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GEORGI II. REGIS.

Cap. xx.

An Act for providing a convenient House, with suitable Accommodations, for His Majesty's Judges at the Assizes for the County of *Leicester*; and for making therein a convenient Place for the Justices of the Peace to meet and transact any public Business of the said County; and also for the safe Custody of the Public Records of the said County. [17th March 1818.]

WHEREAS the Lodgings in the Borough of *Leicester*, in which His Majesty's Judges have heretofore resided during their Attendance at the Assizes for the County of *Leicester*, are very inconvenient, and do not afford proper and suitable Accommodation to them during their Residence in the said Borough: And whereas from the Magnitude and Importance of the public Duties of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the said County, owing to the increased Population of the County, it is become expedient and necessary, and it would be highly conducive to the Convenience of the Magistrates, and it would tend greatly to the Accommodation of the Public, if a convenient Place for the transacting the public Business of the County, and to deposit in safe Custody and Preservation the public Records of the said County, was established at *Leicester*: And whereas the Justices of the Peace for the said County, assembled at the General Quarter Sessions of the Peace holden at the Castle of *Leicester*, in and for the said County, on the Fifteenth Day of

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July One thousand eight hundred and seventeen, and also the Grand Jury of the said County, at the *Lent* Assizes in the same Year, having duly considered the Propriety of procuring a better Accommodation for the Judges, were of Opinion that the same ought to be procured and made, and that there appears no Mode of procuring permanent suitable Accommodation for the said Judges but 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 the Castle of *Leicester*, in and for the said County of *Leicester*, and afterwards at any subsequent General 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 the purchasing, building, repairing, providing, and furnishing, in the Borough of *Leicester* or in the Suburbs thereof, any House or other private or public Building, or any Piece or Pieces of Land or Ground 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, or during any Special Commission of Oyer and Terminer, with their Officers and Attendants, and for transacting the Business usually transacted at the Lodgings of His Majesty's Judges during the Assizes; and also for the Reception and Convenience of the Justices of the Peace for the Time being of the said County, at any Adjournment of their General Quarter Sessions of the Peace, when the same Sessions shall not happen during the Assizes of the said County, or during such Special Commission of Oyer and Terminer; and also for the making and providing in such House or Building suitable Offices for the Magistrates to meet and transact any of the public Business of the said County; and for the Deposit and safe Custody of the public Records of the said County; 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 purchasing, building, repairing, providing, and furnishing of the same, and of effecting and carrying into Execution the several Purposes of this Act, by and out of the public Stock or County Rates of the said County, subject to such Restrictions and Provisions as are hereinafter contained.

Clerk of the
Peace to be
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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 Quarter Sessions of the Peace 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 by and out of the public Stock or County Rates of the said County, to the Clerk of the Peace for the said County of *Leicester* for the Time being, or his Deputy, for assisting in the Execution of this Act, or for any other Services, Pains, or Trouble required of him by the said Justices officially relating to the public Business of the said County, or for exe-

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cuting any Rules, Orders, or Regulations to be made in pursuance thereof, as shall be thought fit and reasonable by the said Justices.

III. And for the more speedy and 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 Interest any Sum or Sums of Money, not exceeding in the Whole the Sum of Seven thousand Pounds, on the Credit of the County Rates to be made, raised, and assessed upon and within the said County of *Leicester*, and by Writing under their Hands and Seals, or under the Hands and Seals of any Five of them, 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 thereby intended, and shall be in the Form or to the Effect following; (that is to say),

Justices may borrow Money on the Credit of the County Rates.

‘ 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 *Leicester*, holden at the Castle of *Leicester*, 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-eighth Year of the Reign of His Majesty King *George* the Third, intituled *An Act, &c.* [*here insert the Title of this Act*], 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 into the Hands of the Treasurer of the said County 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 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.’

Form of Mortgage.

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, by Indorsement on the Back of such Security, or any Writing to be annexed thereto, in the Form or to the Effect following; (that is to say),

Securities for Money to be transferable.

Form of
Assignment.

I A. B. do transfer this Mortgage, with all my Right or Title to the principal Money hereby secured, and all Interest now due and to become due for the same, to C. D. his Executors, Administrators, and Assigns. Dated the _____ Day of _____ One thousand eight hundred and _____

And all Mortgages and Assignments which shall be made in pursuance of this Act, and 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 Memorials shall specify and contain the Dates, Names of the Parties, and the Sums of Money thereby secured; to which Book any Persons interested shall at all seasonable Times have Access, and shall have free Liberty to inspect the same; and for the Entry of every such Transfer the said Clerk of the Peace shall be paid, by the Person to whom the same shall be made, the Sum of Ten Shillings, and no more; and after such Entry made of any 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.

Money to be
expended not
to exceed
Seven thou-
sand Pounds.

No more
than One
Halfpenny in
the Pound on
the Assess-
ment, to be
applied out
of the Coun-
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any one Year.

V. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That the Money to be expended in the purchasing, building, repairing, providing, fitting up, and furnishing such House, Buildings, Lands, Offices, Accommodations, Furniture, and Appurtenances as are by this Act directed, including the Costs, Charges, and Expences incident to and attending the obtaining and passing of this Act, shall not in the Whole exceed the Sum of Seven thousand Pounds: Provided always, that no greater Sum or Sums of Money shall be applied from and out of the public Stock or County Rates of the said County in any one Year towards the Discharge and Payment of the Sum of Money directed to be raised and borrowed under the Provisions of this Act for the Purposes aforesaid, and for the lawful Interest to be paid to such Person or Persons advancing the same, or for the effecting and carrying into Execution the several Purposes of this Act, than shall amount to One Halfpenny in the Pound on the Assessment upon which the County Rate for the said County of *Leicester* is collected.

Justices
enabled to
purchase
Houses,
Buildings, or
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 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, 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 as aforesaid; and upon Payment of the Money agreed to be paid for the Purchase of any such Houses, Buildings, Lands, or Hereditaments as aforesaid, or on depositing the same in the Bank of *England* in Manner by this Act directed, 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

Possession of the said Houses, Buildings, Lands, or Hereditaments, and the same shall be conveyed to the Clerk of the Peace for the said County of *Leicester* for the Time being, for the Purposes of this Act.

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, 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, Femmes Covert, Lunatics, Idiots, or other Person or Persons whomsoever, and to and for all Femmes Covert who are or shall be seised, possessed of, or interested in their own Right, and to and for all and every Person or Persons whomsoever who are or shall be seised, possessed of, or interested in any such Houses, Buildings, Lands, or Hereditaments which shall be so fixed upon as aforesaid, to treat, contract, and agree with the said Justices, or the major Part of them so assembled as aforesaid, for the Sale 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 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, and Conveyances which shall be so made shall be valid to all Intents and Purposes, without Fine or Recovery, and shall be a complete Bar to all Estates Tail, and all other Estates, Rights, Titles, Trusts, and Interests whatsoever, any Law, Statute, Settlement, or other Matter or Thing whatsoever 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.

Bodies Politic, Corporate, &c. enabled to sell.

VIII. And be it further enacted, That if any Money shall be agreed to be paid for the Purchase of any Houses, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments purchased by virtue of the Powers of this Act for the Purposes thereof, which shall belong to any Body Politic, Corporate, or Collegiate, Executor, Administrator, Husband, Guardian, or Committee, for or on Behalf of any Infant, Lunatic, Idiot, or Feme Covert, 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 *Leicester*, 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 In-

Application of Compensation when amounting to 200l.

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cumbrances, or any 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 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 where the Compensation is less than 200l. and exceeds 20l.

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 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, 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 Privy 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 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.

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 shewn to the Satisfaction of the said Court of Chancery; and the Dividends or Interest of the Bank Annuities to be purchased with such Money, and also the Capital of such Bank Annuities, shall be paid, applied, and disposed of accordingly, unless it shall be made appear to the said Court that such Possession was a wrongful Possession, and that some other Person or Persons was or were lawfully entitled to such Houses, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, or to some Estate or Interest therein.

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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 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 to 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.

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may order
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Expences of
Purchases to
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XIII. And be it further enacted, That as soon as such House, Buildings, Offices, 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 *Leicester* for the Time being, and he is hereby required, forthwith to give Notice thereof to the High Sheriff of the County of *Leicester* for the Time being, and it shall be lawful for such Sheriff, or his Under Sheriff, within

The Clerk of
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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 said 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 and his Under Sheriff is and are hereby authorized and empowered to require all and every Person or Persons then and there found therein (except the Person to whose Care the said House and Furniture is intrusted under the Authority of the Justices of the Peace of the said County) to remove and quit the same for the Reception and Accommodation of the Judges as aforesaid; and in case of their not removing or quitting forthwith, taking to his and their Assistance a Constable or Peace Officer, to displace and remove the Person or Persons so not removing or quitting forthwith, without being liable or subject to any Action for Trespas, or any Indictment for forcible Entry, or otherwise, for so doing.

Any Lands or Buildings not wanted may be resold.

XIV. 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; 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 to be sold or 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, 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, and to apply the Monies to arise by such Sale or Sales 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 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.

XV. 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 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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XVI. And be it further enacted, That whenever such House, Buildings, Offices, or Accommodations shall require Alterations, Additions, or Improvements, or become out of Repair, or any Furniture thereto belonging shall become unfit for Use, or any new Furniture shall be necessary, it shall be lawful for the Justices of the Peace for the Time being of the said County, assembled at any General Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the said County, or the major Part of them, by an Order of the said Sessions, from Time to Time to direct the making of such Alterations, Additions, Improvements, and Repairs, and supplying of all Furniture, and other Matters and Things wanted to be made, done, and supported; 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 of Money as shall be expended in the Repairs, Alterations, Additions, or Improvements of the said House and Premises, or Supply of such Furniture, or other Matters and Things as may from Time to Time become necessary as aforesaid, and also in the Payment and Discharge of all or any Quit Rents, Rent Charges, Taxes, Rates, and Demands made upon the said House and Premises, to be defrayed and paid by the Treasurer of the said County for the Time being out of any Money in his Hands of the Public Stock or County Rates of the said County; and the Treasurer of the said County is hereby authorized and required to pay any Sum or Sums of Money so ordered by such Justices, and such Order shall be a sufficient Authority or Discharge to the said Treasurer for the same; and that it shall be lawful for the said Justices, and they are hereby authorized and empowered, 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 that it shall and may 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, to be defrayed and paid out of the Public Stock or County Rates of the said County.

How Repairs
are to be
made, &c.

XVII. And whereas the House and Premises in Contemplation to be provided and purchased under the Powers and Authorities of this Act will be locally situate within the Borough of *Leicester*, and the same being an ancient Borough and Body Corporate within the County of *Leicester*, in which the Justices acting in the Commission of the Peace for the said County of *Leicester* have no Jurisdiction; be it therefore enacted and declared, That when and so soon as the said House, Offices, and Accommodations so to be provided and furnished under the Powers and Authorities of this Act shall have been completed, and put into a proper State for the Purposes aforesaid, it shall and may be lawful to and for the Justices of the Peace for the Time being of the said County of *Leicester*, at all Times, to sit, execute, and discharge their several Functions, Commissions, Processes, Duties, and Services at, in, and upon the said House and Premises so as aforesaid authorized to be purchased and provided by virtue of this Act, in the same Manner, and with the like Powers and Authorities, as well for compelling the Appearance of Parties before them as in all other respects, as can or may be used and done at any Place within the said County of *Leicester*; and that for removing all Doubts and Difficulties which might otherwise arise as to Jurisdiction at, in, or upon the said House and Premises so to be purchased and provided by virtue of this Act,

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(should the same be locally situate within the said Borough of *Leicester*), all and every the Process, Examinations, Adjudications, Judgments, Executions, Records, Orders, Warrants, Commitments, and other Proceedings of any Justice or Justices of the Peace for the Time being of the said County of *Leicester*, made, done, and executed at, in, or upon the said House and Premises to be purchased and provided under the Powers and Authorities of this Act, and all the Acts of any Constable or other Officer in obedience thereto, shall be as binding, valid, legal, and effectual, and shall be deemed and considered and are hereby declared to be as binding, valid, legal, and effectual, to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever, as if the same had been done at any Place within the County, and not within the said Borough of *Leicester*; any Law, Statute, Charter, or Usage to the contrary thereof in anywise notwithstanding.

Appeals.

XVIII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That in all Cases of Appeal to any Order, Conviction, Adjudication, Act, or Proceeding whatsoever of any Justice or Justices of the Peace of the said County of *Leicester*, had, made, or done at, in, or upon the said House and Premises, to be purchased and provided by virtue of this Act (should the same be locally situated within the said Borough of *Leicester*), such Appeal shall be made to the General Quarter Sessions of the Peace to be holden for the County of *Leicester*, and not to any General Session of the Peace to be holden for the Borough of *Leicester*; any Law, Statute, Charter, or Usage to the contrary thereof in anywise notwithstanding.

Actions to be brought in the Name of the Clerk of the Peace.

XIX. 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 to be 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; and the same shall be carried on and defended under the Direction of the said Justices, or the major Part of them, assembled at any General Quarter Session of the Peace for the said County, 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 Land 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, and under the Style and Description of *The Clerk of the Peace for the County of Leicester*: 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 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.

XX. 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. Limitation
of Actions.

XXI. 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. Public Act.

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