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## *Cap. liv.*

An Act for cleansing, lighting, watching, and otherwise improving the Town of *Sheffield*, in the County of *York*. [8th *May* 1818.]

**W**HEREAS the Streets, Lanes, and other public Passages and Places within the Town and Neighbourhood of *Sheffield*, in the County of *York*, are not properly cleansed, lighted, or watched, and are subject to various Encroachments, Obstructions, Nuisances, and Annoyances, and are very incommodious and unsafe for Travellers and Passengers: And whereas it would be of great Benefit, Safety, and Convenience to the Inhabitants of the said Town, and to all Persons resorting to or travelling through the same, if the said Streets, Lanes, and other public Passages and Places were properly cleansed, lighted, and watched; and if all Encroachments, Obstructions, Nuisances, and Annoyances therein were removed, and Provision made for preventing the like in future; but as the several Purposes aforesaid cannot be effected and carried into Execution 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 the Trustees for charitable and public Purposes within the said Town of *Sheffield*, commonly called the Town Trustees, for the Time being; the Master and Wardens

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of the Company of Cutlers within *Hallamshire*, for the Time being, and *Joseph Allen, John Hessay Abraham, Ebenezer Birks, John Bailey, Richard Bailey, James Bramhall, Paul Bibbs, William Boothby, Thomas Cooper* (Grocer); *Thomas Champion, James Camm, Samuel Carver, Hugh Cheney* (Doctor of Medicine); *John Dewsnap, Mark Dixon, James Drabble, Samuel Dawson, John Eadon, Henry Elgie, Francis Wright Everett, Robert Fisher, Josiah Fairbank, William George Frith, Thomas Fentem, Francis Furness, William Frith, Benjamin Fenton, Joshua Gillott, Richard Gregory, Robert Gainsford, Jacob Gebrown, Thomas Holy, Joseph Hadfield, Ralph Hodgkinson, Thomas Harrison, Joshua Hawksley, George Hawksworth, David Haslehurst, John Houseman, William Harwood, Thomas Howard, John Hounsfeld, Thomas Johnson, Arnold James Knight* (Doctor of Medicine), *Francis Knowles, Samuel Lucas, William Law, Matthew Morton, James Montgomery, Jonathan Marshall, Edward Nanson, Samuel Newbould, Thomas Newbould, John Newton, William Newbould, Thomas Nicholson, Thomas Pearson, Charles Picksley, John Porter, Luke Palfreyman, Ebenezer Rhodes, Samuel Roberts, Jacob Roberts, William Rust, William Rodgers, William Rowley, Thomas Rawson, Joseph Read, Thomas Scantlebury, Benjamin Sayle, Richard Stanley, John Shore the younger, Samuel Smith, William Aldam Smith, William Staniforth, John Shepherd, John Sorby the younger, Jonathan Shippam, William Staniforth the younger, Peter Spurr, George Senior, George Tillotson, Lewis Thomas, William Todd, John Vickers, Thomas Willey, Samuel Broomhead Ward, Richard Walton, Thomas Watson, Robert Wiley, William Wilson, Joseph Wreaks, Thomas Walker, Joseph Withers, Benjamin Withers, Charles Younge, William Younge* (Doctor of Medicine) and *George Younge*, shall be and they are hereby appointed Commissioners for putting this Act in Execution.

On Death, Refusal, or Neglect of Commissioners, others to be chosen.

II. And be it further enacted, That when any of the Commissioners herein named, or hereafter to be elected, (except the said Town Trustees, and the Master and Wardens of the said Company of Cutlers for the Time being) shall die, or shall, for the Space of One Year refuse or neglect to act, such Death, Refusal, or Neglect being declared at a Meeting of the said Commissioners, then and in every such Case the Persons rated and assessed by virtue of this Act, being assembled at the Town Hall in *Sheffield* aforesaid, on the First Monday in the Month of *August* in every Year after the Year of passing this Act, shall and may nominate, elect, and choose such and so many fit Persons, qualified as herein-after mentioned, to be Commissioners to fill up the Vacancies occasioned by Death or otherwise; and every Person so elected is hereby vested with the same Powers for putting this Act in Execution, as if he had been expressly named and appointed a Commissioner in and by this Act.

Qualification.

III. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That no Person shall be capable of acting as a Commissioner in the Execution of this Act, unless he shall be rated by virtue of this Act at not less than Twenty Pounds *per Annum* for the House, Warehouse, or Shop; or Houses, Warehouses, or Shops, or other Buildings or Premises which shall be by him occupied within the Limits of this Act, or shall really and *bonâ fide* be possessed either of Real or Personal Estates to the Amount or Value of One thousand Pounds (other than and except the said Town Trustees, and the Master and Wardens of the said Company of Cutlers for the Time being); and that



that no Person whomsoever shall be capable of acting as a Commissioner as aforesaid during the Time he shall hold any Place of Profit, or be under any Contract, or have any Share or Interest in any Contract relating to the Execution of any of the Powers of this Act; and the said Commissioners at all their Meetings shall defray their own Expences.

IV. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That if any Person or Persons shall act as a Commissioner in the Execution of this Act, without being duly qualified as aforesaid, he or they shall for every such Offence forfeit and pay the Sum of Fifty Pounds to any 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 or on the Case, or by Bill, Suit, or Information, wherein no Essoign, Protection, or Wager of Law, or more than one Imparance shall be allowed; and every Person so sued or prosecuted shall prove that he is qualified as aforesaid, or shall pay the said Penalty, upon Proof given of his having acted as a Commissioner in the Execution of this Act.

Penalty on acting not being qualified.

V. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That all Acts and Proceedings which shall have been done by any such Person, touching the Execution of this Act, previous to his being convicted of the Offence before mentioned, shall, notwithstanding such Conviction, be as valid and effectual as if such Person had been qualified according to the Directions of this Act.

Acts of unqualified Commissioners previous to Conviction valid.

VI. And be it further enacted, That the said Commissioners, or any Seven or more of them, shall meet at the Town Hall in *Sheffield* aforesaid, on the Third *Monday* after the passing of this Act, between the Hours of Ten and Eleven in the Forenoon, in order to put this Act in Execution; and shall and may from Time to Time afterwards, by Adjournment, meet at the Place aforesaid, or at any other convenient Place within the said Town, as they, or the major Part of them present at such Meeting, shall appoint; and if it shall happen that there shall not appear at any such Meeting of the said Commissioners a sufficient Number to act, or to adjourn to another Day (Three Commissioners to be deemed sufficient for the Purpose of Adjournment), or if the said Commissioners shall refuse or neglect to adjourn, or if there shall be any special Occasion for any Meeting between the last Meeting and the Time of any Adjournment, or at any other Time, then and in every such Case any Seven or more of the said Commissioners may call a Meeting at such Time and Place as they shall think proper.

Meetings of Commissioners.

VII. Provided always, and be it enacted, That previous to any Meeting of the said Commissioners in pursuance of this Act, subsequent to such First Meeting as aforesaid, there shall from Time to Time be delivered or sent to each of the Commissioners, or left at each of their Houses or last Place of Abode, a Notice in Writing signed by their Clerk, or by Seven or more Commissioners, of the Time and Place of every such intended Meeting, which Notice shall be so delivered, sent, or left Three Days at least before every such Meeting; and no Act of the said Commissioners shall be valid, unless made or done at some Meeting to be held by virtue of this Act.

Notice to be given of Meetings.

No Act valid unless at a Meeting.

VIII. And



Chairman to  
be appointed.

VIII. And be it further enacted, That at every such Meeting of the said Commissioners, One of the Commissioners present shall be appointed Chairman; and in case of Equality of Voices or Votes of the Commissioners at such Meeting (including his own), such Chairman shall, upon all Occasions, have the casting Vote; and that no Act, Order, or Determination to be made or done at any of the said Meetings shall be good or valid, unless a Majority of the Commissioners then present shall concur therein.

Restriction  
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Orders.

IX. And be it further enacted, That no Order made by the said Commissioners at any of their Meetings shall be revoked or altered, unless at some Meeting to be held for that Purpose, of which Three Days Notice shall be given as aforesaid, expressing the Occasion of such Meeting, and unless a greater Number of Commissioners shall attend at such Meeting to revoke or alter the same, than were present to make such Order; any thing contained in this Act to the contrary thereof notwithstanding.

Proceedings  
to be entered.

X. And be it further enacted, That the said Commissioners shall cause to be provided and kept a proper Book or Books, and fair and regular Entries to be made therein, of the Names of all the Commissioners who shall attend the respective Meetings, and of all their Acts, Orders, and Proceedings relative to the Execution of this Act; and the Chairman of each Meeting of the said Commissioners shall always subscribe his Name at the End of the Proceedings of the said Commissioners, at every such Meeting; and all Entries in such Books, being signed as aforesaid, shall be deemed Originals, and shall be allowed to be read in Evidence in all Cases, Suits, and Actions touching any thing done in pursuance or by virtue of this Act; and such Book or Books shall, at any of the Meetings of the said Commissioners, be open and liable to the Inspection of all and every the said Commissioners, and of all and every the Persons rated and assessed for the Purposes of this Act.

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XI. And be it further enacted, That the said Commissioners, or any Seven or more of them, shall and may, from Time to Time, whenever they shall think necessary, appoint and employ a Treasurer and Clerk, and Collector or Collectors of the Rates or Assessments herein-after mentioned, and also a Surveyor, and all such other Officers and Persons for the Execution of this Act as the said Commissioners or any Seven or more of them shall think proper; and from Time to Time remove him or them, and appoint others in the Room of such of them as shall be so removed, or shall otherwise relinquish or discontinue such Office; and out of the Monies to be raised by virtue of this Act, pay such Salaries, Wages, and Allowances to the said Officers and other Persons, as they the said Commissioners, or any Seven or more of them, shall think reasonable; and the said Commissioners, or any Seven or more of them, shall and are hereby required to take such Security from such Treasurer and other Officers for the due Execution of their respective Offices as they shall think proper; and all such Officers so to be appointed shall, under their Hands (at such Time and Times and in such Manner as the said Commissioners or any Seven or more of them shall direct), deliver to the said Commissioners, or any Seven or more of them, or to such Person as they shall



shall appoint, true and perfect Accounts in Writing of all Matters and Things committed to their Charge by virtue of this Act, and also of all the Monies which shall have been by such Officer and Person respectively received by virtue and for the Purposes of this Act, and how much thereof hath been paid and disbursed, and for what Purpose, together with the proper Vouchers for such Payments, and shall pay all such Monies as shall remain due from them respectively to the said Commissioners, or any Seven or more of them, or to such Person or Persons as they shall appoint; and if any such Officer shall neglect or refuse to make and render any such Account, or to produce or deliver up the Vouchers relating to the same, or to make Payment as aforesaid, or shall neglect or refuse to deliver to the said Commissioners or any Seven or more of them, or to such Person as they shall appoint, within Thirty Days next after being thereunto required by the said Commissioners or any Seven or more of them, by Notice in Writing given, or to be left at the last or usual Place of Abode of such Officer, all Books, Papers, and Writings in his Custody or Power relating to the Execution of this Act, or give Satisfaction to the said Commissioners respecting the same, then and in any of the Cases aforesaid, the said Commissioners, or any Seven or more of them, may and are hereby authorized and empowered to cause an Action to be brought against the Officer so neglecting or refusing as aforesaid, for the Recovery of the Monies that shall remain due from him, with Costs of Suit; or if Complaint shall be made by the said Commissioners or any Seven or more of them, or by such Person or Persons as they shall appoint for that Purpose, of any such Neglect or Refusal as aforesaid, to any Justice of the Peace in and for the County, Riding, or Place wherein such Officer so neglecting or refusing shall be or reside, such Justice may and is hereby authorized and required to issue a Warrant, under his Hand and Seal, for the Officer so neglecting or refusing to be brought before him, and upon his appearing or not being to be found to hear and determine the Matter in a summary Way; and if upon the Complaint of the Party, or upon the Testimony of One or more credible Witness or Witnesses upon Oath (which Oath the said Justice is hereby empowered to administer), it shall appear to such Justice that any of the Monies that shall have been collected or raised by virtue of this Act shall remain due from such Officer, such Justice may and is hereby authorized and required, upon Non-payment thereof, by a Warrant under his Hand and Seal to cause such Money to be levied by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of such Officer; and if no Goods or Chattels of such Officer can be found sufficient to answer and satisfy the said Monies, and the Charges of distraining and selling the same, or if it shall in Manner aforesaid appear to such Justice that such Officer shall have neglected or refused to render and give such Account, or to produce the Vouchers relating thereto, or that any Books, Papers, or Writings relating to the Execution of this Act shall be in the Custody or Power of such Officer, and he shall have neglected or refused to deliver or give Satisfaction respecting the same as aforesaid, then and in any of the Cases aforesaid, such Justice shall commit such Offender to the Common Gaol for the County, Riding, or Place where such Offender shall be or reside, there to remain without Bail or Mainprize until he shall give and make a true and perfect Account and Payment as aforesaid, or until he shall compound with the said Commissioners or any Seven or more of them for such Money, and shall have

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paid such Composition in such Manner as they shall appoint (which Composition the said Commissioners or any Seven or more of them are hereby empowered to make and receive), and until he shall deliver up such Books, Papers, and Writings as aforesaid, or give Satisfaction in respect thereof to the said Commissioners or any Seven or more of them as aforesaid: Provided always, that no Person who shall be committed for want of sufficient Distress shall be committed for any longer Space of Time than Twelve Calendar Months.

Treasurer to pay Money as ordered by Commissioners.

XII. And be it further enacted, That the Treasurer to the said Commissioners shall and may, and he is hereby authorized and required, out of the Monies to be received by him by virtue of this Act, to pay all Sums of Money which the said Commissioners or any Seven or more of them shall from Time to Time draw upon him for or order him to pay; and the said Treasurer shall and he is hereby required to keep regular and clear Entries in a Book or Books, to be for that Purpose by him provided and kept, of all and singular his Receipts and Payments on account or in pursuance of this Act; and shall, on the First Day of *May* yearly, after the Year of passing this Act, or at the First Meeting of the said Commissioners then next following, lay the said Accounts before the said Commissioners or any Seven or more of them, to be audited, passed, and allowed.

Accounts to be kept of Receipts and Disbursements, which shall be open to the Inspection of Commissioners, &c.

XIII. And be it further enacted, That the said Commissioners or any Seven or more of them shall and they are hereby required to order and direct a Book or Books to be provided and kept by their Clerk for the Time being, in which Book or Books such Clerk shall enter or cause to be entered true and regular Accounts of all Sums of Money received, paid, laid out, and expended for or on account of this Act, and of the several Articles, Matters, and Things for which such Sums of Money shall have been disbursed, laid out, and paid; which Book or Books shall at all seasonable Times be open to the Inspection of the said Commissioners, or any Person or Persons paying or contributing towards the Rates hereby granted, without Fee or Reward; and the said Commissioners, and Person or Persons shall and may take Copies of or Extracts from the said Book or Books, or any Part or Parts thereof, without paying any Thing for the same; and in case the said Clerk shall refuse to permit, or shall not permit, the said Commissioners, or such Person or Persons, or any of them, to inspect such Book or Books, or to take such Copies or Extracts as aforesaid, such Clerk shall forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Five Pounds, to be recovered in Manner herein-after mentioned.

Same Person not to be Clerk and Treasurer.

XIV. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That it shall not be lawful for the said Commissioners to appoint the same Person who may be appointed to act as their Clerk in the Execution of this Act, or the Partner of any such Clerk, the Treasurer for the Purposes of this Act, or to appoint the Person who may be appointed Treasurer, or the Partner of any such Treasurer, the Clerk to the said Commissioners for executing this Act; and if any Person shall act in both the Capacities of Clerk and Treasurer for the Purposes of this Act, or if any Person being the Partner of any such Clerk shall act as Treasurer, or being the Partner of any such Treasurer shall act as Clerk in the Execution of this Act, every Person so



offending shall for every such Offence forfeit and pay the Sum of Fifty Pounds to any Person or Persons who shall sue for the same in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster*, by Action of Debt or on the Case, or by Bill, Suit, or Information, wherein no Essoign, Protection, nor Wager of Law, or more than One Imparance, shall be allowed.

XV. And for defraying the Charges and Expences of cleansing, lighting, and watching the said Streets, Lanes, and other Public Passages and Places, and for removing Encroachments, Obstructions, Nuisances, and Annoyances therein, and for other the Purposes of this Act, be it enacted, That from and after the First Day of *June* One thousand eight hundred and eighteen, One or more Rate or Rates, Assessment or Assessments, shall Twice in every Year (or oftener if it shall be thought needful by the Commissioners, or any Seven or more of them), be made, laid, and assessed by the said Commissioners, or any Seven or more of them, upon all and every Person and Persons who do or shall inhabit, hold, or occupy any House, Shop, Warehouse, Wharf, Cellar, Vault, Stable, Coach-house, Brewhouse, Brewing Offices, Granaries, Malt-houses, Storehouses, and other Buildings within the Limits of this Act, and the Yards and Gardens attached to and with any of the before mentioned Buildings respectively occupied (save and except any Houses, Buildings, or other Hereditaments, used and occupied for the Purposes of any Public Charity, and also all Churches and Chapels, which are not intended to be made liable to the Rates hereby imposed), and in such competent Sum and Sums of Money as the said Commissioners, or any Seven or more of them, shall yearly and every Year order and direct, so as such Rates or Assessments do not exceed in the whole the Sum of One Shilling and Three-pence in the Pound, in any one Year, of the yearly Value of such Houses, Shops, Warehouses, Wharfs, Cellars, Vaults, Stables, Coach-houses, Brewhouses, Brewing-offices, Granaries, Malt-houses, Storehouses, and other Buildings, Yards, and Gardens, as aforesaid; such yearly Value to be ascertained by such Ways and Means as the said Commissioners or any Seven or more of them shall think proper.

Commissioners may make a Rate on Occupiers to defray the Expence of Lighting, &c. not exceeding 1s. 3d. in the Pound.

XVI. Provided always, That the said Commissioners, or any Seven or more of them, shall and may, if they think proper, at any Meeting, amend any such Rate or Assessment, Rates or Assessments, after the same shall have been made and signed, by inserting the Name of any Person who ought to have been but who has not been rated or assessed, or by striking out the Name of any Person who hath been but ought not to have been rated or assessed, or by altering the Sum or Sums charged in any such Rate or Assessment on any Person or Persons, or in any other Manner in which the said Commissioners shall think proper for making the same a just and equal Rate or Assessment, without wholly setting aside or quashing the same: Provided always, that no Person shall be subject to any Rate or Assessment who shall occupy any House or other Premises the annual Value whereof, as assessed by virtue of this Act, shall not exceed Seven Pounds.

Commissioners may amend Rates.

XVII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall extend, or be construed to extend to authorize

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Gardens from which the Occupier seeks his Livelihood.

or empower the said Commissioners to rate or assess any Person or Persons whomsoever towards the Charges and Expences of putting this Act in Execution, in respect of any Orchards, Nursery, or other Grounds, or Garden or Gardens, occupied by any Person or Persons whomsoever seeking a Livelihood by the Occupation thereof.

Proviso in favour of Works.

XVIII. Provided further, and be it also enacted, That in making any Rate or Assessment by virtue of this Act, the Assessor or Assessors, or other Person or Persons employed to make such Rate or Assessment, shall value all Mills, Wheels, and other Works, as Buildings only, and not in respect of the Stream, or Head and Fall of Water belonging to such Works, or in respect of the Machinery thereof.

Limits of the Act.

XIX. And for the Purpose of ascertaining the Boundaries or Limits within which the Powers and Authorities of this Act may be exercised and put in force, be it further enacted, That the said Commissioners shall and they are hereby authorized and required, immediately after the passing of this Act, to cause a Boundary Line to be drawn round the Parish Church at the Distance of Three Quarters of a Mile in every Direction; and the Area or Space comprised within such Boundary Line shall be deemed and taken to be, to all Intents and Purposes, the Limits or Boundaries for the Purposes of this Act; and all the Powers, Provisions, and Authorities herein contained shall extend to and be executed and put in force within such Limits or Boundaries.

Rates to be signed by Justices, who are to grant Warrants to collect and levy the same.

XX. And be it further enacted, That all Rates made by virtue of this Act, shall be allowed and signed by Two Justices of the Peace, acting in and for the West Riding of the County of *York*; and the said Rates, after the same shall be so allowed and signed by the said Justices, shall be collected Half-yearly, or oftener, if the said Commissioners, or any Seven or more of them, shall think necessary, by the Collector or Collectors, or other Person or Persons to be appointed as aforesaid, and be paid over by such Collector or Collectors as aforesaid, into the Hands of the Treasurer of the said Commissioners; and if any Person or Persons shall refuse, neglect, or omit to pay the Sum or Sums of Money which he, she, or they shall be rated or assessed at by virtue of this Act, for the Space of Ten Days after Personal Demand made thereof, or Demand in Writing left at the Place of Abode or Occupation of such Person or Persons, then and in every such Case it shall and may be lawful to and for any Justice of the Peace for the West Riding of the County of *York*, by Warrant under his Hand and Seal, to authorize and direct the said Collector or Collectors, or any other Person or Persons, to levy such Rate or Assessment by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of such Person or Persons so neglecting, refusing, or omitting to pay the same, rendering the Overplus (if any) after deducting the Sum or Sums due in respect of such Rates or Assessments, and all Costs and Charges attending the Recovery thereof, to the Owners of such Goods and Chattels upon Demand.

Receivers, or other Persons authorized by the Commissioners, to be

XXI. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for the Receiver or Receivers of any Rate or Assessment to be made by virtue of this Act, or for any other Person or Persons authorized by the said Commissioners, or any Seven or more of them, at all convenient Times  
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(first having an Order under the Hands of the said Commissioners, or any Seven or more of them, for that Purpose), to inspect the Books of Assessment of the Land Tax, and also the Books or Rates made for raising Money for the Relief and Maintenance of the Poor of the several Townships within the Parish of *Sheffield*, which may be affected by this Act, in order to ascertain the Rates and Assessments to be raised by virtue hereof, and also to take Copies thereof, and to make Extracts therefrom; which Inspection, Copies, and Extracts, the Vestry Clerk or other Officer or Person having the Custody of such Book, Assessment, and Rate, Books, Assessments, and Rates, are hereby required to permit and suffer to be made, without Fee or Reward, by such Receiver or Receivers, Person or Persons appointed as aforesaid, on their producing an Order under the Hands of the said Commissioners, or any Seven or more of them, for that Purpose; and in case any Vestry Clerk, or other such Officer or Officers, Person or Persons, shall neglect or refuse so to do, within Ten Days after such Order shall be produced and shewn to him or them, or a Copy thereof left at his or their last or most usual Place of Abode, then and in every such Case, he or they so refusing or neglecting shall for every such Offence forfeit any Sum not exceeding Twenty Pounds, nor less than Ten Pounds.

allowed to inspect and take Copies of or Extracts from the Books of Land Tax and of Poor's Rates within the Parish, gratis.

Penalty for refusing.

XXII. And whereas several Houses within the Limits of this Act may be by the Landlords or Owners thereof let out into Lodgings or Tenements to divers Tenants, whereby it may be difficult to rate such Houses, and to recover such Rates and Assessments when made; for Remedy whereof, be it enacted, That the said Commissioners, or any Seven or more of them, shall and may rate or assess the Landlord or Owner of any House which shall be let to or occupied by Two or more Tenants, and the Landlord or Owner of every such House shall pay the said Rate or Assessment accordingly.

Rates on Houses let to divers Tenants to be paid by the Landlord.

XXIII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That no Person or Persons shall be liable to pay any Rate or Assessment to be made under the Authority of this Act for or in respect of any Messuage, House, or other Building, or of any Yard or Garden, which shall be unoccupied during the whole of a Quarter of a Year in or for which the quarterly Portion of Rate or Assessment demanded shall have become or accrued due.

Houses, &c. unoccupied not rateable.

XXIV. And to the End that the said Rates may be more effectually collected and received, be it further enacted, That all and every Tenant or Tenants, Occupier or Occupiers, are and shall be liable to all and every the Rates and Assessments that shall have been rated and assessed by virtue of this Act, for or in respect of the Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments by him, her, or them respectively occupied, and all Arrears thereof accruing or becoming due whilst the said Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments were empty and unoccupied, when no Composition shall have been made with the Collector and Collectors, or other Person or Persons appointed by the said Commissioners as aforesaid, and shall be subject to such Distress as aforesaid in case of Non-payment thereof; and such Tenant or Tenants, and Occupier or Occupiers, shall be at liberty, and is and are hereby authorized, to deduct and retain out of his, her, and their Rents such Proportion of such Rates as he, she, or they shall respectively pay for or on

Tenants and Occupiers to pay the Rates and Arrears due by the Landlord, and deduct them out of the Rent.

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XXV. And be it further enacted, That when any Person or Persons who have or hath been rated and assessed by virtue of this Act, shall quit their, his, or her Dwelling House, Warehouse, Wharf, Shop, Vault, Cellar, Yard, or Tenement, whereupon such Rate or Assessment has been made, before they, he, or she shall have paid the same, and shall afterwards refuse to pay the same when due and demanded as aforesaid, by the Person or Persons authorized and appointed to collect and receive the same, then and in every such Case it shall and may be lawful to and for such Person or Persons as shall be appointed by the said Commissioners or any Seven or more of them, by Warrant under the Hand and Seal of One or more Justice or Justices of the Peace acting in and for the West Riding of the County of *York*, or for the County, Riding, Division, City, Liberty, Town, or Place where such Person shall remove to or reside, or where any Goods or Chattels of such Person shall be found (which Warrant such Justice or Justices is or are hereby required to grant, upon Proof made of the Sum so due before him or them, upon the Oath of One or more credible Witness or Witnesses), to levy such Rate or Rates by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of such Person so neglecting or refusing, rendering the Overplus (if any) after Payment of the Money due in respect of such Rate or Assessment, and the reasonable Charges and Expences of such Distress and Sale, unto the Person whose Goods and Chattels shall have been so distrained and sold.

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XXVI. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That in all Cases where any Person or Persons shall remove from or quit any House, Building, Garden, Tenement, or Hereditament rated or assessed, or liable to be rated or assessed by virtue of this Act, such Person or Persons shall be liable to pay such Rate or Assessment in proportion to the Time that he, she, or they occupied the same respectively, in like Manner as if such Person or Persons had not removed or quitted the same; and in all Cases where any Person or Persons shall come into or occupy any House, Building, Garden, Tenement, or Hereditament, rated or assessed, or liable to be rated or assessed as aforesaid, out of or from which any other Person who shall have been rated or assessed for the same shall have removed, or which at the Time of making any such Rate or Assessment was empty or unoccupied, the Person or Persons coming into or occupying the same shall be liable to pay such Rate or Assessment in proportion to the Time that such Person or Persons occupied the same, in like Manner as if he, she, or they had been originally rated or assessed for such House, Building, Garden, Tenement, or Hereditament; which said respective Proportions, in case of Dispute, shall be settled and ascertained by the said Commissioners, or any Seven or more of them.

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XXVII. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Commissioners, or any Seven or more of them, to enter into any Contract or Contracts for cleansing and lighting the several Streets, Lanes, and other public Passages and Places within the Limits of this Act, or any of them, or for furnishing Materials or any other Matters or necessary Things whatsoever, or for any other the Purposes of this Act; but

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before any such Contract or Contracts shall be entered into, Seven Days Notice at the least shall be given in some public Newspaper circulated in the said Town, expressing the Purpose or Purposes of such Contract or Contracts, in order that any Person or Persons willing to undertake the same may make Proposals for that Purpose, to be offered to the said Commissioners at a certain Time and Place in such Notice to be mentioned; and the said Commissioners shall and they are hereby required to take Security from every such Contractor for the due Performance of his or her Contract.

XXVIII. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Commissioners, or any Seven or more of them from Time to Time to compound and agree with any Person or Persons against whom any Action or Suit shall be brought, commenced, or prosecuted for any Penalty contained in any Contract to be entered into as aforesaid, for any Breach or Non-performance thereof, for such Sum of Money as the said Commissioners, or any Seven or more of them, shall think proper, so as the Sums so compounded and agreed for be not less than the Injury or Damage sustained by the Breach or Non-performance of any such Contract, and all the Costs and Expences which shall be occasioned thereby.

Commissioners may compound for Breach of Contract.

XXIX. And be it further enacted, That no such Contract or Contracts shall be deemed good or valid, if the same shall have been made for a longer Space or Term than Three Years from the Time of entering into such Contract or Contracts.

Contracts not to be entered into for more than Three Years.

XXX. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for the said Commissioners, or any Seven or more of them, and they are hereby directed, to cause all and every the Works done in pursuance of this Act to be inspected by their Surveyor or Surveyors, or by such other Person or Persons as they shall from Time to Time appoint.

Surveyors to inspect Works.

XXXI. And be it further enacted, That if any Person or Persons shall at any Time obstruct, hinder, or molest any Surveyor or other Officer, Workman, or Person employed by virtue of this Act in the Performance or Execution of his Duty, every such Person so offending shall for every such Offence forfeit any Sum not exceeding Ten Pounds, nor less than Five Pounds.

Penalty on Persons obstructing Officers.

XXXII. And be it further enacted, That the respective Occupiers of Houses or other Buildings with the Appurtenances within the Streets, Lanes, and other public Passages and Places within the Limits of this Act; the Churchwardens and Chapelwardens of every Church and Chapel, or any One or more of them; the Owner or Owners, and Proprietor or Proprietors of every dead Wall and vacant Piece of Ground, or any One or more of them; the Proprietor and Proprietors, Trustee and Trustees, Treasurer and Minister of every Meeting-house or other Place of public Worship, or any One or more of them; and the Person or Persons who for the Time being shall be the ostensible Director or Directors, Manager or Managers of every Hospital, Prison, School, and other public Building, respectively situate or being in the several Streets, Lanes, and other public Passages and Places within the Limits of this Act, shall and they are hereby required

Footways to be swept.



required to cause to be well and sufficiently swept, scraped, and cleansed, the Footways and Foot-pavements the whole Length of the Front of their respective Houses, Buildings, Churches, and Church-yards, Chapels, and Chapel-yards, dead Walls, vacant Pieces of Ground, Meeting-houses, Hospitals, Prisons, Schools, and other public Buildings, Tenements, Yards; Gardens, or other Hereditaments, and the Channel and Watercourse opposite the same respectively, to the full Extent of the said Footways and Foot-pavements before, behind, and on the Side or Sides of the same respectively, previous to the Hour of Ten of the Clock in the Morning; on every *Wednesday* and *Saturday* in every Week, and on such other Days and at such other Times as the said Commissioners, or any Seven or more of them, shall from Time to Time order or require the same; and shall also cause the Dirt and Soil to arise from such sweeping and cleansing to be collected and put together (so as not to obstruct either the Carriage or Footway, or the Channel or Watercourse aforesaid), in order that the same may be removed by the public Scavenger or other Person to be employed for that Purpose, upon pain of forfeiting any Sum not exceeding Ten Shillings for every Neglect therein: Provided always, that the Owner or Owners, and Proprietor or Proprietors of any dead Wall or vacant Piece of Land, shall not be required to sweep and cleanse the Footways and Foot-pavements opposite the same respectively to a greater Extent than Fifty Yards in Length.

Power to compound with Inhabitants for cleansing Streets, &c.

XXXIII. Provided also, and be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Commissioners, or any Seven or more of them, from Time to Time, as they shall think proper, to compound with any of the Inhabitants of any Street, Lane, or other public Passage or Place within the Limits of this Act, by the Year, for such Sum or Sums of Money as such Commissioners shall think proper, for the sweeping and cleansing to be done by such Inhabitants respectively by virtue of this Act, provided such Composition Money be always paid in advance.

For regulating Scavengers.

XXXIV. And be it further enacted, That the Person or Persons employed by or contracting with the said Commissioners for cleansing the several Streets, Lanes, and other public Passages and Places within the Limits of this Act, or the Person or Persons employed by or acting under the Directions of such Person or Persons so contracting with the said Commissioners, shall Twice in every Week, (that is to say) on every *Wednesday* and *Saturday*, between such Hours of those respective Days, and also on such other Days and at or between such Hours as the Commissioners aforesaid, or any Seven or more of them, shall from Time to Time appoint, sweep, and collect together all Dust, Dirt, Filth, or Rubbish in such Streets, Lanes, and other public Passages and Places where a Cart or other Carriage can pass; and shall, at or before his or their Approach, by Sound of Bell or otherwise, give Notice to the Inhabitants of his or their coming, and give the like Notice in every Court, Passage, or Place into which such Cart or Carriage cannot pass; and such Person or Persons aforesaid shall immediately take the Dust, Dirt, Rubbish, Cinders, Ashes, and other Filth (except Filth from any Privy or Necessary-house), from the respective Premises in such several Streets, Lanes, and other public Passages and Places, and put the same into such Cart or Carriage; all which Dust, Dirt, Rubbish, Cinders, Ashes, and Filth (except



(except as aforesaid), as well as all such Dust, Dirt, Dung, Ashes, and other Filth as shall be swept up and collected together as aforesaid, such Person or Persons shall then immediately, or as soon as may be, carry away, or cause to be carried away, to the Place or Places appointed for depositing the same, upon Pain of forfeiting any Sum not exceeding Forty Shillings for every Offence or Neglect therein; and the Person or Persons so employed as aforesaid shall cause the Words "Scavenger's Cart" to be painted in large Roman Letters on the Front, or on some other conspicuous Part of every Cart or Carriage used for the Purposes aforesaid, and shall likewise cause every such Cart or Carriage to be numbered, on Pain of forfeiting any Sum not exceeding Twenty Shillings for every Neglect therein; and if any such Person so employed as aforesaid shall wilfully sweep or throw any Dust, Dirt, Dung, Ashes, or Filth into any Drain, Sewer, Sink, or Watercourse within the Limits of this Act, every Person so offending shall for every such Offence forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Five Pounds.

XXXV. And be it further enacted, That if any Person or Persons shall throw, cast, or lay, or cause to be thrown, cast, or laid, any Dust, Dirt, Dung, Offal, Rubbish, Ashes, or other Filth whatsoever, into any Street, Lane, or other public Passage or Place within the Limits of this Act, (except the Dust, Dirt, Ashes, and Filth to be collected and put together and placed as aforesaid, and except as is next herein-after mentioned), every such Person so offending shall for every such Offence forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Twenty Shillings.

Preventing  
Ashes or Dirt  
being thrown  
into the  
Streets.

XXXVI. And be it further enacted, That no Person shall take or carry away any Ashes, Dust, Muck, Dung, or Manure out of the said Streets, Lanes, or other public Passages and Places, other than the Persons contracting, or to be appointed or employed by or under the Authority of the said Commissioners, or any Seven or more of them, for such Purposes as aforesaid, upon Pain of forfeiting and paying the Sum of Twenty Shillings for every such Offence.

No Person to  
carry away  
Ashes, &c.  
except Con-  
tractors.

XXXVII. Provided always, That nothing herein contained shall extend to any Ashes, Dust, Dirt, Filth, Dung, or Rubbish which any of the Inhabitants within the Limits of this Act shall think fit to reserve and keep within their respective Houses, Yards, or Gardens, but the same shall respectively belong to the Person or Persons so reserving the same, so as such Ashes, Dust, Dirt, Filth, Soil, Dung, or Rubbish be not laid down or placed in any of the said Streets, Lanes, or other public Passages or Places for any longer Time than shall be necessary for loading and carrying away the same; but in case the Person or Persons so reserving such Ashes, Dust, Dirt, Filth, Dung, or Rubbish, shall permit or suffer the same to become a Nuisance to any of the said Inhabitants, and shall not remove the same for the Space of Seven Days after Notice in Writing given to them or him, under the Hands of the said Commissioners or any Seven or more of them, or left at such Person's Dwelling House, to remove the same, such Person or Persons shall forfeit and pay the Sum of Ten Shillings for every Day such Annoyances shall be permitted to remain next after such Notice given as aforesaid.

Persons may  
reserve their  
Ashes, &c.,  
for their own  
Use;

but to re-  
move the  
same on  
Notice.



Penalty not to extend to Rubbish or Dirt occasioned by building or repairing Houses.

XXXVIII. Provided always, and be it enacted, That nothing herein contained shall extend or be construed to extend so as to subject any Person whomsoever to any Penalty by this Act inflicted, for or on account of any Rubbish or Dirt being laid or placed in any such Street, Lane, or other public Passage or Place as aforesaid, occasioned by the building, pulling down, altering, or repairing of his or her House or other Building, so as there be full and sufficient Space, in the Opinion of the said Commissioners or any Seven or more of them, or of their Surveyor for the Time being, left in or at the Side of the Street, Lane, or other public Passage or Place where such Rubbish or Dirt shall lie or be placed, for Carriages to pass and repass, and a sufficient Way kept clean for Foot Passengers, by the Person or Persons laying or causing such Rubbish or Dirt to be laid or placed; and so as a sufficient Light be at his, her, or their Expence set up and maintained at the Place where such Rubbish or Dirt shall be so laid or placed, from Sun-set to Sun-rise, to prevent any Mischief happening to Passengers or Cattle; and so as the same be enclosed and fenced about in such Manner and within such Time as the said Commissioners or any Seven or more of them shall, by any Notice to be by their Order given to or left with such Person or Persons, direct and appoint; and so as such Rubbish or Dirt be removed, at the Expence of the Person or Persons so laying or causing the same to be laid, within a Time to be expressed in a Notice to be in like Manner given by the said Commissioners or any Seven or more of them.

Land to be provided for depositing Dirt, &c.

XXXIX. And be it further enacted, That the said Commissioners or any Seven or more of them shall have full Power to purchase or rent any Quantity of Land, not exceeding Half an Acre, for depositing Dirt, Dung, Soil, Ashes, Cinders, and Rubbish; and the Purchase Money or Rent thereof shall be paid out of the Money raised or to be raised by virtue of this Act, and the Property thereof shall be and is hereby vested in the said Commissioners for the Purposes of this Act.

Penalty on causing Annoyances in the Streets.

XL. And be it further enacted, That if any Person or Persons shall run, draw, drive, carry, or place on any of the Foot-paths in any of the said Streets, Lanes, or other public Passages or Places, any Wheel, Sledge, Wheelbarrow, Handbarrow, Truck, or Carriage; or shall roll any Tub or Wheel for the Space of Twenty Yards, or shall wilfully ride, drive, or lead any Horse or other Beast or Cattle, on any of the Foot-paths aforesaid; or shall kill, slaughter, singe, scald, dress, or cut up any Beast or Swine, Calf, Sheep, Lamb or other Cattle, or shall misuse or ill-treat any Horse or other Beast or Cattle, in any of the said Streets, Lanes, or other public Passages or Places; or shall hoop, cleanse, wash, or scald any Cask, or hew or saw, or cause to be hewn or sawn, any Stone, Wood, or Timber, or bind, make, or repair the Wheel of any Carriage, or shall shoe, bleed, or farry (except in Cases of Accident), or ride any Horse or drive any Cart or Carriage at an improper Rate, or shew or expose any Stallion or Stone Horse, in any of the said Streets, Lanes, or other public Passages or Places; or hang any Horse or other Beast across the Foot-pavement; or shall place or expose to Sale, or cause, permit, or suffer to be placed or exposed to Sale, any Goods, Wares, or Merchandizes, or any Fruits, Vegetables, or Garden Stuff, or other Matter or Thing, either on the Foot-paths or Carriage-ways of any of the said Streets,  
Lanes,



Lanes, or other public Passages or Places (except during the Time of holding any public Fair or Fairs in the said Town); or shall hang up or expose to Sale any Goods, Wares, or Merchandizes, or any other Matter or Thing, upon any Flap Window or otherwise, or fix any Window or other Shade, or tie up any Line, Rope, or Cord, so as to obstruct or incommode the Passage of any Foot-path or Carriage-way; or shall leave open any Cellar Window in the Evening, or in the Night, without the same being sufficiently lighted to prevent Accidents happening therefrom; or shall carry any Iron or Steel Bars or Rods, after Sun-set in the Evening, upon any of the Foot-paths of any of the said Streets, Lanes, or other public Passages or Places; or shall make or assist in the making of any Fire or Fires commonly called Bonfires, or shall set fire to or let off any Gun, Pistol, Blunderbuss, or other Fire-arms, except in case of Self-defence, or throw any Squib, Serpent, Cracker or Fire-work whatever, or play at Foot-ball, or commit any other Nuisance or Annoyance whatsoever, in any of the said Streets, Lanes, or other public Passages or Places, every Person offending in any of the Cases aforesaid shall for every such Offence forfeit and pay the Sum of Twenty Shillings.

XLI. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Commissioners or any Seven or more of them, by and with the Licence and Consent of the Lord of the Manor of *Sheffield* for the Time being, from Time to Time, as they may think fit, on any Market-day within the said Town, to permit and suffer any Person or Persons to set out or expose to Sale, in such Place or Places as they the said Commissioners or any Seven or more of them and the said Lord shall appoint, any Vegetables or other Garden Stuff; and all and every Persons and Person so exposing the same to Sale, having first obtained Permission for that Purpose under the Hands of the said Commissioners or any Seven or more of them, and of the Lord of the said Manor for the Time being, shall not be liable to the Penalty herein-before in that Behalf imposed: Provided always, that the Duration of every such Permission shall always be limited to a fixed Period of Time, to be expressed therein.

Commissioners may permit the Sale of Vegetables in the Streets on Market Days.

XLII. And be it further enacted, That if any Waggon, Cart, Dray, or other Carriage shall be left to stand or remain in any of the said Streets, Lanes, or other public Passages or Places, with or without Horses or other Cattle, for any Time longer than shall be necessary for the loading or unloading thereof, or in case the same shall not, during such Time, be standing as near to the Side of such Street, Lane, Passage, or Place as conveniently may be (except in such Places as the said Commissioners shall appoint for that Purpose); or if any Stage Coach, Diligence, Post Chaise, or other Carriage let to Hire, shall be left to stand or remain in any of the said Streets, Lanes, or other public Passages or Places as aforesaid, with or without Horses, any longer Time than shall be necessary for the taking up or setting down of the Passengers, and for loading or unloading their Baggage; or if any Swine or other Beast or Cattle shall be permitted to wander or be at large in or about any of the said Streets, Lanes, or other public Passages or Places; or if any Timber, Bricks, Lime, Mortar, Sand, Stone, Slates, Hay, Straw, Wood, Faggots, Tiles, Coals, Boards, Tubs, Goods, Wares, Merchandizes, or other Materials

Penalty on Carriages being left in the Streets, &c.



Materials or Things whatsoever, shall be laid or placed, and left to remain in any of the said Streets, Lanes, or other public Passages or Places for any longer Time than shall be necessary for moving or housing the same; or if any Coal Ashes (except in the Time of Frost only, and to prevent Accidents), or any Wood Ashes, Rubbish, Dust, Dirt, Dung, Filth, or any other Nuisance or Annoyance whatsoever, be thrown, cast, or laid in any of the said Streets, Lanes, or other public Passages or Places; then and in every such Case the Owner or Driver of every such Waggon, Cart, Dray, Coach, Diligence, Post Chaise, or other Carriage, and the Owner of any such Swine or other Beast or Cattle, and of any such Bricks, Goods, Wares, Merchandizes, Materials, or Things which shall be left or suffered to remain in any of the said Streets, Lanes, or other public Passages or Places, and the Person or Persons who shall so throw, cast, or lay, or cause to be thrown, cast, or laid, any Coal Ashes, Wood Ashes, Rubbish, Dirt, Dung, Filth, or other Nuisance or Annoyance whatsoever as aforesaid, shall for every such Offence forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Twenty Shillings nor less than Ten Shillings.

Persons driving any Waggon, &c. not to leave his Horses, and no Horse to be turned loose without being haltered.

XLIII. And be it further enacted, That if any Person driving any Waggon, Wain, Cart, Dray, Truck, or other Carriage for the Conveyance of Goods, in, upon, or through any of the Streets, Lanes, or other public Passages or Places within the Limits of this Act, shall leave the Horses drawing the same on any Pretence whatsoever; or if any Person shall turn out or drive loose any Horse or Horses in or along any of the said Streets, Lanes, or other public Passages or Places, without being haltered, and having some Person to lead the same, every such Person for every such Offence shall forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Twenty Shillings nor less than Ten Shillings.

For preventing Annoyances to Passengers by Milk Carriers.

XLIV. And whereas considerable Quantities of Milk are conveyed to the said Town in Barrels or Tin Cans, upon Horses, Mules, or Asses, and also in Carts or Caravans, which are generally conducted by Boys, who, after having delivered their Milk, frequently proceed at so quick a Pace as greatly to annoy and molest Passengers in the Streets of the said Town, and endanger the Lives and Limbs of such Passengers; be it therefore enacted, That the Owner of every Horse, Mule, or Ass, and of every Cart or Caravan respectively conveying Milk to the said Town, shall have his or her Name in large legible Letters fixed to or upon some conspicuous Part of the Packsaddle upon or to which the said Barrels or Cans shall be attached, or upon the said Barrels or Cans themselves, or upon such Cart or Caravan, as the Case may be; and if any Person or Persons shall carry or convey, or cause to be carried or conveyed, Milk to the said Town upon any Horse, Mule, or Ass, in Barrels or Cans, or in Carts or Caravans as aforesaid, without having the Name of the Owner so affixed as aforesaid, such Owner shall forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Forty Shillings; and if any Person or Persons in Attendance upon any Horse, Mule, or Ass, or Cart or Caravan laden with Milk, or returning Home after having been so laden, shall ride or drive through any of the said Streets faster than a Foot-pace, or shall wilfully or by Negligence endanger the Person or Property of any Passenger therein, he



he shall, on being convicted of the same before One Justice of the Peace for the West Riding of the County of York, forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Forty Shillings, or the Offender or Offenders shall be committed to the House of Correction of the said Riding for any Period of Time (in the Discretion of such Justice) not exceeding One Calendar Month.

XLV. And be it further enacted, That the Owners and Occupiers of all Engines, commonly called Steam Engines, hereafter to be erected, set up, or used within the Limits of this Act, as also the Owners or Occupiers of all such Engines as are already set up within the said Limits in the said Town, after the same shall have been rebuilt or reconstructed, shall use the Method now adopted, or some other equally efficacious Method, to consume and burn the Smoke arising therefrom, so as to prevent the same occasioning any Nuisance whatsoever; and if any Person or Persons shall, after the passing of this Act, use any such Steam Engine without the same being upon the Principle of burning or consuming its own Smoke, he or they shall forfeit and pay for every such Neglect or Default Fifty Pounds, to be recovered by Action of Debt or on the Case in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster*.

Steam Engines to consume their own Smoke.

XLVI. And be it further enacted, That if any Person or Persons shall wilfully set fire to, or permit or suffer the Chimney of any House, Workshop, Outhouse, or other Building, within the Limits of this Act to be on Fire, the Owner or Occupier of every such House, Workshop, Outhouse, or other Building, shall forfeit and pay for every such Offence any Sum not exceeding Twenty Shillings.

Penalty on firing Chimneys.

XLVII. And be it further enacted, That if any Person or Persons shall burn or cause to be burnt in the open Air within the Limits of this Act, any Coals, for the Purpose of converting the same into Cokes or Cinders, without using a proper Flue or Chimney for carrying off the Smoke arising therefrom; or shall burn or cause to be burnt any such Coals for the Purpose aforesaid, with such a Flue or Chimney, except between the Hours of Ten of the Clock at Night and Six of the Clock in the Morning, every such Person shall forfeit and pay for every such Offence any Sum not exceeding Twenty Shillings.

Penalty on burning Cokes, &c. in the open Air.

XLVIII. And be it further enacted, That if any Person or Persons shall cause any Privy or Necessary-house within the Limits of this Act to be emptied at any Time except between the Hours of Twelve of the Clock in the Night and Ten of the Clock in the Morning, or shall lay or cause to be laid the Soil thereof in any of the said Streets, Lanes, or other public Passages or Places, or shall wilfully or negligently spill or throw down any such Soil in any of the said Streets, Lanes, or other public Passages or Places, every Person offending in any of the Cases aforesaid, shall for every such Offence forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Twenty Shillings nor less than Ten Shillings.

Regulations for emptying Necessary-houses.

XLIX. And be it further enacted, That if any Hog-stye, Cow-house, Slaughter-house, or Necessary-house, or any Pond or Pool of stagnant Water within the Limits of this Act, shall, by the said Commissioners, or

Annoyances by Hog-styes, &c. to be removed.

[Local.]



any Seven or more of them, be considered an Annoyance to any of the Persons residing therein, the same shall be deemed a Nuisance and an Offence against this Act; and it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Commissioners, or any Seven or more of them, upon Complaint thereof to them made by any Person or Persons, to order the Person or Persons keeping such Hog-stye, Cow-house, Slaughter-house, or Necessary-house, or the Person or Persons making such Pond or Pool of Water, to remove or fill up the same within Fourteen Days next after due Notice of such Order; and in case the same shall not be removed or filled up in that Time, then the Person or Persons offending therein shall forfeit and pay the Sum of Ten Shillings for every Day that the same shall continue unremoved or unfilled up after the Expiration of the said Fourteen Days, but subject to Appeal in Manner herein-after mentioned.

Penalty on altering the Form of the Streets, and for removing Obstructions.

L. And be it further enacted, That the said Commissioners, or any Seven or more of them, shall cause all Signs which now are or at any Time hereafter shall be placed or hung in any Part or Parts of the said Streets, Lanes, or other public Passages or Places, to be fixed or placed close to or on the Front of such Houses respectively whereunto the same shall belong, and shall and may cause all Signs, Sign-irons, Sign-posts, Pent-houses, Spouts, Steps, Stairs, Scrapers, Shop-windows, Shew-glasses, Shew-boards, and Cellar-windows, or any other Windows, or other Encroachments, Obstructions, or Annoyances in or upon the said Streets, Lanes, or other public Passages or Places, or any of them, to be removed, filled up, or altered in such Manner as they shall think fit; and shall and may cause all Water to be conveyed from the Roofs, Cornices, and Pent-houses, by proper and sufficient Gutters, Pipes, or Trunks to be affixed on the Fronts or Sides of the Houses, Shops, Warehouses, and other Buildings whereunto the same belong, and to be brought down to the Pavement; and in case the Owner or Occupier of any House, Shop, Warehouse, or other Building within the Limits of this Act, to which any Sign, Sign-iron, Sign-post, Pent-house, Spout, Steps, Stairs, Scrapers, Shop-windows, Shew-glasses, Shew-boards, or Cellar-windows, or other Encroachment, Obstruction, or Annoyance, now or hereafter may belong, shall not at the Costs and Charges of such Owner or Occupier (as the Case may be), within Ten Days after Notice in Writing shall be given to them respectively, or left at their respective Dwelling-houses, under the Hands of the said Commissioners, or any Seven or more of them, remove, fill up, or alter every such Sign, Sign-iron, Sign-post, Pent-house, Spout, Steps, Stairs, Scrapers, Shop-windows, Shew-glasses, Shew-boards, Cellar-windows, and other Encroachments, Obstructions, and Annoyances, in such Manner as in such Notice shall be expressed, it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Commissioners, or any Seven or more of them, to cause the same to be done, and to levy or cause to be levied the Costs and Charges attending the same by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of the Owner, Tenant, or Occupier of every such House, Shop, Warehouse, or other Building to which the same may be attached or belong, by Warrant under the Hand and Seal of any Justice of the Peace of the West Riding of the County of York, rendering the Overplus (if any) when demanded to the Person whose Goods and Chattels shall have been so distrained or sold; or it shall and may be lawful to and for such Tenant or Occupier to fix up Gutters, Pipes, and Trunks of sufficient



sufficient Length, and also to remove all such Annoyances, Obstructions, and Encroachments, and to deduct and retain the Charges and Expences thereof, and also any Money which shall or may be levied upon the Goods and Chattels of any such Tenant or Occupier as aforesaid, out of his or her Rent; and every Owner, Proprietor, or Landlord is hereby required to allow the same accordingly: Provided always, that nothing herein contained shall extend or be construed to extend so as to enable any Tenant or Tenants for any Life or Lives, or for any Term of Years, whose Term remaining in his, her, or their Lease or Leases shall be equal to or exceed Seven Years, to make any such Deduction or Deductions out of his, her, or their Rent or Rents for or on account of any such Purposes as aforesaid.

LI. And be it further enacted, That all the Lamps and Lamp-irons, with the Appendages, which shall be assigned over to or purchased by the Commissioners for executing this Act, or of which they may become possessed by virtue of any of the Powers in this Act contained, or which may be set up by them for the Purposes thereof; and all the Dirt, Dust, Dung, Ashes, and Filth to be swept, gathered, and collected under or by virtue of this Act; and all Watch-boxes, Watch-houses, and other Matters and Things which shall be used, erected, or fixed up by virtue of this Act; and all Materials and Implements which shall be purchased or provided by the said Commissioners for the Purposes of this Act, shall belong to, and be the Property of, and the same are hereby vested in the said Commissioners, which Commissioners shall be known by the Name of the Commissioners for the Improvement of the Town of *Sheffield*, in the County of *York*; and the said Commissioners shall and may cause to be brought any Action or Actions, or direct the preferring of any Bill or Bills of Indictment, as the Case may require, against any Person or Persons who shall steal or carry away, detain, spoil, injure, or destroy the several Articles and Things hereby vested in them the said Commissioners as aforesaid, or any of them, or any Part thereof; and in all such Actions and Bills of Indictment respectively, it shall be deemed and taken to be sufficient to state generally, that the Article or Articles, Thing or Things, for or on account of which such Action or Actions shall be brought, or Bill or Bills of Indictment preferred, is or are the Property of the Commissioners for the Improvement of the Town of *Sheffield*, in the County of *York*, without particularly stating or specifying the Name or Names of all or any of the said Commissioners; and the said Commissioners shall have Power and Authority from Time to Time to sell and dispose of, for the Purposes of this Act, all or any of the said Articles and Things, or any Part of the same respectively, to such Person or Persons and in such Manner as they the said Commissioners, or any Seven or more of them, shall think proper.

Lamps, &c.  
vested in  
Commission-  
ers.

LII. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for the said Commissioners, or any Seven or more of them, and they are hereby authorized and empowered, from Time to Time, and at any Time or Times hereafter, to purchase, provide, affix, set up, alter, take down, and renew such and so many Lamps, of such Sizes and Sorts, in such Places and in such Manner, and to cause the same to be lighted at such Seasons of the

Commission-  
ers may pur-  
chase and set  
up Lamps.



Persons accidentally damaging Lamps to make good the Damage.

the Year, and at such Hours of the Evening, as to them shall seem necessary or proper for the well and sufficiently lighting of all or any of the said Streets, Lanes, or other public Passages or Places; and if any Person or Persons shall wilfully throw down, take, carry away, spoil, or damage any Lamps now set up or to be set up within the Limits of this Act, or any of the Irons, Posts, or other Furniture thereof, or wilfully extinguish the Light of any such Lamp, every Person so offending shall forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Five Pounds for each Offence, one Moiety of which shall go to the Informer, and the other to the said Commissioners for the Purposes of this Act, or to the Contractor who shall have furnished such Lamps, and such Offender shall moreover make full Satisfaction to the said Commissioners or to such Contractor for the Damage done thereby, such Damage to be recovered in like Manner as any Penalty is hereafter authorized or directed to be recovered; and in case any Person shall carelessly, negligently, or accidentally break, throw down, or otherwise spoil or damage any of the said Lamps, or the Irons, Posts, or other Furniture thereof, and shall not immediately upon Demand make Satisfaction for the Damage done thereto, then and in such Case it shall be lawful for any Justice of the Peace for the West Riding of the County of *York*, upon Proof thereof made by the Oath of One or more Witness or Witnesses, or on the Confession of the Party, to award such Sum of Money by way of Satisfaction for such Damage as such Justice shall think reasonable; and in case of Refusal or Neglect to pay such Sum of Money upon Demand, to cause the same to be levied and recovered in like Manner as the said Rates or Assessments can or may be levied and recovered.

Watchmen to be appointed.

LIII. And be it further enacted, That the said Commissioners, or any Seven or more of them, may, and they are hereby authorized, from Time to Time to establish and appoint such and so many able-bodied Watchmen as they shall judge necessary and proper to be kept and employed in the said Streets, Lanes, and other public Passages and Places for that Service, and shall likewise order and direct in Writing how, where, and in what Manner they shall be stationed and armed, and how often they shall go their Rounds, how long they shall continue on Duty, and under what Allowance or Wages for their Attendance; and may also erect, hire, or otherwise provide proper Watch-houses and Watch-boxes or Places for the Reception of such Watchmen; and that it shall be lawful for the said Commissioners, or any Seven or more of them, to remove any One or more of such Watchmen on Misbehaviour or Neglect of Duty, and to impose any Fine or Sum of Money not exceeding Twenty Shillings for every Neglect or Misbehaviour of such Watchmen, such Fine to be deducted out of his Wages or Allowance, and also to make such further Orders and Regulations for the better Government and Direction of the said Watchmen as they shall think proper.

Watchmen empowered to apprehend suspected and disorderly Persons.

LIV. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Watchmen, or any of them, and they are hereby respectively authorized and required, during the Time of their keeping Watch, to apprehend and secure in the Watch-house or Watch-houses all such Malefactors, Disturbers of the King's Peace, and all other suspected and disorderly Persons who shall be found wandering or misbehaving themselves, and to carry such



such Person or Persons, as soon as conveniently may be, before some Justice of the Peace for the said Riding, to be examined and dealt with according to Law.

LV. And be it further enacted, That if any Victualler, or Keeper of any Public House or Liquor Shop, shall knowingly and willingly harbour or entertain any Watchman employed by the said Commissioners, or permit or suffer any such Watchman to remain in his or her Public House or Liquor Shop, during any Part of the Time appointed for his being on Duty as aforesaid, every such Victualler or Keeper of a Public House or Liquor Shop shall, for the First Offence, being thereof duly convicted, forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Ten Shillings, and for the Second and every other Offence any Sum not exceeding Twenty Shillings.

Victuallers not to suffer Watchmen to be in their Houses during the Hours of Duty.

LVI. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Commissioners, or any Seven or more of them, to make such Compensation in Money to Watchmen who may be disabled, wounded, or hurt in the Execution of their Duty, as they the said Commissioners or any Seven or more of them shall think reasonable, such Compensation to be paid out of any Money to be raised for the Purposes of this Act.

Commissioners may compensate Watchmen.

LVII. And be it further enacted, That the said Commissioners, or any Seven or more of them, may order and direct the Houses within the said Streets, Lanes, and other Public Passages and Places, or any of them, to be numbered with Figures placed or painted on the Door of every such House, or on such other Part thereof as the said Commissioners or any Seven or more of them shall think proper; and may also order and direct to be painted, or otherwise described, on a conspicuous Part of some House or other Building at or near the End or Corner of every such Street, Lane, and other Public Passage and Place, the Names by which such respective Streets, Lanes, and other Public Passages or Places are usually or properly called or known; and if any Person shall wilfully destroy, obliterate, or deface any such Number, Figure, Name, or Description, or any Part thereof, or cause or procure the same to be done, every Person so offending shall, for every such Offence, forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Twenty Shillings nor less than Ten Shillings.

Houses may be numbered,

and Names of Streets set up.

LVIII. And be it further enacted, That some Time in the Month of *June* in every Year after the Year of passing this Act, a fair and just Account shall be made and wrote out of all Monies received and paid by virtue or in pursuance of this Act, and how, and to whom, and for what Purposes the same shall have been laid out, paid, and expended; and a Copy or Duplicate of such Account, signed by Seven or more of the said Commissioners, shall be deposited with the Clerk of the said Commissioners, who shall permit any Person or Persons so rated as aforesaid, or any Person or Persons on his or her Behalf, to inspect the same, at all seasonable Times, paying One Shilling for every such Inspection; and shall upon Demand forthwith give Copies of the same, or any Part thereof, to any such Person, paying at the Rate of Sixpence for every One hundred Words, and so in proportion for any less Number of Words.

Accounts to be made up yearly for Inspection.

[Local.]

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LIX. And



Abstract of  
Account to  
be published.

LIX. And be it further enacted, That within One Calendar Month next after the said Account shall be made and wrote out as aforesaid, an Abstract thereof shall be annually published by the said Commissioners in some public Newspaper circulated in the said Town.

Commission-  
ers may sue  
and be sued  
in the Name  
of their Clerk.

LX. And be it further enacted, That the said Commissioners may sue or be sued for or concerning any Thing which shall be done by virtue or in pursuance of this Act, in the Name of their Clerk for the Time being; and that no Action or Suit to be brought or commenced by the Direction of or against the said Commissioners, by virtue of this Act, in the Name of their Clerk, shall abate or be discontinued by the Death or Removal of such Clerk, or by any Act or Default of such Clerk done or suffered without the Consent or Direction of the Commissioners or any Seven or more of them; but the Clerk to the said Commissioners for the Time being shall always be deemed Plaintiff or Defendant in such Action or Suit (as the Case may be): Provided always, that all Costs and Expences to be incurred by or on behalf of the said Commissioners, or any Person or Persons employed by them in prosecuting or defending any Action or Suit touching the Execution of this Act, shall be defrayed out of the Money arising by virtue of this Act, unless such Action or Suit shall arise in consequence of the wilful Neglect or Default of such Clerk, or unless it shall have been brought, commenced, or defended without the Order or Direction of the said Commissioners, or any Seven or more of them: Provided always, that such Clerk shall not on that Account be deemed an inadmissible Witness in any such Action or Suit.

Recovery of  
Penalties by  
Distress and  
Sale;

LXI. And be it further enacted, That all Penalties and Forfeitures by this Act imposed, the Manner of levying and recovering whereof is not hereby otherwise particularly directed, shall be levied and recovered by Distress and Sale of the Offender's Goods and Chattels, by Warrant under the Hand and Seal of any Justice of the Peace for the West Riding of the County of York; which Warrant such Justice is hereby empowered to grant upon the Confession of the Party or Parties, or upon the Evidence of any One or more credible Witness or Witnesses upon Oath, and the Overplus (if any) of the Money arising by such Distress and Sale, shall be returned upon Demand to the Owner of such Goods and Chattels, after deducting the Costs and Charges of such Distress and Sale; and the Penalties and Forfeitures when recovered (if not herein-before directed to be otherwise applied) shall be paid to the Treasurer to the said Commissioners, and be applied towards the Purposes of this Act; and in case sufficient Distress shall not be found, or such Penalties and Forfeitures shall not be paid forthwith, it shall be lawful for such Justice, and he is hereby authorized and required, by Warrant under his Hand and Seal, to cause the Offender or Offenders to be committed to the Common Gaol or House of Correction, there to remain without Bail or Mainprize for any Time not exceeding Six Calendar Months, nor less than Twenty-eight Days, unless such Penalties and Forfeitures, and all reasonable Charges attending the same, shall be sooner fully paid and satisfied: Provided always, that no Person or Persons shall be subject or liable to the Payment of any Penalty or Forfeiture imposed by this Act, for any Offence against this Act, unless

or Offenders  
may be com-  
mitted.

Information



Information shall be given of the Offence within One Calendar Month next after such Offence shall have been committed.

LXII. And be it further enacted, That all and every Justice and Jus- Form of Conviction.  
tices of the Peace, before whom any Person or Persons shall be convicted of any Offence against this Act, shall and may cause the Conviction to be drawn in the following Form, or to the like Effect; (that is to say),

‘ Town of *Sheffield*, in the West }  
‘ Riding of the County of *York*, } BE it remembered, That on the  
‘ Year of the Reign of His Majesty *A. B.* is convicted  
‘ before of His Majesty’s Justices of the Peace for the said  
‘ Riding, by virtue of an Act made in the Year of the Reign of  
‘ His Majesty King *George* the intituled [*set forth the Title of*  
‘ *the Act, and specify the Offence, and the Time and Place when and where*  
‘ *the same was committed, as the Case may be.*] Given under our Hands  
‘ and Seals [*or, my Hand and Seal*] the Day and Year aforesaid.’

LXIII. And be it further enacted, That in all Cases where any Justice Power to ad-  
minister  
Oaths.  
or Justices of the Peace is or are by this Act authorized or required to examine any Person or Persons on Oath, it shall be lawful for such Justice or Justices respectively to administer such Oath; and that if any Person or Persons shall upon his or her Examination upon Oath, before such Justice or Justices respectively, wilfully and corruptly give false Evidence, such Person or Persons so offending, and being thereof duly convicted, shall be and is and are hereby declared to be subject and liable to such Pains and Penalties, as by any Law now in being Persons convicted of wilful and corrupt Perjury are subject and liable to.

LXIV. And be it further enacted, That in all Actions, Informations, Power for  
Inhabitants  
to be Wit-  
nesses.  
Causes, and Proceedings whatsoever, relating to or concerning the Execution of this Act, no Inhabitant within the Limits of this Act shall be deemed to be an incompetent Witness, by reason of his or her being charged with and liable to pay any Rate or Assessment by virtue of this Act.

LXV. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That it shall and Power for  
Justices to  
make Allow-  
ances to In-  
formers and  
Witnesses.  
may be lawful for the Justice of the Peace before whom any Offender shall be convicted of any Offence against this Act, if he shall think fit, to deduct, allow, and pay any Part of the Fine, Penalty, or Forfeiture which shall be imposed and received of any such Offender, convicted before him of any such Offence as aforesaid, unless herein otherwise directed (not exceeding One Moiety or Half Part thereof), to the Informer or Informers, Witness or Witnesses, against such Offender, in such Shares and Proportions as to such Justice shall seem meet.

LXVI. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That if any Person Appeal.  
or Persons shall think himself, herself, or themselves aggrieved by any Rate or Assessment which shall be made or be demanded in pursuance of this Act, or by any Order, Judgment, or Determination of the said Commissioners or any Seven or more of them, or by any Penalty imposed, or by any Conviction made, or by any other Thing done in pursuance of this Act, (save and except in such Case where any Order, Judgment, or Determination



mination is herein directed to be final or conclusive, and save and except in such Cases for which any particular Method of Relief is herein appointed), such Person or Persons may appeal to the Justices of the Peace at any General Quarter Sessions of the Peace to be holden for the West Riding of the County of York, within Six Calendar Months next after the Cause of Complaint shall have arisen, or at any Adjournment of such Sessions; the Person or Persons appealing first giving or causing to be given to the Clerk of the said Commissioners Fourteen Days Notice in Writing of his, her, or their Intention to bring such Appeal, and of the Cause or Matter thereof, and within Fourteen Days next after such Notice entering into a Recognizance before some Justice of the Peace for the said Riding, with Two sufficient Sureties, conditioned to try such Appeal, and to abide the Order of and to pay such Costs as shall be awarded by the Justices at such Sessions or Adjournment thereof; and the Justices at the said Sessions or Adjournment thereof, upon due Proof of such Notice having been given, and of such Recognizance having been entered into as aforesaid, shall hear and finally determine every such Appeal in a summary Way, and award such Costs to the Party appealing or appealed against as the said Justices shall think proper, and shall and may, at their Discretion, discharge or mitigate all or any of the Penalties or Forfeitures incurred by the Party or Parties appealing; and the Determination of the said Justices, at their said General Quarter Sessions or Adjournment thereof, shall be final, binding, and conclusive, to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever.

Distress not  
unlawful for  
Want of  
Form.

LXVII. And be it further enacted, That where any Distress shall be made for any Sum of Money to be levied by virtue of this Act, the Distress itself shall not be deemed unlawful, nor the Party or Parties making the same be deemed a Trespasser or Trespassers, on account of any Defect or Want of Form in the Summons, Conviction, Warrant of Distress, or other Proceeding relating thereto; nor shall the Party or Parties distraining be deemed a Trespasser or Trespassers *ab initio* on account of any Irregularity which shall be afterwards done by the Party or Parties so distraining; but the Person or Persons aggrieved by such Irregularity shall and may recover full Satisfaction for the special Damage in an Action on the Case.

Plaintiff not  
to recover  
after Tender  
of Amends.

LXVIII. Provided always, That no Plaintiff or Plaintiffs shall recover upon any such Action for Irregularity, or for any Trespass or other wrongful Proceeding, unless Notice in Writing shall be given to the Defendant or Defendants, Ten Days before such Action shall be commenced, of such intended Action, signed by the Attorney for the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs, specifying the Cause of such Action; nor shall the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs recover in such Action if Tender of sufficient Amends hath been made to him, her, or them, or his, her, or their Attorney, by or on the Behalf of the Defendant or Defendants, before such Action brought; and in case no such Tender shall have been made, it shall be lawful for the Defendant or Defendants in any such Action, by leave of the Court after such Action shall have been brought, at any Time before Issue joined, to pay into Court such Sum of Money as he or they shall think fit, whereupon such Proceedings, Order, and Judgment, shall be made and given in and by such Court, as in other Actions where the Defendant is allowed to pay Money into Court.

LXIX. And



**EXIX.** And be it further enacted, That no Order, Verdict, Assessment, Judgment, or other Proceeding made touching or concerning any of the Matters aforesaid, or touching or concerning the Conviction of any Offender or Offenders against this Act, shall be quashed or vacated for want of Form only, or be removed or removable by *Certiorari*, or any other Writ or Process whatsoever, into any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster*, any Law or Statute to the contrary hereof in anywise notwithstanding.

Proceedings not to be quashed for want of Form.

**LXX.** Provided always, and be it further enacted, That no Action or Suit shall be commenced against any Person or Persons for any Thing done in pursuance of this Act until Fourteen Days Notice be thereof given to the Clerk to the said Commissioners, or after sufficient Satisfaction or Tender thereof hath been made to the Party or Parties aggrieved, or after Six Calendar Months next after the Fact committed; and every such Action or Suit shall be brought and tried in the County where the Cause of Action shall have arisen, and not elsewhere; and the Defendant or Defendants in every such Action or Suit shall or may, at his or their Election, plead specially or the General Issue, and give this Act and the special Matter in Evidence at any Trial to be had thereupon, and that the same was done in pursuance and by the Authority of this Act; and if the same shall appear to be so done, or if such Action or Suit shall be brought before Fourteen Days Notice shall be given as aforesaid, or shall be brought in any other County than as aforesaid, then the Jury shall find for the Defendant or Defendants; and upon such Verdict, or if the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs shall be nonsuited, or discontinue his, her, or their Action or Suit after the Defendant or Defendants shall have appeared, or if upon Demurrer Judgment shall be given against the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs, then the Defendant or Defendants shall recover Treble Costs, and have such Remedy for the same as any Defendant or Defendants hath or have in other Cases by Law.

Limitation of Actions.

**LXXI.** And be it further enacted, That all Monies which shall be raised by the said Commissioners under or by virtue of this Act, or which shall come to their Hands for the Purposes thereof, shall be applied from Time to Time in defraying the Costs, Charges, and Expences, first of obtaining this Act, and afterwards of carrying the same into Execution, and to and for no other Use or Purpose whatsoever.

Application of Money to be raised and received by Commissioners.

**LXXII.** Provided always, and be it further enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall extend or be construed to extend in any way to change, lessen, abridge, impeach, annul, prejudice, or destroy any Rights, Privileges, Jurisdictions, Immunities, Rents, Tolls, Pckage, Stallage, Free Customs, Duties, Profits, or Advantages, belonging, due, or in anywise appertaining to the Lord of the Manor of *Sheffield* aforesaid, or the Owner of the Fairs and Markets within the said Town; but all and every such Rights, Privileges, Jurisdictions, Immunities, Rents, Tolls, Pckage, Stallage, Free Customs, Duties, Profits, and Advantages may be exercised, demanded, exacted, received, and enjoyed in as full and ample a Manner to all Intents and Purposes as if this Act had not been passed.

Not to prejudice the Rights of the Lord of the Manor.

[Local.]

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LXXIII. And



Public Act.

LXXIII. 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 other Persons, without being specially pleaded.

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