and in all such Cases the same shall, at the Option of the Person or Persons for the Time being entitled to the Rents and Profits of the Houses, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments so purchased, or of his, her, or their Guardian or Guardians, Committee or Committees, in case of Infancy or Lunacy, to be signified in Writing under their respective Hands, be paid into the Bank with the Privity and in the Name of the said Accountant General of the High Court of Chancery, and be placed to his Account as aforesaid, in order to be applied in Manner herein-before directed; or otherwise the same shall be paid, at the like Option, to Two Trustees, to be nominated by the Person or Persons making such Option, and approved of by any Two or more of the Justices of the Peace for the said County; such Nomination and Approbation to be signified in Writing under the Hands of the nominating and approving Parties, in order that such Principal Money and the Dividends arising thereon may be applied in Manner herein-before directed, so far as the Case may be applicable, without obtaining or being required to obtain the Direction or Approbation of the said Court of Chancery.

Application where the Money is less than 20l.

X. Provided also, and be it further enacted, That when such Money so agreed to be paid as last before mentioned shall not exceed Twenty Pounds, then and in all such Cases the same shall be applied to the Use of the Person or Persons who would for the Time being have been entitled to the Rents and Profits of the Houses, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments so purchased or leased for the Purposes of this Act, in such Manner as the said Justices, or the major Part of them so assembled as aforesaid, shall think fit; or in case of Infancy or Lunacy, then to his, her, or their Guardian or Guardians, Committee or Committees, to and for the Use and Benefit of such Person or Persons so entitled respectively.

Respecting disputed Titles.

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

XII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That where by reason of any Disability or Incapacity of the Person or Persons or Corporation entitled to any Houses, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, to be purchased or taken on Lease under the Authority of this Act, the Purchase Money for the same shall be required to be paid into the said Court, and to be applied in the Purchase of other Houses, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, to be settled to the like Uses in pursuance thereof, it shall be lawful for the said Court to order the Expences of all such last-mentioned Purchases from Time to Time to be made in pursuance of this Act, or so much of such Expences as the Court shall deem reasonable, together with the necessary Costs and Charges of obtaining such Order, to be paid by the said Justices of the Peace out of the Money to be raised by virtue of this Act, who shall from Time to Time pay such Sums of Money for such Purposes as the said Court shall direct.

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

XIII. And be it further enacted, That as soon as such House, Buildings, and Accommodations shall have been provided and furnished, and put into a proper State for the Reception of His Majesty's Judges as aforesaid, it shall be lawful for the Clerk of the Peace for the County of *Northampton* for the Time being, and he is hereby required, forthwith to give Notice thereof to the High Sheriff of the County of *Northampton* for the Time being; and it shall be lawful for such Sheriff or his Under Sheriff, within Eight Days previous to any Assizes, or to any Special Commission of Oyer and Terminer for the Trial of Offenders, to be holden for the same County, to enter upon and occupy the said House, Buildings, and Offices so to be appropriated for the Accommodation of His Majesty's Judges as aforesaid, and also the Furniture and Utensils in the same, in order that he may prepare and make ready the same for the Reception of His Majesty's Judges as aforesaid, the Clerk of the Peace or his Deputy delivering to the said Sheriff or his Under Sheriff an Inventory or Schedule of all Furniture and Articles of Household Use appertaining to the said House and Premises, and the said Sheriff shall be accountable for the due Care and Re-delivery of the same, all reasonable Damage or Loss by Wear and Tear excepted; and the said High Sheriff, Under Sheriff, and every Person or Persons to be employed by them or either of them, is and are hereby authorized and empowered to require all and every Tenant or Tenants of the said Premises, and all other Person or Persons then and there found therein, to remove and quit the same for the Reception and Accommodation of the Judges as aforesaid, and in case of their not removing and quitting, taking to his and their Assistance a Constable or Peace Officer to displace and remove the Person or Persons so not removing or quitting, without being liable or subject to any Action for Trespass, or any Indictment for forcible Entry, or otherwise, for so doing.

Clerk of the Peace to give Notice to the Sheriff when the House, &c. are completed.

XIV. And be it further enacted, That any House, Buildings, Lands, Offices, and Accommodations, and all Furniture therein so to be provided as aforesaid, with their Appurtenances, shall at all Times from and after the same shall be purchased or leased, or erected, built, finished, fitted up, and furnished, be vested and the same are hereby declared to be vested in the Clerk of the Peace for the said County of *Northampton* for the Time being for the Purposes of this Act; and it shall be lawful for the Justices of the Peace for the said County, assembled at any General or Quarter Sessions, or the major Part of them, from Time to Time as they shall think proper,

Purchases under this Act to be vested in the Clerk of the Peace.

proper, to let any House, Building, Land, Furniture, and Premises to be purchased, leased, or provided under the Provisions of this Act, to any Person or Persons, from Year to Year, or for any shorter Period, for the best Rent that can be gotten for the same; nevertheless reserving the Premises for the Use of His Majesty's Judges during the Assizes, or any Special Commission as aforesaid, and subject to the Power herein-before given to enter upon the same Eight Days previous thereto, and also reserving full Powers for the Payment of the Rent and Recovery thereof; and the Rent to be received for the same, or so much thereof as may be requisite, shall be annually expended and applied, by Order of the said Justices, in defraying any Expences which may be incurred in cleaning, airing, or repairing the said House, Buildings, Furniture, and Premises; and in case any Surplus shall remain after such Expenditure, and after any other Payments by this Act authorized to be made, the same shall be annually paid to the Treasurer of the Western Division of the said County, and form Part of the public Stock or Fund of the said County.

Lands or Buildings not wanted may be resold.

XV. And whereas it may be necessary for effecting the Purposes of this Act to purchase more Land or Buildings than it may be absolutely necessary to retain for the Purposes of this Act; or it may be found expedient to surrender, sell, or dispose of any Lease or Leases which may be taken or purchased under the Provisions of this Act; be it therefore further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Justices so assembled as aforesaid, or the major Part of them, and they are hereby empowered from Time to Time to cause any such superfluous Land or Buildings, or any such Lease or Leases, to be sold and disposed of, together or in Parcels, either by public Sale or private Contract, as they shall find most advantageous and convenient, and to order the same to be conveyed, or any such Lease or Leases to be surrendered or assigned, by Indenture or Indentures under the Hand and Seal of the Clerk of the Peace for the said County for the Time being, to such Person or Persons as shall be willing to contract for and purchase the same, or to accept of such Surrender or Surrenders, or Assignment or Assignments, and to apply the Monies to arise by such Sale or Sales, or the Money, if any, to arise by such Surrender or Surrenders, or Assignment or Assignments, to and for the Purposes of this Act; but the Purchaser or Purchasers shall not be obliged to see to the Application of such Purchase Money, nor be accountable for the Misapplication or Nonapplication thereof, or of any Part thereof; and the Receipt and Receipts of the Treasurer of the Western Division of the said County for the Time being for all such Purchase Monies shall be a sufficient Discharge and Discharges to any Person or Persons for his, her, or their Purchase Monies.

Allowance to Sheriff for Judges Lodgings to be paid over to the Treasurer for the County.

XVI. And be it further enacted, That during such Time as any House, Buildings, and Offices to be provided by virtue of this Act, shall be used for the Accommodation of His Majesty's Judges at the Assizes, or at any Special Commission as aforesaid, all and every Sum and Sums of Money allowed to the Sheriff of the said County for the Time being, out of His Majesty's Exchequer, for such Lodgings and Accommodations, shall be paid over by the said Sheriff to the Treasurer of the Western Division of the said County for the Time being, to be taken and applied as Part of the public Stock of the said County collected under the Rates for the same County.

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XVII. And be it further enacted, That from Time to Time and at all Times whenever such House, Buildings, Offices, or Accommodations shall require Alterations, or shall become out of Repair, or any Furniture thereto belonging shall become unfit for the Use of the said Judges, then and in every such Case the said Justices so assembled as aforesaid, or the major Part of them, shall, as the same may become necessary, direct the making of such Repairs and supplying of all Matters, Things, and Furniture wanting from Time to Time, and the Discharge of all Rent, Taxes, and Demands upon the said House, Buildings, and Hereditaments; and it shall be lawful for such Justices, or the major Part of them, and they are hereby authorized, to direct that such Sum or Sums as shall be expended in the Repairs and Alterations, or Supply of such Matters, Things, or Furniture as may from Time to Time become necessary as aforesaid, if the Rent of the said Premises shall not be sufficient for that Purpose, to be defrayed by the Treasurer of the Western Division of the said County for the Time being out of any Money in his Hands of any County Rate, or to make any Rate for that Purpose; and the Treasurer of the said Western Division of the said County is hereby authorized and required to pay any Sum of Money so ordered by such Justices, and such Order shall be a sufficient Authority or Discharge to the said Treasurer for such Money; and that it shall be lawful for the said Justices to appoint a proper Person, with a competent Salary and Allowance, to take care of the said House, Buildings, and Offices, and to have the Charge of the Furniture being in the said House; and also it shall be lawful for the said Justices to order the said House, Buildings, and Offices, and Furniture to be insured from Fire, and the Sum or Sums of Money so to be expended, and all Charges incident thereto, as well as any Rent payable for the said House, to be defrayed and paid out of the said County Rates in manner aforesaid, or out of any Rents which may be received for the said House and Premises.

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XVIII. And be it further enacted, That the Clerk of the Peace for the Time being for the said County may sue and be sued for or in respect of any Claim, Contract, or other Matter or Thing made or done, or in any way arising under the Authority of this Act, in any Court or Courts of Law or Equity, and that no Action or Suit to be brought or commenced by or against the said Clerk of the Peace by virtue of this Act shall abate or be discontinued by the Death or Removal of such Clerk of the Peace, or by any Act of the said Clerk of the Peace done without the Consent of the said Justices, but such Clerk of the Peace for the Time being shall always be deemed the Plaintiff or Defendant in such Action or Suit nominally, but the same shall be carried on and defended under the Direction of the said Justices, or the major Part of them so assembled as aforesaid, and the Damages (if any) shall be levied, and also all Expences be by them defrayed in like Manner as the other Charges under this Act; and the said House, Buildings, Offices, Furniture, and Appurtenances, and all Furniture, Articles, Matters, and Things therein or thereunto belonging, or any Lands or Hereditaments purchased by virtue of this Act, shall in any Indictment or Indictments be laid, alleged, and described to be the Property of the said Clerk of the Peace for the Time being, under the Style and Description of "The Clerk of the Peace for the County of Northampton:" Provided always, that in all and every Action or Actions, Suit or Suits, to be brought and commenced as aforesaid, no Person or Persons whomsoever shall be deemed incompetent to give Evidence by

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reason of his, her, or their paying or contributing towards the public Stock of the said County, or by reason of his, her, or their being charged with or liable to pay any of the public Rates of the said County.

Limitation
of Actions.

XIX. 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 by virtue of this Act after Six Calendar Months next after the Fact committed, or Cause of Action accrued for which such Action or Suit shall be so brought; and the Defendant or Defendants in any such Action or Suit may plead the General Issue, and give this Act and the Special Matter in Evidence at any Trial to be had thereupon.

Public Act.

XX. 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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