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# GEORGII IV. REGIS.



## *Cap. xxvi.*

An Act for more effectually improving the Road from *Greenhead* through *Haltwhistle*, *Hexham*, and *Corbridge*, to the Military Road near *Shildon Bar*, and for making a Branch Road from *Corbridge* to *Heddon-on-the-Wall*, all in the County of *Northumberland*; and for altering the Line of a certain Part of the said first-mentioned Road.

[22d June 1820.]

**W**HEREAS an Act was passed in the Fortieth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George the Third*, intituled *An Act for more effectually repairing the Road from Glen-* 40 G. 3. c. 14.  
*whelt, through Haltwhistle, Hexham and Corbridge, to the Military Road near Shildon Bar, and for making and repairing a Branch Road from Corbridge aforesaid, to Heddon-on-the-Wall, all in the County of Northumberland: And whereas considerable Sums of Money have been borrowed upon the Credit of the Tolls authorized to be collected upon the said Road, which still remain due, and the same cannot be paid off, and the said Road kept in repair, unless the Term granted by the said recited Act be further continued; and it would be more*

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convenient for the Trustees, and the said Road would be more effectually repaired, if the Powers and Provisions of the said Act were repealed, and other and further Powers granted instead thereof: And whereas it would facilitate the Passage of Carts and heavy Carriages, and be of great public Utility, if Powers were given to alter and turn that Part of the said Road which lies between *Hexham* and *Haydon Bridge*, and to make a new Road beginning at the West End of the Town of *Hexham*, passing from the present Road through certain Fields called *Cockshaw Fields*, and from thence to the *Highwood*, passing the Villages or Places of *Coastley*, *Wharnley*, and the *Bush*, to *Wood Hall Mill*, where it will again join the old Road: And whereas the present Road from *Hexham* to *Wood Hall Mill* aforesaid, is in most Parts thereof in a ruinous Condition, very narrow and incommodious to Passengers; and it is expedient that certain Parts of the said last-mentioned Road should be incorporated with the said Branch Road, and that other Parts thereof should be discontinued and disposed of under the Provisions of this Act; but the several Purposes aforesaid cannot be effected 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 on the Seventh Day of *August* next after the passing of this Act, the said Act of the Fortieth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Third, shall be, and the same is hereby declared to be repealed, and null and void, to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever; and that instead thereof and on the same Day, this Act shall commence and take Effect, and shall be put in Execution for and during the Term herein-after mentioned, for the Purpose of repairing, amending, and improving the said Road, from the Military Road near *Greenhead*, through *Haltwhistle*, *Haydon Bridge*, *Hexham* and *Corbridge*, to the Military Road aforesaid near *Shildon Bar*, and the Branch Road from *Corbridge* aforesaid to *Heddon-on-the-Wall*, all in the County of *Northumberland*, and for altering and diverting the Line of such Part of the said Road as lies between *Hexham* and *Haydon Bridge*, and for making and afterwards repairing and improving a new Road, beginning at the West End of the Town of *Hexham*, passing from the present Road through certain Fields called *Cockshaw Fields*, and from thence to the *Highwood*, passing the Villages or Places of *Coastley*, *Wharnley*, and the *Bush*, to *Wood Hall Mill*, where it will again join the old Road, or within a short Distance thereof; which said new Branch of Road shall, when made, be and for ever afterwards continue a public Highway; and this Act and the Tolls hereby granted shall be subject and liable to the Payment of all Sums of Money due and owing upon the Credit of the said former Acts, and also to the Payment of all Sums of Money which shall be raised, borrowed, and advanced, for and towards making the said new Branch Road, and defraying the Expences already or hereafter to be incurred in and about or in anywise concerning the same, and also, to the Payment of all Sums of Money which shall or may hereafter be borrowed on the Credit of this Act, together with all Interest due, and which shall or may from Time to Time hereafter become due and payable, for the same respectively.

Former Act repealed.

Roads described.

Debts contracted under the former Acts secured.

II. And be it further enacted, That all His Majesty's Justices of Trustees. the Peace acting for the said County of Northumberland, together with Robert Launcelot Allgood, James Allgood Clerk, Adam Askew, George Adam Askew, Ralph Atkinson, Thomas Allason Clerk, Matthew Atkinson, John Armstrong, Richard Craster Askew Barrister, Sir Edward Blackett Baronet, Sir Francis Blake Baronet, Thomas Richard Beaumont, Thomas Wentworth Beaumont, William Beaumont, Charles John Brandling, George Baker, Matthew Bell, Charles William Bigge, Thomas Hanway Bigge, Christopher Blackett, Christopher Blackett the younger, John Moore Bates, Thomas Bates, William Bates, William Bainbridge, George Bainbridge, Michael Bell, Charles Bacon, John Bacon, Joseph Bainbridge, Joseph Bainbridge the younger, Thomas Bonner, Sir Thomas Burdon Knight, Calderly B Bewick, Henry Bell, George Burdon, Robert Bell, Dixon Brown, Ralph Bates of Milburn, Sir Thomas John Clavering Baronet, Charles John Clavering, Thomas Clennell, John Clavering, Edward Charlton of Reedsmouth, Nathaniel Clayton, Nathaniel Clayton the younger, John Clayton, John Blenkinsopp Coulson, Edward Coulson, Robert Clarke Clerk, William Cuthbert, Edward Charlton of Lee Hall, John Collinson Clerk, William John Charlton, William Charlton, John Charlton, Mark William Carr, William Carr, John Clutterbuck, Nicholas William Ridley Colborne, Thomas Davidson, John Davidson, William Donkin, John Dobson, John Errington, William Errington, William Ellison, James Ellis, Cuthbert Ellison, Christopher Fenwick, Percival Fenwick, Nicholas Fenwick, Robert Forster, Jonathan Featherstone, Joseph Forster, Henry Forster, Joseph Francis Forster, Grey, Ralph William Grey, Charles Grey, George Gibson, Jasper Gibson of Hexham, John Gibson Clerk, Sir Carnaby Haggerstone, Thomas Haggerstone, John Hunter, John Hodgson, Matthew Harrison Clerk, Oswald Head Clerk, Thomas Harvey, Nathaniel John Hollingsworth Clerk, Anthony Hedley Clerk, Samuel Richard Hartley Clerk, Robert Jobling, John Cresswell Jobling, Henry Johnson Clerk, Thomas Kerr, James Kirsopp, John Kirsopp of Hencóats, Sir Thomas Henry Liddell Baronet, Henry George Liddell, Henry Thomas Liddell, Sir Charles Loraine Baronet, Loraine, John Lambton Loraine, Charles Lee Clerk, James Losh, John George Lambton, Ralph John Lambton, Sir Henry Maire Lawson Baronet, Richard Lambert, William Laws, Nicholas Leadbitter, Nicholas Leadbitter the younger, Thomas Leadbitter, Sir Charles Miles Lambert M. Monck Baronet, Charles Atticus Monck, Bertram Mitford, Thomas Meggison, Simon Mewburn, Simon Mewburn the younger, Nicholas Maughan, Samuel Pears Maughan, Matthew Montague of Denton, Sir Ralph Noel Baronet, Lewis Nanney, William Ord, Ord, Charles Ogle, William Ord Nunnykirk, Robert Pearson, Robert Pearson the younger, William Peareth, William Peters, John Plummer, Sir Matthew White Ridley Baronet, John Reed of Chipchase Castle, Christopher Reed, Henry Reed, Francis Reed Clerk, Archibald Reed, John Reed of Acklington Park, Ralph Riddell of Felton, Ralph Riddell of Cheeseburn Grange, Henry Richmond, Henry Richmond the younger, Jonathan Raine, John Ridley of Park End, George Lowes Ridley, John Ruddock, Nicholas Ruddock, Nicholas Ridley Reed, Sir John Edward Swinburne Baronet, Edward Swinburne, George Silvertop, Henry Collingwood

*Collingwood Selby, Walter Selby, William Surtees, Anthony Surtees, Aubone Surtees, John Surtees, Ralph Spearman, William Smith of Houghton Castle, William Smith the younger, William Smith of the Leases, Ralph Smith, Joseph Storey, Thomas Smith of Thirston, George Dalston Shafto, David William Smith, Sir John Trevelyan Baronet, John Trevelyan, Raleigh Trevelyan, John Thompson Clerk, Francis Thompson Clerk, Francis Tweddell, Robert Tweddell Clerk, Henry Tulip, Robert Hopper Williamson, George Wilson Clerk, Jonathan Walton Clerk, Henry Walton, Henry Wastell Clerk, Robert Walters, Henry Winship, John Wailes, Thomas Wailes, George Wailes, John Walker, Henry Witham, Jonathan Forster Wailes, and their Successors, to be elected in Manner herein-after mentioned, shall be and they are hereby appointed Trustees for carrying the Powers and Provisions of this Act into full and complete Execution and Effect.*

Power to  
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tional Trus-  
tees.

III. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Trustees, or any Five or more of them, and they are hereby authorized and empowered, at any of their Meetings to be holden in pursuance of this Act, to elect and appoint any Number of Persons, not exceeding Ten in the whole, to be Trustees for executing this Act, in addition to the Trustees by this Act appointed; and such Trustees so elected and appointed shall be and they are hereby invested with the same Powers and Authorities for executing this Act as if they had been herein named and appointed.

In case of  
Death, &c.  
new Trustees  
to be ap-  
pointed.

IV. And be it further enacted, That when and as often as any of the Trustees hereby appointed, or to be elected and appointed in Manner herein-after mentioned, shall become by Bankruptcy or Insolvency disqualified to act, or shall die or refuse to act in the Execution of this Act, it shall be lawful for the surviving or remaining Trustees, or any Five or more of them, from Time to Time to elect and appoint one other fit Person to be a Trustee, in the Room of every Trustee so disqualified to act, dying, or refusing to act as aforesaid; provided that Notice of the Time and Place of Meeting of the Trustees for every such Election, be given by any Two or more of the said Trustees, or by the Clerk to the said Trustees, by affixing the same in Writing upon all the Toll Gates or Turnpikes erected upon the said Roads, and by inserting such Notice in one or more of the Newspapers published at *Newcastle upon Tyne*, Fourteen Days at least before every such Meeting; and all Persons who shall be so elected, are hereby vested with the same Powers for putting this Act into Execution, as the Persons in whose Places they shall be respectively chosen were vested with.

Five Trustees  
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rum.

V. And be it further enacted, That all Acts, Proceedings, Matters, and Things relative to the Execution of this Act, may be done and executed by any Five or more of the Trustees hereby nominated and appointed, or who shall hereafter be elected and appointed as aforesaid; except only in the Cases herein particularly directed to be done and executed by the greater Number of them.

VI. Provided

VI. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That no Person shall be capable of acting as a Trustee in the Execution of this Act (other than and except the several Persons above appointed to act by virtue of their Offices respectively) unless he shall be in his own Right, or in Right of his Wife, seised or possessed of and in the actual Possession or Receipt of the Rents and Profits of Freehold or Copyhold Lands and Tenements, Tythes or Hereditaments, of the clear yearly Value of One hundred Pounds above Reprizes, or shall be Heir Apparent of a Person so seised or possessed of Freehold or Copyhold Lands, Tenements, Tythes or Hereditaments, of the clear yearly Value of One hundred and fifty Pounds above Reprizes, or shall be possessed of a clear Personal Estate of the Amount or Value of Four thousand Pounds.

Qualification  
of Trustees.

VII. Provided also, and be it enacted, That every Trustee appointed or to be elected and appointed by virtue of this Act, before he shall act as such (except in administering the Oath or Affirmation next herein-after mentioned) shall take and subscribe an Oath, or being one of the People called Quakers, shall make and subscribe an Affirmation, in the Presence of any Two or more of the said Trustees (who are hereby authorized and empowered to administer and receive the same) in the Form following; (that is to say),

Trustees to  
take an Oath.

‘ I A. B. do swear, [or, being one of the People called Quakers, do solemnly affirm,] That I am in my own Right [or, in Right of my Wife,] truly and *bonâ fide* seised or possessed of and in the actual Possession or Receipt of the Rents or Profits of Freehold or Copyhold Lands, Tenements, Tythes or Hereditaments, situate in the County of *Northumberland*, of the clear yearly Value of One hundred Pounds, [or in Case of an Heir Apparent] that I am Heir Apparent of C. D. who to the best of my Knowledge and Belief, is truly and *bonâ fide* seised or possessed of and in the actual Possession or Receipt of the Rents and Profits of Freehold or Copyhold Lands, Tenements, Tythes or Hereditaments, situate in the County of *Northumberland*, of the clear yearly Value of One hundred and fifty Pounds above Reprizes; [or in the Case of Personal Estate,] that I am truly and *bonâ fide* possessed of a clear Personal Estate of the Amount or Value of Four thousand Pounds, [or in the Case of his being a Trustee in respect of his Office] that I am [here name his Office] and that I will truly and faithfully act in the Execution of the Powers and Trusts reposed in me by an Act passed in the First Year of the Reign of His Majesty King George the Fourth, intituled *An Act, &c.* [here set forth the Title of the Act.]

Oath.

So help me GOD.’

And if any Person not being so qualified shall presume to act as a Trustee in the Execution of this Act, every such Person 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 by Action of Debt, or on the Case, or by Bill, Suit, or Information, whereon no Essoign, Protection or Wager of Law, or more than One Imparlance, shall be allowed; and every Person so qualified shall prove that he is qualified as aforesaid,

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or otherwise shall pay the said Penalty, upon Proof given of his having acted as a Trustee in the Execution of this Act; Provided nevertheless, that all Acts and Proceedings by any such Person as a Trustee in the Execution of this Act, previous to his being convicted of the said Offence, shall be as valid and effectual as if such Person had been qualified according to the Directions of this Act.

Trustees holding Places of Profit shall not act.

Trustees who are Justices may act in both Characters.

Meetings appointed.

Clerk to call Meetings, if Trustees do not attend or the Trustees omit to adjourn.

If the Clerk neglect or omit to call such Meetings, Trustees may do it.

Hours of Meeting for Business.

The Trustees to defray their own Expences.

VIII. And be it further enacted, That no Person shall be capable of acting as a Trustee in the Execution of this Act during the Time he or they shall hold any Place of Profit under this Act, or who shall be interested or concerned in any Contract or Contracts, or a Lessee, Farmer or Renter of the Tolls by this Act granted, or who shall keep any Victualling House, or other House of Public Entertainment, or who shall sell any Wine, Cider, Ale, Beer or Spirituous Liquors by Retail; and that all such Trustees as are Justices of the Peace may act as Justices of the Peace in the Execution of this Act, notwithstanding their being Trustees, except only in Cases where they shall be personally interested.

IX. And be it further enacted, That the said Trustees shall meet at some convenient House in the Town of *Hexham* aforesaid, on the said Seventh Day of *August* next after the passing of this Act, at Eleven of the Clock in the Forenoon, and proceed to the Execution of this Act, and shall then adjourn themselves, and from Time to Time afterwards meet at and again adjourn themselves to such Place near to the said Roads as they shall think proper; and if at any Meeting to be held by virtue of this Act, there shall not appear a sufficient Number of Trustees, adjourn to another Day (Two Trustees being hereby declared to be sufficient for the Purpose of Adjournment only); or in case the Trustees at any Time assembled shall omit or neglect to adjourn themselves, the Clerk or Clerks to the said Trustees shall from Time to Time in either of such Cases, by Notice in Writing to be affixed and inserted in Manner aforesaid, at least Ten Days before the next Meeting, appoint the Trustees to meet at the Place where the last Meeting was held or was to have been held, on such a Day as shall be specified in such Notice, not exceeding Three Calendar Months, nor less than Three Weeks after the Day on which such last-mentioned Meeting was held, or was to have been held as aforesaid; and in case the Clerk to the said Trustees shall refuse or neglect to give Notice, or shall by any Means be prevented from giving Notice as aforesaid, it shall be lawful for the said Trustees, although not assembled at a Meeting, at any Time or Times after the Space of Ten Days after such Refusal, Neglect or Prevention of such Clerk, by Notice in Writing under their Hands, to be affixed and inserted in Manner aforesaid, to appoint the Trustees to meet at some House near the said Roads, upon the Day Fortnight after the Date of such last-mentioned Notice; but no Business shall be proceeded upon by the said Trustees at any Meeting to be held under this Act before the Hour of Ten in the Forenoon, and no Adjournment shall be made to or any Meeting appointed to be held at any Hour later than Four in the Afternoon of the Day on which such Meeting shall be appointed to be held; and the said Trustees at all their Meetings shall defray their own Expences; and all Orders and Determinations of the said Trustees

Trustees in the Execution of this Act, shall be made at Meetings to be held in pursuance of this Act, and not otherwise (except as herein particularly mentioned); and no Order or Determination shall be made unless a Majority of the Trustees present at a Meeting shall concur therein; nor shall any such Order or Determination be revoked or altered at any subsequent Meeting, unless Nine Trustees shall be present, and unless the Person or Persons applying to have any such Order or Determination revoked or altered, shall give Notice thereof in Writing to the Clerk to the said Trustees, and for want of such Clerk, to the Person or Persons acting as Treasurer or Treasurers to the said Trustees, to be by him or them affixed and inserted in Manner herein-before mentioned, at least Ten Days previous to the Meeting; and at every Meeting of the said Trustees a Chairman shall and may be appointed, and when and as often as it shall so happen that there shall be an Equality of Votes at any such Meeting, upon any Question (including the Vote of the Chairman) then and in every such case the Chairman shall have, and he is hereby empowered to give the decisive or casting Vote.

Orders to be made at Meetings only, and a Majority of Trustees to concur therein.

X. And be it further enacted, That if after any Adjournment of the said Trustees, it shall at any Time be thought necessary that an earlier Day of Meeting should be appointed than the Day appointed by such Adjournment, in that case it shall or may be lawful to and for any Two or more of the said Trustees, or to and for the Clerk to the said Trustees, upon an Order in Writing signed by Three or more of the acting Trustees, although not assembled at a Meeting, to appoint the Time, Place and Purpose of such intended Meeting, and to give Notice thereof in Manner before directed, (such Time not being less than Ten Days after such Notice) and such earlier Meeting shall and may be held accordingly; and all the Proceedings of the Trustees at every such Meeting shall be as valid and effectual as they would have been in case the same had been held in pursuance of Adjournment.

Meetings on Emergencies.

XI. And be it further enacted, That the said Trustees, at their First or any subsequent Meeting, as Occasion shall require, shall and may, by Writing under their Hands, elect and appoint a Treasurer or Treasurers, Receiver or Receivers, Collector or Collectors, of such Money as shall become due and payable by virtue of this Act, and shall take such Security from such Treasurer or Treasurers, Receiver or Receivers, Collector or Collectors, for the due and faithful Execution of his or their Office or Offices, as the said Trustees shall think fit; and also a Clerk, Surveyor or Surveyors, and such other Officers as they the said Trustees shall think proper; and also may from Time to Time remove such Clerk, Treasurers, Collectors, Receivers, Surveyors, and other Officers, or any of them, as they the said Trustees shall see Occasion; and the said Trustees shall and may, out of the Money to be raised by virtue of this Act, make such Allowance unto the Clerk, Treasurers, Receivers, Collectors, Surveyors, or other Officers so appointed, and for and in consideration of the Care and Pains respectively taken in the Execution of their respective Offices, and to such other Person as shall be assisting in and about the Execution of this Act, as to them

Trustees to appoint Officers.

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the said Trustees shall seem proper; and all such Officers and Persons shall from Time to Time, when thereunto required by the said Trustees, deliver to such Trustees, or to such Person or Persons as they shall for that Purpose appoint, a true and perfect Account, in Writing under their respective Hands, of all Monies which shall have been by them respectively had, collected, or received, and how, and to whom, and for what Purpose the same and every Part thereof hath been disposed of, together with the Vouchers and Receipts for such Payment; and all such Officers and Persons shall and are hereby respectively required to pay all such Monies, as upon the Balance of such Account or Accounts shall appear to be in their Hands, to such Person or Persons as the said Trustees shall appoint to receive the same; and if the said Officers or Persons, or any of them, shall refuse or neglect to render and give such Account as aforesaid, or to produce and deliver up the Vouchers and Receipts relating to the same, or to pay the Balance remaining in their Hands when thereunto required in Manner aforesaid, or if any such Officers or Persons shall refuse or neglect to deliver up to the said Trustees, or such Person or Persons as they shall appoint, within Ten Days after being thereunto required by the said Trustees, or by such other Person or Persons, all Books, Papers, and Writings in their Custody or Power relating to the Execution of this Act; then and in every such Case, Complaint being made by the said Trustees, or by any Person or Persons on their Behalf, of any such Neglect or Refusal, to any Justice of the Peace for the County or Place where the Officer or Officers, Person or Persons, so neglecting or refusing shall live or reside, such Justice may and is authorized and required by Warrant or Warrants, to cause such Officer or Officers, Person or Persons, to be brought before him, and upon his or their appearing, or not being to be found, to hear and determine the Matter of such Complaint in a summary Way, and to settle the said Account or Accounts, if produced, in such Manner as the said Trustees might have done; and if upon the Confession of the Officer or Officers, Person or Persons, against whom such Complaint shall be made, or by the Oath or Oaths of any Witness or Witnesses, it shall appear to such Justice that any of the Monies which shall have been collected or received shall be in the Hands of such Officer or Officers, Person or Persons, such Justice may and is hereby authorized and empowered, upon Non-payment thereof, by a Warrant or Warrants under his Hand and Seal, to cause such Money to be levied by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of such Officer or Officers, Person or Persons respectively; and if no Goods and Chattels can be found sufficient to answer and satisfy the said Money, and the Charges of taking and making such Distress, and of selling the same, or if such Officer or Officers, Person or Persons, shall not appear before the said Justice at the Time and Place appointed for that Purpose, unless prevented by some reasonable Cause or Excuse to be allowed as sufficient by such Justice, or, if appearing, shall refuse or neglect to give and deliver to the said Justice an Account or Accounts of Receipts and Payments as aforesaid, or to produce and deliver up to the said Justice the several Vouchers and Receipts relating to such Accounts respectively, or to deliver up all such Books, Papers, and Writings as aforesaid; then and in any of the Cases aforesaid, the said Justice may and is hereby  
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authorized and required, by a Warrant or Warrants under his Hand and Seal, to commit such Officer or Officers, Person or Persons, to the Common Gaol or House of Correction of the County or Place where he or they shall live or reside, there to remain without Bail or Mainprize, until he or they shall have delivered in and settled his or their Accounts, and shall have delivered up the Vouchers and Receipts relating thereto, and shall have paid all the Money which shall appear to be in his and their respective Hands, and the reasonable Charges of such Distress and Sale as shall in that respect have been made, or until he or they shall have compounded with the said Trustees for the same, and paid the Composition Money to the said Trustees, or to such Person or Persons as they shall appoint to receive the same; and which Composition the said Trustees are hereby empowered to make, or until he or they shall have delivered up such Books, Papers, and Writings as aforesaid, or given Satisfaction in respect thereof to the said Trustees: Provided always, that no Person who shall be committed for Want of sufficient Distress only, shall be detained in Prison for any longer Time than Six Calendar Months.

XII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That all Persons who shall have been employed, or who shall have received any Tolls or other Money, by virtue or on account of the said Act, or shall have in their Custody or Possession any Books, Accounts, Papers, Writings, or other Things relating to the said Roads, shall account for the same, and every Part thereof, to the said Trustees, in like Manner and under the like Penalties as the several other Officers and Persons are hereinbefore directed to account.

Persons who have received Tolls, &c. by virtue of former Acts, to account with Trustees in like Manner.

XIII. And be it further enacted, That when and as often as any Collector or Receiver of the Tolls shall grossly neglect or be incapable of performing his Duty, or shall abscond or absent himself, any Three or more of the said Trustees, although not assembled at a Meeting of the said Trustees appointed by virtue of this Act, shall and may lawfully discharge such Collector or Receiver so neglecting or being incapable of performing his Duty, or absconding or absenting himself; and in such Case, and also in case any such Collector or Receiver shall die, such Trustees shall and may nominate and appoint a proper Person to be a Collector or Receiver of the said Tolls, to continue until the then next Meeting of the said Trustees, in the Stead of such Collector or Receiver as shall die or be discharged; and such Person so nominated and appointed shall have the like Power and Authority, and be answerable and accountable in the same Manner, in all respects, as the Person who shall so die or be discharged would have had or would have been subject to; and that if any Collector or Receiver of the said Tolls, who shall be discharged from his Office by virtue of this Act, or the Wife or Widow, or any of the Children, Family, or other Representative or Representatives of any Collector or Receiver who shall die or be discharged, or any other Person, shall refuse to deliver up the Possession of any Toll House or Building erected on the said Roads, for the Space of Two Days after Demand thereof made, and Notice in Writing given for that Purpose by any Two or more of the said Trustees; although

Trustees may discharge Collectors misbehaving, and appoint others till next Meeting.

Trustees may appoint temporary Collectors.

not assembled at a Meeting, or by their Clerk or Clerks, Treasurer or Treasurers for the Time being; then and in any of the said Cases, it shall and may be lawful for any Justice or Justices of the Peace for the County or Place, by Warrant under his or their Hand and Seal or Hands and Seals, to order any Constable or other Peace Officer, with such Assistance as shall be necessary, to enter such House or Building in the Day-time, and to remove the Person or Persons who shall be found therein, together with his, her, or their Goods, out of the same, and to put the said Trustees, or any Two or more of them, or such new appointed Collector or Receiver, into the Possession thereof.

Clerk restrained from acting as Treasurer, and vice versa.

XIV. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That it shall not be lawful for the said Trustees to continue or appoint the Person who has been or may be appointed to act as their Clerk in the Execution of this or the said recited Act, or the Partner of any such Clerk, the Treasurer for the Purposes of this or the said Act, or to continue or appoint the Person who has been or may be appointed Treasurer, or the Partner of any such Treasurer, the Clerk to the said Trustees; and if any Person shall act in both the Capacities of Clerk and Treasurer for the Purposes of this or the said recited 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 or the said recited 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, 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, nor more than one Imparlanche shall be allowed,

Accounts to be kept of Receipts and Disbursements, which shall be open to the Inspection of the Trustees and Creditors.

XV. And be it further enacted, That the said Trustees, or any Five or more of them, shall and they are hereby required from Time to Time, and at all Times during the Continuance of this Act, to order and direct a Book or Books to be provided and kept by the Clerk for the Time being; in which Book or Books such Clerks 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 the said Road, 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 the Meetings of the said Trustees, be open to the Inspection of the said Trustees, and any Creditor or Creditors on the Tolls hereby granted, without Fee or Reward; and the said Trustees and Creditors, or any of them, 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 Trustees or such Creditors, or any of them, to inspect the same, or take such Copies or Extracts as aforesaid, such Clerk shall forfeit and pay any Sum of Money not exceeding Five Pounds, to be levied and recovered in Manner herein-after mentioned.

XVI. And be it further enacted, That all Orders and Proceedings of the said Trustees, in Execution of the Powers hereby to them given, shall from Time to Time be entered in a Book or Books to be kept for that Purpose by the Clerk to the said Trustees, and such Orders and Proceedings so entered, shall be signed by the same Number of the said Trustees as are in and by this Act empowered to make or direct such Orders and Proceedings respectively, and shall be deemed and taken to be original Orders; which said Book or Books, and also the Book directed to be kept for registering the Mortgages and Assignments or Transfers herein-after mentioned, shall and may be produced and read in Evidence in all Courts whatsoever.

Proceedings to be entered in a Book for that Purpose.

XVII. And be it further enacted, That the said Trustees may sue and be sued for or concerning any thing to be done by virtue or in pursuance of this Act, in the Name or Names of any Two or more of the said Trustees, or 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 Trustees, by virtue of this Act, in the Name of their Clerk, shall abate or be discontinued by the Death or Removal of any such Clerk, or by the Act of any such Clerk, without the Consent of the said Trustees, but that the Clerk for the Time being to the said Trustees shall be deemed to be Plaintiff or Defendant, as the Case may be, in every such Action: Provided always, That such Trustees, and every such Clerk, in whose Names or Name any Action or Suit shall be commenced, prosecuted, or defended in pursuance of this Act, shall be fully reimbursed and paid, out of the Monies to arise by virtue of this Act, all such Costs, Charges, Damages, and Expences, as by the Event or in consequence of any such Action or Proceeding, they or he shall pay, bear, expend, or be put unto or become chargeable with, by reason of their or his being made Plaintiffs or Plaintiff, or Defendants or Defendant as aforesaid.

Trustees may sue and be sued in the Name of their Clerk.

Clerk to be reimbursed his Expences.

XVIII. And be it further enacted, That the said Trustees, or such other Person or Persons as they shall direct or appoint, shall and may continue or build and erect, or cause to be continued, built, and erected, such and so many Toll Gates or Turnpikes in, upon, or across, or on the Side of any Part or Parts of the said Roads, and across any Lane, Road, or Way leading into or out of the same, and also a Toll House to each Gate or Turnpike, with Out Buildings suitable thereto, and also shall and may enclose such convenient Gardens to the said Toll Houses as the said Trustees shall think fit, not exceeding One-eighth of an Acre, and may cause any of such Toll Gates or Turnpikes, Toll Houses and Out Buildings from Time to Time to be taken down, altered, or removed, as they shall judge proper.

Power to continue and erect Toll Gates.

XIX. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That nothing herein contained shall extend, or be construed to extend, to authorize or empower the said Trustees to erect or set up any Side Bar or Side Bars, Toll Bar, or Toll Gate within the Town of *Hexham*, or at any Place within the Distance of One Mile from the same Town.

No Toll Gate to be erected within One Mile of *Hexham*.

XX. And

Turnpike,  
&c. vested in  
Trustees.

XX. And be it further enacted, That the Right, Interest, and Property of all the said Toll Houses, Turnpikes, and Gates, and of all Posts and Rails, and all other Things whatsoever, erected or provided by the said former Act, or which shall be erected or provided by virtue of this Act, and of the Materials for building and making the same respectively, and also all the Materials which shall be got or collected for repairing the said Roads, shall be and are hereby vested in the said Trustees, and they shall and may use and sell, or otherwise dispose thereof, in such Manner for the Purposes of this Act, as they shall think fit; and the said Trustees shall and may in their own Names, or in the Name of their Clerk or Treasurer, bring Actions and prefer Bills of Indictment against, or otherwise prosecute any other Person or Persons who shall steal, take away, break down, or damage any of the Toll Houses, Turnpikes, Gates, Mile Stones, Posts, or Rails which have been or shall be built, erected, or provided by virtue of the said former Act or this present Act, or any of the Materials herein-before mentioned, in which Bills of Indictment it shall be sufficient to state generally such Toll Houses, Articles, Matters, and Things to be the Property of the Clerk for the Time being to the said Trustees.

Power to  
take Tolls.

XXI. And be it further enacted, That the following Tolls shall be demanded and taken at each and every of the Toll Gates, Turnpikes, and Side Gates, to be continued or erected by virtue of this Act (except as herein-after is excepted) by such Person or Persons as the said Trustees shall from Time to Time appoint for that Purpose, before any Horse, Beast, Cattle, or Carriage whatsoever, shall be permitted to pass through the same; that is to say,

Tolls.

For every Horse drawing any Coach, Chariot, Landau, Berlin, Chaise, Curricule, Phæton, Calash, Chair, Hearse, or other such Carriage, the Sum of Sixpence :

For every Horse, Mule, Ass, or Beast of Burden, laden or unladen, and not drawing, the Sum of Two-pence :

For every Drove of Oxen, Cows, or Neat Cattle, the Sum of Sixpence *per* Score; and so in Proportion for a greater or less Number :

For every Drove of Calves, Hogs, Goats, Sheep, or Lambs, the Sum of Three-pence *per* Score; and so in Proportion for a greater or less Number :

For every Horse, Ox, or other Beast drawing any Four-wheeled Waggon, Wain, Cart, or other such Carriage, having the Sole or Bottom of the Fellies of the Wheels thereof of the Breadth or Gauge of Nine Inches, and rolling a Surface of that Breadth, so flat or level as not to deviate more than Half an Inch from a flat or level Surface, the Sum of Five-pence :

For every Horse, Ox, or other Beast drawing any Two-wheeled Waggon, Wain, Cart, or other such Carriage, having the Sole or Bottom of the Fellies of the Wheels thereof of the Breadth or Gauge of Nine Inches, and rolling such flat or level Surface as aforesaid, the Sum of Five-pence :

For every Horse, Ox, or other Beast drawing any Four-wheeled Waggon, Wain, Cart, or other such Carriage, having the Sole or Bottom of the Fellies of the Wheels thereof of the Breadth or Gauge  
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of Six Inches, and rolling a Surface of that Breadth, so flat or level as not to deviate more than Half an Inch from a flat or level Surface, the Sum of Sixpence :

For every Horse, Ox, or other Beast drawing any Two-wheeled Waggon, Wain, or other such Carriage, having the Sole or Bottom of the Fellies of the Wheels thereof of the Breadth or Gauge of Six Inches, and rolling such flat or level Surface as last aforesaid, the Sum of Five-pence :

For every Horse, Ox, or other Beast drawing any Four-wheeled Waggon, Wain, Cart, or other such Carriage, having the Sole or Bottom of the Fellies of the Wheels thereof rolling a flat or level Surface of less Breadth or Gauge than Six Inches, the Sum of Eight-pence :

For every Horse, Ox, or other Beast drawing any Two-wheeled Waggon, Wain, Cart, or other such Carriage, having the Sole or Bottom of the Fellies of the Wheels thereof rolling a flat or level Surface of a less Breadth or Gauge than Six Inches, the Sum of Sixpence :

For every Two-wheeled Waggon, Wain, Cart, or other such Carriage, the Soles or Bottoms of the Fellies of the Wheels whereof are of a greater Breadth or Gauge than Three Inches, and of less Breadth or Gauge than Five Inches, and the Lading whereof shall exceed the Weight of One hundred and eighty Stones, of Fourteen Pounds Weight to the Stone; and for every the like Carriage, the Soles or Bottoms of the Fellies of the Wheels whereof do not exceed the Breadth or Gauge of Three Inches, and the Lading whereof shall exceed the Weight of One hundred and twenty Stones, of Fourteen Pounds Weight to the Stone, Double the Tolls or Sums of Money herein-before respectively mentioned and made payable, for every such Waggon, Wain, Cart, or other such Carriage, not being so laden as aforesaid :

And for every Waggon, Wain, Cart, or other Carriage, having the Sole or Bottom of the Fellies of the Wheels thereof of a less Breadth or Gauge than Six Inches, passing through any Toll Gate or Toll Gates, Turnpike or Turnpikes, erected or to be erected upon the said Roads, or on the Sides thereof, at any Time between the First Day of *November* and the First Day of *May* in every Year, Double the Tolls or Sums of Money herein-before respectively made payable, for every such Waggon, Wain, Cart, or other Carriage, at any other Time of the Year :

Which said respective Tolls, and all other Tolls by this Act imposed, and all and every Sum and Sums of Money which shall arise and be produced therefrom, shall be vested in the said Trustees for the Time being; and the same and every Part thereof shall be paid, applied, disposed of, and assigned in such Manner as herein-after is mentioned; and if any Person or Persons subject to the Payment of any of the said Tolls shall, after Demand thereof made by any Collector or Collectors appointed to receive the same, neglect or refuse to pay the said Tolls, or any of them, or any Part or Parts thereof, it shall and may be lawful for the said Collectors, or any of them respectively, or any other Person or Persons whom they respectively shall take to their Assistance therein, to distrain any Horse or Cattle, Beast or Carriage, upon which any of

Tolls vested  
in Trustees.

For compelling  
Payment  
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the said Tolls are by this Act imposed, or any of the Lading, Harness, or Accoutrements thereof respectively, except the Bridles or Reins of any such Horse, or other Beast separate from such Horse or other Beast; and the Collector or Collectors so distraining, shall and may, at his or their Election, either detain and keep the Horse, Cattle, Beast, Carriage, or other Articles so distrained, until such Tolls, with the reasonable Charges of such Distress, Detention, and Keeping shall be paid; or if such Tolls and Charges shall not be paid within the Space of Five Days after the Day of making such Distress, the Person or Persons so distraining shall and may at any Time or Times thereafter, sell the Horse, Cattle, Beast, Carriage, Goods, or other Articles so distrained, and out of the Money which shall arise by such Sale, pay such Tolls and all reasonable Charges incurred by such Distress and Sale, returning the Overplus of the Money which shall arise by such Sale, and what shall remain unsold (if any) upon Demand, to the Owner or Owners thereof.

Abatement  
of Tolls in  
certain Cases.

XXII. And be it further enacted, That all Waggons, Carts, and other Carriages, having the Wheels of the Widths and Descriptions and the Axletrees fixed as mentioned in an Act passed in the Fifty-fifth Year of His late Majesty's Reign, intituled *An Act to enable the Trustees of Turnpike Roads to abate the Tolls on Carriages, and to allow of their carrying extra Weights in certain Cases*, and the several Horses and other Beasts drawing such Carriages shall have and be entitled to the Privileges and Exemptions granted by the said Act.

For settling  
Disputes  
concerning  
Tolls.

XXIII. And be it further enacted, That if any Dispute shall happen about any Tolls due, or the Charges occasioned by any Distress, it shall be lawful for the Collector or Person distraining, to retain such Distress, or the Money arising from the Sale thereof, as the Case shall happen, until the Amount of the Tolls, and the Charges of the Distress and Sale, and of keeping the Distress, as the Case may happen, be ascertained by some One Justice of the Peace for the County of Northumberland, who, upon Application made to him, for that Purpose, shall examine the Matter by Oath or Affirmation of the Parties, or of a Witness or Witnesses, which Oath or Affirmation the said Justice is hereby authorized to administer, and shall determine the Amount of the Toll due, and also assess and award such Costs and Charges to either Party, as to the said Justice shall seem right and proper; all which Costs and Charges shall and may be levied and recovered, in case of Nonpayment thereof forthwith, by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of the Person or Persons directed to pay the same, by Warrant under the Hand and Seal of such Justice, rendering the Overplus (if any) upon Demand, after deducting the Costs and Charges of making such Distress and Sale, to the Person or Persons whose Goods and Chattels shall have been so distrained and sold.

Collectors  
declared  
competent  
Witnesses.

XXIV. And be it further enacted, That in case any Dispute, Suit, Action, Prosecution, or Litigation shall arise, touching or in anywise relating to the said Tolls, the Person or Persons appointed to collect the same, or any other Person or Persons acting by or under the Authority of the said Trustees, shall not be incompetent to give Evi-

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dence in any such Dispute, Suit, Action, Prosecution, or Litigation, by Reason of his, her, or their being the Collector or Collectors, Receiver or Receivers of the said Tolls, or by Reason of his, her, or their acting under the Authority of the said Trustees, or under this Act.

XXV. Provided also, and be it further enacted, That for the Passage through any of the said Turnpikes or Toll Gates, of any Carriage whatsoever, or of any Horse, Mule, or Ass not drawing, employed in carrying Hay or Corn in the Straw, Limestones or Lime to be used for the manuring of Land only, Coal to be used in the burning of Lime only, no more than One Half of the Tolls imposed by this Act upon any such Carriage, Horse, Mule, or Ass when otherwise employed, shall be demanded and taken; and that if any Person or Persons shall take the Benefit of this Exception, not being entitled thereto, every such Person shall for every such Offence forfeit and pay a Sum not exceeding Ten Pounds.

Half Toll to be paid for Corn, Manure, &c.

XXVI. And be it further enacted, That upon Payment of the said Tolls, the Collector or Receiver thereof shall, and he is hereby required to deliver gratis, to the Person paying such Toll, a Note or Ticket denoting such Payment, and which Note or Ticket shall be provided by the said Trustees, and there shall be printed and specified thereon, the Names of the several and respective Gates freed by such Payment.

Trustees to provide Tickets denoting Payment of Toll.

XXVII. And be it further enacted, That no Person or Persons having paid the Tolls authorized to be taken by virtue of this Act, for passing with any Horse, Beast, Cattle, or Carriage whatsoever, through any Toll Gate or Turnpike continued or erected by virtue of this Act, shall be subject to pay any further or other Toll, for returning or repassing with the same Horse, Beast, Cattle, or Carriage, as often as he, she, or they shall have Occasion, on the same Day, to be computed from Twelve of the Clock at Night, to Twelve of the Clock in the next succeeding Night, through the same Gate where such Toll shall have been so paid, such Person or Persons producing a Ticket of the Day denoting such Payment: Provided always, that no more than Three Tolls shall be demanded or taken from any Person or Persons, for passing and repassing the same Day, with the same Horses, Cattle, Beasts, and Carriages, through all the Toll Gates or Turnpikes to be continued or erected by virtue of this Act, in the whole Length of the said Road, from the Termination thereof, at or near Greenhead aforesaid, to the Termination thereof, upon Shilden Common aforesaid; and that no more than One Toll shall be demanded or taken from any Person or Persons for passing and repassing the same Day (to be computed as aforesaid) with the same Horses, Cattle, Beasts, and Carriages through all the Toll Gates or Turnpikes to be erected by virtue of this Act, in the whole Length of the said Branch Road, from Corbridge to Heddon-on-the-Wall; but that all and every Person and Persons having paid the said Tolls or Toll according to the Circumstances, and producing a Ticket or Tickets denoting the Payment thereof, (which Tickets the Collectors of the Tolls are hereby required to deliver gratis, on the Receipt of such Tolls) shall

Tolls to be paid but Once a Day.

Number of Tolls limited.

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pass and repass, with the same Horses, Cattle, Beasts, and Carriages Toll-free during such Day (to be computed as aforesaid), through all other the Toll Gates or Turnpikes to be continued or erected in such several Parts or Divisions of the said Roads as last aforesaid.

Exemptions  
from Tolls.

XXVIII. And be it further enacted, That no Person or Persons shall be chargeable with or liable to pay any of the Tolls aforesaid, for any Waggon, Wain, Cart, or other Carriage which shall be laden with, or going empty for, or returning empty after having been laden with Stones, Bricks, Lime, Timber or Wood, or with Gravel or other Materials for repairing the said Roads, or any of the Highways or public Bridges in the Parishes, Townships, or Places in which the same Roads lie; or with Hay, Corn in the Straw, or Fodder, to be laid up in the Houses, Out-houses, Barns, or Yards of or belonging to the respective Inhabitants of the several Parishes, Townships, or Places through which the said Roads lead, such Hay, Corn in the Straw, or Fodder being the Produce of Lands and Grounds lying within such Parishes, Townships, or Places, or some of them; nor shall any Person or Persons be chargeable with or liable to pay any of the Tolls aforesaid, for any Ploughs, Harrows, or other Implements of Husbandry, or any Mould, Dung, Compost or Manure, (Lime excepted,) or for any other Things whatsoever, belonging to or employed by such Inhabitants respectively only in Husbandry, or stocking of Lands lying within the several Parishes, Townships, or Places adjoining to the said Roads; nor for any Horses employed upon any Railway that does or shall cross the said Roads, or lie on the Sides thereof, when going to or returning from their Work on such Railways; nor shall any Toll be demanded or taken from any Person or Persons residing in any of the said Parishes, Townships, or Places in which the said Roads hereby directed to be repaired lie, who shall pass through any of the said Toll Gates or Turnpikes to or from his, her, or their proper parochial Church or Chapel; or from any Person going to or returning from his, her, or their usual Place of religious Worship, tolerated by Law, on *Sundays*, or on any other Day on which Divine Worship is ordered by Authority to be celebrated; or who shall attend the Funeral of any Person or Persons who shall die and be buried in any of the said Parishes, Townships, or Places; nor shall any Toll be demanded or taken of or from any Rector, Vicar, or Curate going to or returning from his own Parish Church or public Place of Divine Worship, or visiting his sick Parishioners; nor for the Horses or other Cattle belonging to any of the Inhabitants of any of the Parishes, Townships, or Places through which the said Roads lead, going to or returning from Pasture or Watering Places, or going to be or returning from being shod or farried; or for any Horses or Carriages of whatsoever Description, employed or to be employed in conveying the Mails of Letters and Expresses under the Authority of His Majesty's Post Masters General; either when employed in conveying, fetching, or guarding such Mails or Expresses, or returning back therefrom; or for any Horse or Carriage attending His Majesty or any of the Royal Family; or for the Horses attending any Officers or Soldiers upon the March or on Duty; or for any Horses, Cattle, or Carriages employed in carrying or conveying the Arms or Baggage of any such Officers or Soldiers; or which shall be employed



employed in conveying any Ordnance, Barrack, or Commissariat or other Public Stores, of or belonging to His Majesty or His Majesty's Forces, or returning from attending them on such Occasions; or for any Horse, Mare, or Gelding furnished by or for any Person belonging to any Corps of Yeomanry or Cavalry, and rode by him in going to or returning from the Place of Exercise or Review, provided such Persons are in the Uniform of their respective Corps, and have their Arms, Furniture, and Accoutrements according to the Regulations provided for such Corps respectively, at the Time of claiming such Exemptions as aforesaid; or for Horses, Carts, or Carriages travelling with Vagrants sent by legal Passes, or returning from carrying such Vagrants; or for any Horses or Carriages employed in carrying or conveying any Elector or Electors to or from any Election of a Knight or Knights of the Shire for the said County of *Northumberland*, during the Time of such Election, or on the Day before or on the Day after such Election shall begin or be concluded; and if any Person shall claim and take the Benefit of any of the Exemptions aforesaid, not being entitled to the same, every such Person shall for every such Offence forfeit and pay a Sum not exceeding Ten Pounds, at the Discretion of the Justice or Justices before whom such Offender shall be convicted.

XXIX. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That no more than One Half of the several and respective Tolls from Time to Time payable by virtue of this Act, shall be demanded from any of the Inhabitants of the Township of *Corbridge*, for passing with any Horses, Cattle, or Carriages whatsoever through the Turnpikes or Toll Gates erected on the said Road at *Corbridge* and *Saint Helens*, and commonly called the *Corbridge* and *Saint Helen Bars*, except when such Inhabitants shall in travelling to *Newcastle* go by way of *Shildon*, so as to avoid Payment of Toll at the Gate called *Styford Bar*, in which case they shall pay the full Toll at the said Toll Gate at *Saint Helens*; and no Person who shall take the Benefit of the said Exemption from Payment of full Toll at the said Bar called *Corbridge Bar*, shall be entitled to pass free through the Toll Gate erected on the said Road called *Dilston Bar*; and if any Person shall claim or take the Benefit of the said Exemption from the Payment of the full Toll, not being entitled to the same, every such Person shall for every such Offence forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Ten Pounds.

Exempting the Inhabitants of *Corbridge*, from Payment of full Toll in certain Cases.

XXX. And be it further enacted, That no Person or Persons owning or driving, or causing to be driven, any Waggon, Wain, Cart or other Carriage, provided for the Service of His Majesty's Forces, or conveying any Ordnance, Barrack, or Commissariat or other Public Stores, of or belonging to His Majesty, or for the Use of His Majesty's Forces, shall be subject to any Penalty or Forfeiture for Overweight, nor shall any such Waggon, Wain, Cart or other Carriage be stopped or detained by reason of any Weight in any such Waggon, Wain, Cart or other Carriage, or being drawn by any Number of Horses or Oxen; but it shall be lawful for the Owner or Driver of any such Waggon, Wain, Cart or other Carriage, to put any Number of Horses or Oxen to such Waggon, Wain, Cart or

Carriages conveying Military Stores not to be subject to Penalties for Overweight, &c.

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other Carriage; any thing in any Acts or Acts of Parliament relating to Highways or Turnpike Roads, or in this Act contained, to the contrary notwithstanding.

Penalty on  
evading the  
Tolls.

XXXI. And be it further enacted, That if any Person or Persons shall with any Horse, Cattle, Beast or Carriage whatsoever, pass through any Land or Ground adjoining to or lying near any Toll Gate or Turnpike continued or erected by virtue of this Act, the same not being a common Road, (save and except the Owner or Owners or Occupier or Occupiers thereof, or his, her, or their Servant or Servants, or Person or Persons in his, her, or their Employ, or any of his, her, or their Family), or if any Owner or Occupier of any such Land or Ground shall knowingly permit or suffer any Person or Persons (save and except as last aforesaid), with any Horse, Cattle, Beast, or Carriage, to pass through the same, whereby the Payment of any of the said Tolls, or any Part or Parts thereof, shall be evaded; or if any Person or Persons shall give to, or receive from any Person other than the Collectors of the said Tolls, or forge or counterfeit any Ticket by this Act directed to be given by the Collectors of the said Tolls; or shall forcibly pass through any Toll Gate or Turnpike, with any Horse, Cattle, Beast or Carriage, without Payment of Toll; or shall take off or cause to be taken off any Horse or other Cattle or Beast, from any Waggon, Wain, Cart or Carriage; or shall leave or cause to be left upon or near to any Part of the said Roads, or at or in any House situate near the same, any Waggon, Wain, Cart or Carriage, Horse, Cattle, or Beast, whereby the Payment of any of the said Tolls, or of any Part thereof, shall be evaded; or if any Person or Persons shall unload or cause to be unladen any Goods, Wares or Merchandizes from any Waggon Wain, Cart, or Carriage, whereby larger Quantities of such Goods Wares or Merchandizes shall be carried through any of the said Toll Gates or Turnpikes in one and the same Day, than would have been done if such Goods, Wares or Merchandizes had not been so unladen; or if any Person or Persons, after travelling along any Part of the said Roads, with any Waggon, Wain, Cart or Carriage, Horse, Cattle or Beast, shall turn out of the same into any other Road, and afterwards proceed with such Waggon, Wain, Cart or Carriage, Horse, Cattle or Beast, into and upon the said Roads, whereby the Payment of any of the said Tolls or of any Part thereof shall be evaded, every Person offending in all or any of the Cases aforesaid, shall for every such Offence forfeit and pay a Sum not exceeding Five Pounds.

Penalty on  
unloading  
Carriages to  
lessen or  
avoid the  
Payment of  
Tolls.

XXXII. And be it further enacted, That if any Lead, Goods or other Thing, shall be unloaded from any Cart or Carriage, and laid down near to any Toll Gate or Turnpike erected or to be erected on the said Roads, or upon or near to the Sides thereof, and afterwards be re-loaded and led along the said Roads, or any Part thereof, with Intent to lessen the Tolls by this Act imposed, or to avoid the Payment thereof, the Owner or Owners of such Carriages, or the Driver or Drivers thereof, shall forfeit and pay for the first Offence, any Sum not exceeding Twenty Shillings, and for every subsequent Offence, any Sum not exceeding Forty Shillings.

XXXIII. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Trustees, from Time to Time as they shall see convenient, to compound and agree, for any Term not exceeding One Year at any One Time, with all or any of the Inhabitants of the several Parishes, Townships or Places to or through which the said Roads lead, for the Passage of their Horses, Cattle or Carriages, through all or any of the Toll Gates or Turnpikes which shall be continued or erected upon the said Roads; which Composition Money shall be paid in advance, and in Default thereof, the Composition or Agreement with the Person or Persons making such Default, shall from thenceforth be void, and such Composition Money shall be paid and applied in such Manner as the Tolls are hereby directed to be paid and applied.

Trustees may compound for Tolls.

XXXIV. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Trustees, after giving Twenty-one Days Notice in Writing, to be affixed to all the Toll Gates or Turnpikes then erected upon the said Roads, and advertising the same in any One or more of the Newspapers published at *Newcastle-upon-Tyne*, from Time to Time to lease and demise the Tolls granted by this Act, or any Part or Parts thereof, for any Term of Years not exceeding Three Years at a Time, for the best Price that can be gotten for the same, payable at such Times and under such Covenants as the said Trustees shall think fit, they the said Trustees having a Counterpart of such Lease or Leases, and taking such sufficient Security from the Person or Persons to whom any such Tolls shall be leased or demised, for Payments of the Rents and Performance of the Covenants to be reserved and comprised in such Lease or Leases, as the said Trustees shall think fit.

Power to lease the Tolls.

XXXV. And be it further enacted, That when the Tolls payable at any Turnpike or Toll Gate or Gates on the said Road shall be put to let to farm, the said Trustees may, if they think fit, appoint some Person to bid for the same, to the Intent that such Tolls may not be let for less than an adequate Value.

Trustees to have a Bidding when Tolls are put up to Auction.

XXXVI. And be it further enacted, That the said Trustees may and are hereby authorized and empowered from Time to Time, when and as often as they shall think proper, to lessen the Tolls hereby granted, and to raise the same again, so as they do not exceed any Tolls by this Act granted, and so as every Reduction thereof be made with the Consent of the several Persons who shall then be entitled to Five-sixth Parts of the Money then due on the Security of the said Tolls; but no such Reduction shall be made, unless Twenty-one Days Notice in Writing be given for that Purpose, by affixing the same upon all the Turnpikes then erected upon the said Roads, and by inserting such Notice in One or more of the Newspapers published at *Newcastle-upon-Tyne*.

Tolls may be varied.

XXXVII. And be it further enacted, That all and every Toll Collector, being Lessee of the said Tolls, or appointed either by the said Trustees, or by any such Lessee or Lessees, to collect the Tolls by this Act granted, shall and he is hereby required to place his

For preventing Toll Collectors from taking undue Tolls.

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Christian and Surname painted on a Board in legible Characters, in the Front or some other conspicuous Part of the Toll House or Toll Gate, immediately on his coming on Duty, each of the Letters of such Name or Names to be at least One Inch in Length and of a Breadth in proportion, and painted either in White Letters on a Black Ground, or Black Letters on a White Ground, and shall continue the same so placed during the whole Time he shall be upon such Duty; and if any Collector of the said Tolls shall not place such Board as aforesaid, and keep the same there during the Time aforesaid, or shall demand or take a greater or less Toll from any Person than he shall be authorized to do by virtue of this Act, or of the Orders and Resolutions of the Trustees made in pursuance thereof, or shall demand and take a Toll from any Person or Persons who shall be exempt from the Payment thereof and claim such Exemption, or shall refuse to permit or suffer, or shall in any wise hinder any Person or Persons from reading such Christian or Surname, or shall refuse to tell his Christian or Surname to any Person or Persons who shall demand the same, on having paid the said Tolls, or any of them, or shall in answer to such Demand, give a false Name or Names, or shall refuse or neglect to give a Ticket denoting the Payment of the said Toll, and naming and specifying the several Gates freed by such Payment, or upon the legal Toll being paid or tendered, shall unnecessarily detain, or wilfully obstruct, hinder or prevent any Passenger or Passengers from passing through any Turnpike or Toll Gate, or shall make use of any scurrilous or abusive Language to any Trustee, or Treasurer, Clerk, Surveyor, or other Officer, or any Passenger or Passengers, then and in every such Case, every such Toll Collector shall forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Five Pounds for every such Offence, as the Justice or Justices before whom the Information shall be laid, shall adjudge; and such Penalty shall be recovered and applied as other Penalties are by this Act directed to be recovered and applied.

Trustees may  
borrow  
Money.

XXXVIII. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Trustees, or any Seven or more of them, and they are hereby empowered, from Time to Time to borrow and take up at Interest, upon the Credit of the Tolls to arise by virtue of this Act, any Sum or Sums of Money they shall think necessary for the Purposes of this Act, and by any Writing or Writings under their Hands and Seals, to assign over the Tolls arising by virtue of this Act, or any Part or Parts thereof, to the Person or Persons who shall lend and advance the same, his, her, or their Trustee or Trustees (the Costs and Charges of assigning the same to be borne and paid out of the said Tolls), during the Continuance of this Act, as a Security for the Sum or Sums of Money which shall be so lent and advanced, with such legal Interest as shall be agreed upon for the same; which Assignment and Security may be made in the Form following, or in any other Words to the like Effect; (that is to say),

Form of an  
Assignment  
of the Tolls  
by way of  
Mortgage.

‘ BY virtue of an Act made in the First Year of the Reign of His Majesty King *George* the Fourth, intituled *An Act, &c.* [*here set forth the Title of this Act*], we

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of the Trustees for putting the said Act into Execution, in consideration of the Sum of \_\_\_\_\_ in Hand advanced and paid by *A. B.* of \_\_\_\_\_ to the Treasurer of the said Roads, do hereby grant, bargain, sell, and assign, unto the said *A. B.* his Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, such Proportion of the Tolls to arise upon the said Roads, and of the Turnpikes and Toll Houses already or hereafter to be erected for collecting the same, as the said Sum of \_\_\_\_\_ doth or shall bear to the whole Sum now or hereafter to become due and owing on the Credit thereof, to be had and holden from the Day of the Date hereof, for and during the Continuance of the said Act, unless the said Sum of \_\_\_\_\_ with Interest after the Rate of \_\_\_\_\_ *per Centum per Annum*, shall be sooner repaid and satisfied. Given under our respective Hands and Seals, this \_\_\_\_\_ Day of \_\_\_\_\_ in the Year of our Lord

But no Money shall be borrowed by the said Trustees on the Credit of the Tolls hereby granted, after their First Meeting, unless Notice be for that Purpose fixed in Writing, under the Hand of the Clerk to the said Trustees, upon all the Toll Gates or Turnpikes which shall then be erected upon the said Road; and also advertised in One or more of the *Newcastle* Newspapers, at least Fourteen Days before the borrowing such Money.

No Money to be borrowed after the First Meeting, unless Notice be given for that Purpose.

XXXIX. And be it further enacted, That all and every the Assignment and Assignments to be made by the said Trustees as aforesaid, shall be entered at length in a Book or Books to be kept for that Purpose by the Clerk or Treasurer to the said Trustees; which said Book or Books shall and may be seen and perused at all seasonable Times, without Fee or Reward.

Assignments of Mortgages to be entered.

XL. And be it further enacted, That all and every Person and Persons to whom any Assignment or Assignments shall have been made, by virtue of the said former Acts of the Twenty-fifth Year of the Reign of King *George* the Second, the Act of the Eighteenth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Third, and the Act of the Fortieth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Third, or to whom any Assignment shall be made by virtue of this Act, or who shall be entitled to the Money secured by the said Acts, or any of them, shall and may from Time to Time by any Writing or Writings under his, her, or their Hand and Seal or Hands and Seals, to be duly executed in the Presence of Two or more credible Witnesses, assign or transfer his, her, or their Right, Title, Interest, or Benefit to the Principal and Interest Money thereby secured, or any Part thereof, to any Person or Persons whomsoever; which Assignment or Transfer may be made in the Form following, or in any other Words to the like Effect; (that is to say),

Mortgages may be transferred.

I *A. B.* of \_\_\_\_\_ [or, I, *C. D.* of \_\_\_\_\_] Form of Transfer.  
 Executor or Administrator of *A. B.* late of \_\_\_\_\_  
 [or, otherwise, as the Case may happen to be] in consideration of the Sum of \_\_\_\_\_ to me paid by *E. F.* of \_\_\_\_\_  
 do hereby assign and transfer unto the said *E. F.* his Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, a certain Mortgage or Security bearing [Local.] \_\_\_\_\_ 7 R \_\_\_\_\_ Date

' Date the                      Day of                      in the Year of our Lord  
 '                                      under the Hands and Seals of                      of  
 ' the Trustees for putting into Execution an Act of Parliament passed  
 ' in the First Year of the Reign of His Majesty King *George* the  
 ' Fourth, intituled *An Act* [*here set forth the Title of the Act*] with all  
 ' my Right and Title to the Principal Sum of  
 ' thereby secured, and all Interest now due and hereafter to grow due  
 ' thereon. Dated this                      Day of                      in the Year of  
 ' our Lord

Which Transfer shall be produced and notified to the said Clerk within Three Calendar Months next after the Day of the Date thereof, who shall enter the same into the said Book or Books to be kept for entering the original Mortgages, for which Entry the said Clerk or Treasurer shall be paid the Sum of Five Shillings and no more; and such Transfer shall then entitle such Assignee, his Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, to the full Benefit of such Mortgage Security, and every such Assignee may in like Manner assign and transfer the same, and so *toties quoties*; and it shall not be in the Power of any Person or Persons (except the Person or Persons to whom the same shall be last transferred, his, her, or their respective Executors or Administrators), to release, discharge, or make void the original Mortgage Security, or the Monies due thereon, or any Part thereof; and all Persons to whom any Mortgage or Transfer has been or shall be made as aforesaid, shall, in Proportion to the Sum or Sums of Money thereby secured, be Creditors on the Tolls by this Act granted, and on the said Turnpikes and Toll Houses, in equal Degree one with another, and shall have no Preference in respect of the Priority of advancing their Monies, or of the Dates of their respective Securities, except as herein-after is otherwise provided; and that whenever the said Trustees shall be enabled to pay off any of the Money which has been or shall hereafter be borrowed as aforesaid, they shall ascertain the Securities to be first paid off by Ballot, in such Manner as they shall think proper.

Application  
of the Money.

XLI. And be it further enacted, That all the Monies which shall arise and be produced by and from the Tolls by this Act granted and made payable, together with the Monies which shall be borrowed upon the Credit thereof; and all other Monies which shall arise and be produced by virtue of this Act (the Application whereof is not hereby otherwise directed), shall be vested in the said Trustees for the Time being, and be applied to and for the several Uses, Intents, and Purposes, and in the Order and Manner following; (that is to say) in the First Place, in Payment of all the Costs, Charges, and Expences incident to or attending the preparing, obtaining, and passing this Act; in the Second Place, in defraying the Expences of erecting and providing Turnpikes, Toll Houses, and other Buildings, and repairing the same, and of altering, raising, widening, repairing, and preserving the said Roads, and of erecting and making necessary and convenient Bridges and Arches upon the same, and of executing the other Purposes of this Act; in the Third Place, in paying the Interest accruing upon the several

Principal Sums of Money which now remain due and secured by virtue of and under the said former Acts or any of them, or which shall hereafter from Time to Time be secured in pursuance of this Act; and lastly, in reducing, paying off, and discharging the several Principal Sums of Money which have been secured by the said former Acts or any of them; and also such Principal Sums of Money as shall be secured in pursuance of the present Act: Provided always, that the several Principal Sums of Money secured by and due and owing upon the Credit of the said former Acts or any of them, and the Interest thereof, shall always be paid in preference to the several Principal Sums of Money borrowed and secured under this Act, and the Interest of such last mentioned Principal Sums respectively.

XLII. And be it further enacted, That if any Mortgagee or Mortgagees of the said Tolls, Toll Gates, Bars, Chains, Toll Houses, and Buildings, shall seek to obtain the Possession of the said Toll Gates, Bars, Chains, Toll Houses, and Buildings, in order to pay himself, herself, or themselves the Principal Money and Interest or any Part thereof, due to him, her, or them, it shall be competent for him, her, or them, as Lessor or Lessees of the Plaintiff, and upon his, her, or their Demise only, and without uniting in such Demise the other Mortgagees of the said Tolls and Premises, to obtain such Possession; but such Person or Persons who shall obtain the Possession thereof, shall not apply the Tolls which may consequently be received by him, her, or them, to his, her, or their own exclusive Use and Benefit, but to and for the Use and Benefit of all the Mortgagees of the said Tolls, Toll Gates, Buildings, and Premises, *pâri passu*, and in Proportion to the several Sums which may be due to them as such Mortgagees.

An Action or Ejectment may be supported by one Mortgagee.

XLIII. And whereas a Map or Plan describing the Lines of the said Alterations in the Road, and the Lands through which the same are intended to be carried, together with a Book of Reference, containing Lists of the Names of the Owners and Occupiers of such Lands, have been deposited at the Office of the Clerk of the Peace for the said County of *Northumberland*, be it therefore enacted, That the said Map or Plan and Book of Reference shall remain in the Custody of the Clerk of the Peace for the said County, to the End that all Persons may at all seasonable Times have Liberty to inspect and peruse the same, and to take Copies or Extracts thereof at their Will and Pleasure, paying the Clerk of the Peace for the Time being of the said County, the Sum of One Shilling for every such Inspection, and at the Rate of Sixpence for every Seventy-two Words of such Copies or Extracts of the said Map or Plan and Book of Reference; and that the said Trustees, in making the said Alterations in the said Road, shall not deviate more than One hundred Yards from the Line described in the said Map or Plan, without the Consent and Approbation in Writing of the Person or Persons, Body Politic, Corporate, or Collegiate, through whose Lands or Grounds such Deviation shall be made.

For restraining the Trustees from deviating beyond certain Distances of the Line prescribed in the Plan, &c.

XLIV. Provided

Trustees may  
make Roads  
through  
Grounds,  
although the  
Owners  
Names are  
not in the  
Book of  
Reference.

XLIV. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Trustees, or any Three or more of them, to make the said Alterations into, through, across, or over the several Lands or Grounds of any Person or Persons who is or are or may be Owner or Owners of Land over which the same is set out and described in the said Map or Plan as aforesaid; although the Name or Names of such Person or Persons may happen to be omitted in the said Book of Reference, in case it shall appear to any Two or more Justices of the Peace for the said County of *Northumberland*, and be certified by Writing under their Hands, that such Error or Omission proceeded from Mistake.

For getting  
Materials.

XLV. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the Surveyor and Surveyors, and such Person and Persons as he or they shall appoint, to dig, take, and carry away any Furze, Heath, Stone, Sand, Gravel, and other Materials proper or convenient for repairing the said Roads, and for building or repairing Toll Houses, Bridges, Conduits, and Walls, upon the same, or on the Sides thereof, out of any Waste Grounds, common River or Brook (not being within the Distance of Thirty Yards from any Bridge, Dam, Weir, or Jetty) in any Parish, Township, or Place within which the said Roads, or any Part or Parts thereof, respectively do lie, and for want of sufficient Quantities of such Furze, Heath, Stone, Sand, Gravel, or other Materials in the Places last described, then to dig, take, and carry away the like Materials out of any Waste Grounds, or common River or Brook (not being within the like Distance from any Bridge, Dam, Weir, or Jetty), in any adjoining Parish, Town, Village, or Hamlet, without making any Recompence for the same, the said Surveyor and Surveyors filling up, fencing, or levelling all such Pits and Holes as shall be made or occasioned by the digging for or taking away such Materials, and making such Allowance or Satisfaction to the Person or Persons through whose Lands or private Ways such Materials shall be led and carried, for the Damages done and occasioned thereby, as the said Trustees shall think fit and reasonable; and in case the said Trustees shall be of Opinion that such Materials cannot conveniently be gotten from such Waste Grounds, common Rivers and Brooks as aforesaid, on account of the Distance thereof from the said Roads, or for any other reasonable Cause, that then it shall be lawful for such Surveyor or Surveyors, by Order of any Two or more Justices of the Peace for the County or Place in which that Part of the said Road shall lie, to search, dig for, and take away the like Materials out of the private Grounds of any Person or Persons (not being a Garden, Orchard, Yard, Paddock, Park, planted Walk or Avenue to any House or inclosed Ground, planted, set apart, or used as a Plantation or Nursery for Trees) where such Materials are and may be found, in any Township, Parish, or Place in which any Part of the said Roads shall lie or be situate, or in any adjoining Township, Parish, or Place, and from Time to Time to carry away such and so many of the said Materials respectively, as the said Surveyor or Surveyors shall judge necessary for repairing and amending the said Roads, or erecting, making, or repairing any such Buildings, Bridges, Conduits, or Walls respectively as aforesaid, paying such Recompence



pençe for the Damage done the Owners and Occupiers of the respective Grounds, where, through, and from whence the same shall be digged and carried away, as the said Trustees shall judge reasonable; and in case of any Difference between such Owners and Occupiers, or any of them, and the said Trustees, touching any of the Damages aforesaid, any Two or more Justices of the Peace for the said County of *Northumberland*, on Ten Days Notice being given by either Party to the other in Writing, shall and may assess, adjudge, and finally determine the same, in such Manner as they shall think fit and expedient.

XLVI. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That it shall not be lawful for such Surveyor or Surveyors, or such other Person or Persons as aforesaid, under the Authority of this Act, to dig, gather, take, or carry away any such Materials as aforesaid, for any of the Purposes of this Act, in or from any inclosed Lands or Grounds, until after Twenty-one Days Notice in Writing, signed by the said Surveyor or Surveyors, or some other Officer or Officers of the said Trustees, shall have been given to the respective Owners or Occupiers of the Lands and Grounds from which such Materials are intended to be taken, or left at their usual Place of Residence, to appear before any Two or more Justices of the Peace acting for the County in which such inclosed Lands lie, at a certain Time and Place specified in such Notice, to shew Cause why such Materials shall not be taken away; and in case such respective Owners or Occupiers shall, by themselves or their respective Agents, attend pursuant to such Notice, and shall not shew sufficient Cause to the contrary, the said Justices shall, if they shall think proper, authorize such Surveyor or other Officer to dig, take, gather, and carry away such Materials, at such Time or Times as to such Justices shall seem proper; or if such respective Owners or Occupiers shall neglect or refuse to appear, by themselves or their respective Agents, the said Justices shall and may make such Order therein as they shall think fit, as fully and effectually, to all Intents and Purposes, as if such respective Owners or Occupiers had attended in Manner aforesaid.

Notice to be given to Occupiers of private Grounds before any Materials are taken therefrom.

XLVII. And be it further enacted, That if any Person whomsoever shall take or carry away any Materials which shall have been dug, gathered, or wrought, for the Purpose of making, completing, or amending the said Roads, or for any other the Purposes of this Act, or shall get or take away any Materials out of any Pit or Quarry which shall have been made for the Purpose of getting Materials for the said Roads, before the said Surveyors or their Workmen shall have discontinued working therein for the Space of Three Calendar Months (except the Owner or Occupier of any private Ground, and the Person or Persons authorized by such Owner or Occupier to get Materials therein for his own private Use, and not for Sale), every Person so offending shall forfeit for every such Offence, a Sum not exceeding Ten Pounds.

Penalty on taking away Materials got by Surveyors.

XLVIII. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Surveyor and Surveyors, and such Person or Persons as he or they

Surveyors may remove Annoyances.

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they shall appoint, from Time to Time (such Surveyor or Surveyors having an Order for that Purpose from the said Trustees), to remove and prevent all Nuisances and Annoyances on any Part or Parts of the said Roads, by Timber, Stone, Carriages, Saw Pits, or other Pits, Ashes, Dung, Filth, Rubbish, or otherwise; and to turn any Watercourses, Gutters, Conduits, or Drains running into the same Roads to the Prejudice thereof; and to open, scour and cleanse, deepen and enlarge, any Gutter, Ditch, Conduit, or Watercourse, adjoining or near to the said Roads, or any Part or Parts thereof respectively; and also, at proper Seasons of the Year, to cut down or lop any Branches of Trees, Shrubs, or Bushes (not being an Ornament or Shelter to any House) growing in the Hedges, Fences, or Grounds adjoining thereto (not being a Garden, Orchard, Park, Paddock, Plantation, Walk, or Avenue to a House), so as to reduce such Hedges to any Height not less than Four Feet, and to take and carry away the same, in case the respective Owners or Occupiers of the Lands where such Annoyances shall happen to be, shall neglect so to do for the Space of Ten Days next after Notice in Writing given for that Purpose, under the Hand or Hands of such Surveyor or Surveyors, the Charges whereof to be settled by the said Trustees, shall be reimbursed to the said Surveyor or Surveyors by such respective Owners or Occupiers neglecting to cut down such Branches of Trees, Shrubs, or Bushes, or by the Person or Persons occasioning, neglecting, or refusing to remove such Annoyances as aforesaid, which Charges shall be levied and recovered in the same Manner as Forfeitures and Penalties are herein-after directed to be levied and recovered; and if after the Removal of any such Annoyances, any Person or Persons shall offend again in the like Manner, every such Person shall, for every such further and second Offence, forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Five Pounds,

Surveyors  
may make  
Causeways,  
Drains, &c.

XLIX. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for such Surveyor and Surveyors, and such other Person and Persons as shall be appointed by Order of the said Trustees, to make Causeways in or along the Sides of the said Roads, not being a Garden, Orchard, Yard, Paddock, planted Walk, or Avenue to a House; and to cut and make Drains or Watercourses upon and through any Grounds lying contiguous to the said Roads; and to erect and keep in Repair Bridges and Arches thereupon; and also to make Ditches or Trenches in such Places and in such Manner as such Surveyor or Surveyors or other Person or Persons shall judge necessary; and also to make sufficient Fenders, Barriers, and other Erections on any Part or Parts of the said Roads, in order to prevent any River or Current of Water from flooding the same, as such Surveyor or Surveyors or other Person or Persons shall judge necessary; and also to make or cause to be made any temporary Road or Roads through, over, and along the Grounds adjoining to any narrow or ruinous Part or Parts of the said Roads (not having a House or other Building thereon, and not being a Garden, Orchard, planted Walk, or Avenue to any House, or a Plantation or Nursery of Trees), to be made use of as a Road, while the old Road shall be repairing, and until the same shall be made safe and convenient for Travellers, making such Satisfaction to the Owners or Occupiers of such Grounds so to be used, cut  
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through, or built upon, for the Damages which they or any of them shall sustain thereby, as the said Trustees shall judge reasonable; and in case any Difference shall happen between such Owners or Occupiers and the said Trustees touching such Damages, the same shall be settled by the Justices of the Peace for the County wherein the Matter of Difference shall arise, at their General Quarter Sessions of the Peace to be held for such County next after such Difference shall arise, on Ten Days Notice being given by either Party to the other in Writing for that Purpose.

L. And be it further enacted, That the said Trustees shall have full Power and Authority from Time to Time to widen the said Roads, and to divert, turn, or alter within the Limits herein-before mentioned, the Course or Direction of any Part or Parts thereof respectively, through or over any Moor or Waste Ground, without making any Satisfaction for the same, and also through or over any private Grounds or Hereditaments, first making Satisfaction to the Owners thereof and Persons interested therein, for the Damage they may thereby sustain; and for that Purpose it shall be lawful for the said Trustees to treat, contract, and agree with the Owners of and Persons interested in any Messuages, private Grounds, Tenements, or Hereditaments, for the Purchase thereof, or for the Loss or Damage such Owners and Persons interested, or any of them, shall or may sustain, by such widening, turning, or altering any Part or Parts of the said Roads; and it shall be lawful for all Bodies Politic, Corporate, or Collegiate, Corporations Aggregate or Sole, and all Feoffees in Trust, Executors, Administrators, Guardians, or other Trustees whatsoever, not only for and on Behalf of themselves, their Heirs and Successors, but also for and on Behalf of any Infant, Feme Covert, Cestuique Trust, Tenants for Life or in Tail, and for all and every Person and Persons whomsoever, who are or shall be seised or possessed of or interested in any such Messuages, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, to contract and agree with the said Trustees for the Satisfaction to be made for such Damages as aforesaid, or to sell to them all or any of such Messuages, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, as Occasion shall be or require; and all Contracts and Sales so made shall, without any Fine or Fines, Common Recovery or Common Recoveries, or any other Conveyance or Assurance, be valid and effectual in the Law to all Intents and Purposes, any Law, Statute, or Usage, or any other Matter or Thing whatsoever to the contrary notwithstanding; and all such Bodies Politic, Corporate, or Collegiate, Corporations Aggregate or Sole, Tenants for Life or in Tail, Feoffees in Trust, Executors, Administrators, Guardians, and Trustees, and all other Persons, are and shall be hereby indemnified for what they shall do by virtue of or in pursuance of this Act: Provided always, that it shall not be lawful for the said Trustees, in diverting, turning, or altering the Course or Path of any Part or Parts of the said present Road, to deviate more than One hundred Yards from the present Line or Course of the said Road, without the Consent in Writing of the Owners or reputed Owners and Occupiers for the Time being, of the Lands or Grounds which may be affected by any such Diversion or Alteration; and if any such Owner, Proprietor, Occupier, Bodies Politic, Corporate, or Collegiate, Corporations

Trustees may  
widen, divert,  
&c. the  
Roads.

Corporations  
and incapacitated  
Persons  
empowered  
to sell, &c.

On Refusal to  
sell, a Jury  
to settle the  
Recompence.

Their Verdict  
to be final.

Corporations Aggregate or Sole, Tenants for Life or in Tail, Trustees, or any other Person or Persons interested in any such Messuages, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, upon Notice to him, her, or them given or left in Writing at the Dwelling House or Houses, or Place or Places of Abode of such Person or Persons, or of the Head Officer or Officers of such Bodies Politic, Corporate, or Collegiate, Corporations Aggregate or Sole; or at the House of the Tenant in Possession of the Lands or Hereditaments so to be taken in and added to any Part of the said Roads, or into which any Part or Parts of such Roads are or is to be turned or altered, shall, by the Space of Ten Days after such Notice given or left as aforesaid, neglect or refuse to treat, or shall not agree in the Premises, or by reason of Absence shall be prevented from treating; then and in every or any such Case the said Trustees shall cause it to be inquired into and ascertained by and upon the Oath of a Jury of Twelve indifferent Men of the said County of *Northumberland* (which Oaths any One or more of the said Trustees is and are hereby empowered and required to administer), what Damages will be sustained by and what Recompence and Satisfaction shall be made to such Owners, Occupiers, Proprietors, or other Person or Persons interested, for or on account of the taking such Messuages, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments into the said Roads, or turning any Part or Parts of such Roads into the same Messuages, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments; and in order thereto, the said Trustees are hereby empowered and required, from Time to Time, as Occasion shall be or require, to summon and call before the said Jury, and examine upon Oath all and every Person and Persons whomsoever, who shall be thought necessary and proper to be examined as a Witness or Witnesses touching or concerning the Premises, (which Oath any One or more of the said Trustees is and are hereby empowered to administer); and they shall also order and cause the said Jury to view the Places in question, if there be Occasion, and use all lawful Ways and Means, as well for their own as for the Jury's better Information in the Premises, as the said Trustees shall think fit; and after the said Jury shall have enquired of, ascertained, and settled such Damage and Recompence, the said Trustees shall thereupon order and adjudge the said Sum or Sums of Money so assessed by the said Jury, to be paid to the said Owners, Occupiers, or Proprietors of, or other Persons interested in the said Lands, Grounds, or Hereditaments, according to such Verdict or Inquisition of the said Jury; which said Verdict or Inquisition, and Judgment, [Order, or Determination so had and made, shall be final, binding, and conclusive, to all Intents and Purposes, against all Parties and Persons whomsoever claiming in Possession, in Fee or in Tail General or Special, Reversion or Remainder, or otherwise, their Heirs and Successors, as well absent as present, Infants, Femes Coverts, and Persons under any other Disability whatsoever, Bodies Politic, Corporate, or Collegiate, Corporations Aggregate or Sole, as well as all other Persons whomsoever; and all and every such Owners, Occupiers, and Proprietors, and all and every other Person and Persons anyways interested in such Lands, Grounds, or Hereditaments, shall, upon Payment or Tender of the Sum or Sums of Money so assessed as aforesaid, thereby be from thenceforth, to all Intents and Purposes, divested of all Right,  
Title,

Title, Claim, Interest, and Property of, in, to, or out of the same; and for the summoning or returning of such Jury or Juries, the said Trustees are hereby empowered to issue their Warrant or Warrants to the Sheriff of the County wherein the Lands, Grounds, or Hereditaments in question as aforesaid do lie, thereby commanding and requiring him to impanel, summon, and return an indifferent Jury of Twenty-four Persons, to appear before the said Trustees, at such Time and Place, and within such County, as in such Warrant shall be appointed; and the said Sheriff, or his Deputy or Deputies, is and are hereby required to impanel, summon, and return such Number accordingly; and out of the Persons so impanelled, summoned, and returned, or out of such of them as shall appear upon such Summons, the said Trustees, or any One or more of them, shall swear or cause to be sworn Twelve, who shall be the Jury for the Purposes aforesaid; and in default of a sufficient Number of Jurymen, the said Sheriff, or his Deputy or Deputies, shall return other honest and indifferent Men of the Standers-by, or that can be speedily procured to attend that Service, to the Number of Twelve; and all Persons concerned shall have their lawful Challenges against any of the said Jurymen, when they come to be sworn; but shall not challenge the Array; and the said Trustees, acting in the Premises, shall have Power, from Time to Time, to impose any reasonable Fine or Fines on such Sheriff, or his Deputy or Deputies, Bailiffs or Agents, making Default in the Premises, and on the Persons that shall be summoned and returned on such Jury, and shall not appear, or who shall refuse to be sworn on the said Jury, or being so sworn, refusing to give or not giving his Verdict, or in any other Matter wilfully neglecting their Duty therein, contrary to the true Intent and Meaning of this Act; and on any of the Persons who being required to give Evidence before the said Jury touching the Premises, shall neglect or refuse to appear, after having been paid or tendered a reasonable Sum for his, her, or their Cost, Charges, and Expences, or appearing, shall refuse to be sworn and give Evidence; and from Time to Time to levy and apply such Fine or Fines in the same Manner as other Penalties, Forfeitures, and Fines are herein-after directed to be levied and applied, so that such Fine shall not exceed the Sum of Ten Pounds, upon any such Sheriff or his Deputy, nor the Sum of Forty Shillings upon any other Person, for any one Offence.

Sheriffs to  
summon  
Juries.

Sheriffs, &c.  
to be fined on  
Neglect of  
Duty.

LI. And be it further enacted, That in case any Jury or Juries to be summoned and sworn pursuant to the Authority of this Act, shall give in and deliver a Verdict or Assessment for more Monies, as a Recompence or Satisfaction for the Right, Interest, or Property of any Person or Persons in any such Lands or Hereditaments, or for any such Loss or Damage, than what shall have been agreed to and offered by the said Trustees, before the summoning and returning of the said Jury or Juries, as a Recompence and Satisfaction for any such Right, Interest, or Property, or any Loss or Damage as aforesaid, then and in such Case, the Costs and Expences of summoning and maintaining the Jury and Witnesses, for ascertaining and determining the Value of any such Right, Property, or Interest, or the Losses or Damages sustained as aforesaid, shall be paid by the said

How the  
Expences of  
the Jury are  
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Trustees;

Trustees; but if any Jury or Juries, so summoned and sworn as aforesaid shall give in and deliver a Verdict or Assessment for no more, or less Monies than shall have been agreed to and offered by the said Trustees, before the summoning and returning of the said Jury or Juries, as a Recompence or Satisfaction for any such Right, Interest, or Property in any such Lands or Hereditaments, or Losses or Damages as aforesaid, then the Costs and Expences of summoning and maintaining the said Jury and Witnesses, shall be paid by the Person or Persons with whom the said Trustees shall have had such Controversy or Dispute; which said Costs and Expences, having been ascertained and settled by some Justice or Justices of the Peace for the County of *Northumberland*, not being interested in the Matter in question (who is and are hereby empowered and required to examine, ascertain, and settle the same), shall and may be deducted out of the Money so assessed and adjudged, as so much Money advanced to and for the Use of such Person and Persons, and the Payment or Tender of the Remainder of such Monies shall be deemed and taken to all Intents and Purposes, to be a Payment and Tender of the whole Sum or Sums so assessed and adjudged; or otherwise such Costs and Expences, in case the same be not paid upon Demand, after being so ascertained and settled as aforesaid, may be recovered by such Ways and Means as are herein-after provided for the Recovery of Penalties, Forfeitures, and Fines.

In Cases where Persons are absent Trustees to pay Expences.

LII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That in Cases where any Person or Persons shall, by reason of Absence out of the Kingdom, have been prevented from treating, such Costs and Expences shall be borne and paid by the said Trustees out of the Monies to arise under or by virtue of this Act.

Money allowed for Lands, &c. how to be charged and tendered.

LIII. And be it further enacted, That every Sum of Money or Recompence to be agreed for or assessed as aforesaid, shall be paid out of the said Tolls, or out of the Monies borrowed on the Credit thereof, either into the Bank of *England*, or to the Parties or Persons respectively entitled thereto, or to their Agents, as the Case may require, as herein-after mentioned; and upon Payment or Tender thereof to the Party or Parties entitled to receive the same, or their Agent, or on depositing the same in the Bank of *England*, in Manner by this Act directed, and after Ten Days Notice thereof given to such Parties or Persons, or their Agents, such Lands or Hereditaments shall be laid into and made Part of the said Roads, in such Manner as the said Trustees shall direct; and shall be by them, or by such Person or Persons as they shall appoint, sufficiently drained, ditched, fenced, and set out for that Purpose, and shall from thenceforth, to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever, become and be, and be deemed and taken to be a common Highway and Part of the said Roads, and shall and may be repaired and kept in Repair, in such Manner as the same Roads hereby appointed to be made and repaired are respectively by this Act to be made and repaired; and after such new Road shall be completed, the Lands constituting such former Road, or any Part thereof, unless leading over some Moor or Waste Ground, or to some Village, Town, or Place to which such new Road doth

doth not lead; shall and may be sold and conveyed by the said Trustees, for the best Price that can be gotten for the same, and the Money arising from such Sale shall be applied to the Purposes of this Act; and the Sale or Sales, Conveyance or Conveyances, to be made of such Lands or Grounds, being executed by the said Trustees, and inrolled in the Office of the Clerk of the Peace for the County of *Northumberland*, shall be good and effectual in Law to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever.

LIV. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That the said Trustees before they shall so sell or dispose of the Ground or Soil which formed the Road to be diverted, turned, or altered by virtue of this Act, or such Piece or Pieces of Ground over and above what shall be necessary for effecting the Purposes of this Act, shall first offer to sell or re-sell the same (as the Case may happen to be) to the Person or Persons who shall be the Owner or Owners of the Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments lying on both Sides of such diverted Road, or the Person or Persons from whom the same Piece or Pieces of Ground shall have been purchased; and in case the Owner or Owners of the said Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments on both Sides of the said diverted Road, or the Person or Persons from whom such Piece or Pieces of Ground have been so purchased, shall refuse to purchase or re-purchase the same (as the Case may happen to be), on an Affidavit being made and sworn before a Master or Master Extraordinary in the High Court of Chancery, or before One of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the County or Place in which such diverted Road or Piece or Pieces of Ground shall lie, (who is hereby required to take such Affidavit by some Person or Persons no way interested in the Premises), such Affidavit stating that such Offer was made by or on the Behalf of the said Trustees, and that such Offer was then and thereupon refused, or was not agreed to by the Person or Persons to whom the same was made, shall in all Courts whatever be sufficient Evidence and Proof that such Offer was made and refused, or not agreed to by the Person or Persons to whom it was made (as the Case may be); and in case such Person or Persons shall be desirous of re-purchasing the Ground or Soil of such diverted Road, or of re-purchasing such Piece or Pieces of Ground so directed to be sold by virtue of this Act, and he, she, or they and the said Trustees shall differ, and not agree with respect to the Price thereof, then and in such Case, the Price or Prices thereof shall be ascertained by a Jury in Manner herein-before directed with respect to disputed Value of Premises to be purchased by the said Trustees, or any Five or more of them, in pursuance of this Act, and the Expences of hearing and determining such Difference shall be borne and paid in like Manner as herein-before directed with respect to such Purchase made by the said Trustees, or any Five or more of them, *mutatis mutandis*; and the Money to arise by the Sale or Sales which may be made by the said Trustees of such diverted Road, Piece or Pieces of Ground as aforesaid, shall be applied to and for the Purposes of this Act; but the Purchaser or Purchasers thereof shall not be answerable or accountable for any Mis-application or Non-application of such Money.

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LIV. Provided

Not to take Houses, &c. without Consent of the Owners, &c. except, &c.

LV. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That this Act shall not extend to or authorize the taking down of or making use of any Dwelling House or other Building, or to the taking in or making use of any Garden, Orchard, Yard, Park, planted Walk, or Avenue to a House or Plantation, or Nursery of Trees, without the Consent in Writing of the Owners or Proprietors thereof respectively, other than and except Part of a Plantation belonging to *William Ritson* of *Hexham* aforesaid, Hatter, and now in his own Occupation; and also except Part of a Garden belonging to *Thomas Richard Beaumont* Esquire and *Diana* his Wife, of *Bretton Hall* in the County of *York*, and now in the Occupation of *James Garland*, situated in the Township of *Hexham*, in the said County of *Northumberland*; and also except Part of a Garden belonging to *Thomas Mason* of *Hexham* aforesaid, Weaver, and now in the Occupation of *Richard Urwin* the younger, situated in the said Township of *Hexham*; and also except Part of a Plantation belonging to *Cuthbert Snowball* of *East Wharnley*, in the said County of *Northumberland*, Gentleman, and now in his own Occupation, situated at *East Wharnley* aforesaid, in the Parish of *Warden*, in the said County of *Northumberland*; and also except Part of a Plantation belonging to *John Snowball* of *West Wharnley*, in the said County of *Northumberland*, Gentleman, and now in his own Occupation, situated at *West Wharnley* aforesaid, in the said Parish of *Warden*, in the said County of *Northumberland*; and also except Part of a Plantation belonging to *John Armstrong* of *Land Ends*, in the said County of *Northumberland*, Gentleman, and now in his own Occupation, situated at the *Bush*, in the said Parish of *Warden*, in the said County of *Northumberland*; and also except Part of a Plantation belonging to the Commissioners and Governors of *Greenwich* Hospital for Seamen at *Greenwich*, in the County of *Kent*, and now in their own Occupation, situated at *Highwood* and *Coastley*, in the said Parish of *Hexham*, and *Woodhall* and *Woodhall Mill*, in the said Parish of *Warden*, in the said County of *Northumberland*.

Application of Compensation Money, when amounting to or exceeding 200l.

LVI. And be it further enacted, That if any Money shall be agreed or awarded to be paid for any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments purchased, taken, or used by virtue of the Powers of this Act, for the Purposes thereof, which shall belong to any Corporation, Feme Covert, Lunatic, Tenants for Life or in Tail, or Person or Persons under any Disability or Incapacity, 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 Trustees for executing this Act, 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 Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments in the Purchase or Redemption of the Land Tax, or towards the Discharge of any Debt or Debts, or other Incumbrances, or Part thereof, as the said Court shall authorize to be paid, affecting the said Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, or affecting other



other Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments standing settled therewith to the same or the like Uses, Intents, and 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 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 Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments which shall be so purchased, taken, or used as aforesaid, stood settled or limited, or such of them as at the Time of making such 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 Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments so hereby directed to be purchased, in case such Purchase or Settlement had been made.

LVII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That if any Money so agreed or awarded to be paid for any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments purchased, taken, or used for the Purposes aforesaid, and belonging to any Corporation, or to any Person or Persons under Disability or Incapacity as aforesaid, shall be less than the Sum of Two hundred Pounds, or 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 Lands or Tenements so purchased, taken, or used, 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 in the Name and with the Privity 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 by Five or more of the said Trustees for executing this Act (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 shall be applicable, without obtaining, or being required to obtain, the Direction or Approbation of the said Court of Chancery.

When amounting to 20l. or less than 200l.

LVIII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That where such Money so agreed or awarded to be paid as next before mentioned shall be less than Twenty Pounds, then and in all such Cases the same

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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 Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments so purchased, taken, or used as aforesaid, in such Manner as the said Trustees, or any One or more of them, 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.

In case of  
not making  
out Titles.

LIX. And be it further enacted, That in case the Person or Persons to whom any Sum or Sums of Money shall be so ordered to be paid as aforesaid, shall not be able to make a good Title to the Premises, to the Satisfaction of the said Trustees, or any One or more of them, or shall refuse to execute such Conveyance or Conveyances; or in case such Person or Persons, to whom such Sum or Sums of Money shall be so ordered to be paid as aforesaid, cannot be found, or if the Person or Persons entitled to such Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments be not known or discovered, then and in every such Case, it shall be lawful for the said Trustees, or any One or more of them, to order the said Sum or Sums of Money so awarded to be paid into the Bank of *England*, in the Name and with the Privity of the Accountant General of the said Court of Chancery, to be placed to his Account to the Credit of the said Parties interested in the said Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments [describing them]; subject to the Order, Controul, and Disposition of the said Court of Chancery; which said Court, on the Application of any Person or Persons making Claim to such Sum or Sums of Money, or any Part thereof, by Motion or Petition, shall be and is hereby empowered, in a summary Way of Proceeding or otherwise, as to the said Court shall seem meet, to order the same to be laid out and invested in the Public Funds, or to order Distribution thereof, according to the respective Estate or Estates, Title or Interest of the Person or Persons making Claim thereunto, and to make such other Order in the Premises as to the said Court shall seem just and reasonable; and the Cashier or Cashiers of the Bank of *England*, who shall receive such Sum or Sums of Money, is and are hereby required to give a Receipt or Receipts for such Sum or Sums of Money, mentioning and specifying for what and for whose Use the same is or are received, to such Person or Persons as shall pay any such Sum or Sums of Money into the Bank as aforesaid.

Persons in  
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to be deemed  
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ly entitled,  
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LX. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That where any Question shall arise touching the Title of any Person 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 Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, or of any Estate, Right, or Interest in any 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 Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments at the Time of such Purchase, and all Persons claiming under the Possession of such Person or Persons, shall

be deemed and taken to have been lawfully entitled to such 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 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 Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, or to some Estate or Interest therein.

LXI. Provided also, and be it further enacted, That where by reason of any Disability or Incapacity of the Person or Persons or Corporation entitled to any 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 Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, to be settled to the like Uses in pursuance of this Act, it shall be lawful for the said Court to order the Expences of all Purchases from Time to Time to be made in pursuance of this Act, or so much of such Expences as the said Court shall deem reasonable, together with the necessary Costs and Charges of obtaining such Order, to be paid by the said Trustees, or any Five or more of them, who shall from Time to Time pay such Sums of Money for such Purposes as the said Court shall direct.

The Court of Chancery may direct the Payment of Expences.

LXII. And be it further enacted, That all Gates to be hereafter made and placed in any Field or Ground adjoining any Part of the said Road, shall be made and hung to open and swing inward towards such Field or Ground, and not towards the said Road; and that it shall be lawful for the said Trustees; or any One or more of them, to order all such Gates as are now erected, or may hereafter be erected, and open and swing outward towards the said Road, to be altered and made to open and swing inwards, as they the said Trustees shall think proper; and if any Occupier or Occupiers of the Lands upon which any Gate or Gates is or are or shall be constructed; so as to open and swing outward towards the said Road, shall (after Five Days Notice from the Surveyor of the said Road, requiring him, her, or them to alter any such Gate or Gates, and to make the same to open and swing inwards), refuse or neglect to make such Alterations, or after such Alterations shall have been once made, shall again alter the same, every such Occupier or Occupiers shall, for every such Offence, forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Forty Shillings.

Gates not to swing into the Road.

LXIII. And be it further enacted, That in all Cases where the said Trustees shall widen, turn, or alter any Part or Parts of the said Roads, or make any new Road over and through any private Grounds, the said Trustees shall make or cause to be made proper Walls or Quickset Fences, as the Case shall require, so as effectually to guard and fence off the Lands adjoining to the said Roads, and also proper Gates, Bridges, and Arches, where necessary; out of, or upon, or under the said Roads into the Lands adjoining; and shall keep the Quickset Fences so to be made in proper Order and Repair, for and during

Trustees to fence the new Roads.

during the Term of Five Years from the Time of such Quickset Fences being made or planted; and shall cause all such of the present Fences in the Lands adjoining to the said Branch Road, as shall, in the Opinion of the said Trustees, be rendered of no Use by the altering or turning of the present Road, or by making the new Road, to be levelled.

Waggon  
Ways not to  
be damaged.

LXIV. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall be construed to authorize and empower the said Trustees to pull up, alter, damage, obstruct, or prejudice any Waggon Way, laid or to be laid across or near the said Roads, or any Part thereof, or to stop or obstruct any Horses going or returning with any Waggon laden with Coals, or empty, passing along the said Waggon Ways; but that the Owner or Occupier of such Waggon Ways shall have the same Right and Power to use and enjoy the same, and to lay any new Waggon Way or Ways from Time to Time as Occasion may require, and to do all such Acts and Things as are or shall be needful or necessary for the Purposes aforesaid, as fully and freely as if this Act had not been made: Provided always, that no such Waggon Way which shall cross any Part of the said Roads, shall be raised more than Two Inches above the Level of such Roads.

Lands liable  
to the Repair  
of Bridges,  
&c. to con-  
tinue so.

LXV. And be it further enacted, That where any particular Part or Parts of the said Roads, or any Bridges, Arches, Drains, or Sewers lying in and upon the said Roads, which have been accustomed or ought to be repaired and maintained by any particular Person or Persons, Bodies Politic or Corporate, by reason of the Tenure of any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, or otherwise, or by the said County of *Northumberland*, or any Ward, Parish, or Township therein respectively, or otherwise howsoever, all and every such Part or Parts of the said Roads, and all such Bridges, Arches, Drains, and Sewers, shall from Time to Time be maintained and kept in Repair, by such Person and Persons, Bodies Politic and Corporate, Counties, Wards, Parishes, or Townships, in such Manner as the same were respectively maintained and kept in Repair before the passing of this Act.

Parishes to  
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Labour.

LXVI. And be it further enacted, That all the Inhabitants of the several Parishes, Townships, Hamlets, Districts, or Places through which the said Road shall pass, shall be liable to the Repair of such Parts of the said Road as are within their respective Parishes, Townships, Hamlets, Districts, or Places, in such and the same Manner as they are liable to the Repair of any other Highways within the same; and it shall and may be lawful to and for any Two or more Justices of the Peace for the said County of *Northumberland*, and they are hereby empowered and required, upon Application made to them by the said Trustees, or any Five or more of them, or by their Clerk or Surveyor, by their Order, yearly to adjudge and determine what Part or Proportion of the Statute Work shall every Year be done upon the said Road by the Inhabitants of the respective Parishes or Places in which the said Road lies, and also what Proportion of the Money received by the Surveyor or Surveyors of  
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the Highways of every such Parish or Place, in lieu of or as a Composition for such Statute Work as aforesaid, shall be by them paid to the said Trustees, or their Treasurer or Treasurers; and in order thereunto, it shall and may be lawful to and for such Justices from Time to Time to summon the Surveyor or Surveyors of the Highways for every such Parish or Place, to bring in Lists before such Justices, at some Place to be expressed in such Summons, (within Ten Days after the serving of such Summons) of the Names of the several Persons who within such Parish, Township, or Place are by Law subject and liable to do Statute Work for that Year; or to the Payment of any Money in lieu of or as a Composition for such Statute Work, distinguishing the Nature of the Work to be done, whether with Teams or Draughts or otherwise, and also the Amount of the respective Sums to be paid, which Lists of Names shall be made in Manner and under such Regulations and Restrictions as is or may be directed by any Law or Statute in force and effect for the Repairs of the public Highways; and out of such Lists the said Justices shall and may allot, appoint, and order such and so many of the Persons who shall appear to be subject and liable to do Statute Work as aforesaid, to do such Number of Days Statute Work in every Year upon the said Road, as the said Justices shall think reasonable, and the same shall be done on such Days and at such Times (not being Hay-time or Harvest) and in such Parts of the said Road, as the said Trustees or their Surveyor or Surveyors shall from Time to Time order, direct and appoint; and the said Justices shall and may also order and direct the Persons who by such Lists shall appear to be subject and liable to the Payment of any Money in lieu of or as a Composition for Statute Work as aforesaid, to pay such Proportion thereof as the said Justices shall think proper, to the Surveyor or Surveyors of such Parishes, Townships and Places respectively, to be by him or them paid over to the said Trustees, or their Treasurer, at such Time or Times as they the said Justices shall direct, and in default of Payment thereof, the same shall and may be recovered by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of the respective Persons liable to the Payment thereof, in like Manner as any Penalty is by this Act authorized or directed to be recovered; and each and every Person who shall neglect or refuse to do such Statute Work as aforesaid, after Notice in Writing given to or left for him, her, or them, at his, her, or their last or usual Place or Places of Abode for that Purpose, by any Surveyor to the said Trustees, shall for every Day of his, her, or their Default, or the Default of any Labourer or Labourers, Team or Teams, Draught or Draughts, Horse or Horses, Beast or Beasts, to be provided by him, her, or them, be subject and liable to such Pains, Penalties, and Forfeitures as such Person or Persons may be subject or liable to by any Law or Statute in force and effect for the Repair of the public Highways; and if any Person who shall come to work as a Labourer, or shall be sent with any Team or Draught to work on the said Road, shall be found negligent or idle by any Surveyor or Surveyors to the said Trustees, such Surveyor or Surveyors is and are hereby empowered to remove and turn off the Person who shall be found idle or negligent as aforesaid; and in that case every such Person sending such Labourer, Team or Draught, shall be subject and liable to the

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respective Forfeitures and Payments aforesaid, as if such Team or Draught had not been sent to work on any Part of the said Road; all which Forfeitures shall be paid to the Treasurer to the said Trustees, and applied towards the amending the said Road; and in case the Surveyor or Surveyors of the Highways for any of the said Parishes, Townships, or Places, shall refuse or neglect to give in such Lists as aforesaid, or shall knowingly or wilfully give in false or imperfect Lists, or shall refuse or neglect to collect or pay over such Composition Money, or any Part thereof, in Manner aforesaid, every such Surveyor or Surveyors so offending, shall for every such Offence forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Five Pounds.

Trustees may compound for Statute Work.

LXVII. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Trustees, or any Five or more of them, to compound and agree with any Person or Persons, Bodies Politic or Corporate, for the Repairs or Statute Work to be by them done on the said Road, or any Part thereof, and also with the Inhabitants and Occupiers of Lands, Tenements or Hereditaments, of and in all and every of the Townships or Places duly authorized for that Purpose at a public Vestry, for a certain Sum of Money, by the Year or otherwise, as the said Trustees shall think reasonable, in lieu of the whole or any Part of the Statute or other Work to be by all or any of the said Inhabitants and Occupiers done on the said Road; which Composition Money shall always be paid by the Surveyor or Surveyors of the Highways or other Officers of the Parish, or by the Person or Persons so compounding, to the Treasurer or Treasurers of the said Trustees in advance, on or before the First Day of *May* in each and every Year, or otherwise the Inhabitants and Occupiers of such Parish, Township, or Place shall not be permitted to compound for that Year.

Penalty on Persons obstructing the Execution of this Act.

LXVIII. And be it further enacted, That if any Person or Persons shall assault or hinder, or cause to be assaulted or hindered, the Collectors of the said Tolls, or any of them, or the Turnpike Surveyor or Surveyors, or any Person or Persons employed by them, or any of them, or by the said Trustees in the Execution of any Part of this Act, every such Person or Persons so offending shall for every such Offence forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Five Pounds.

Roads to be measured and Mile Stones erected.

LXIX. And be it further enacted, That if the said Trustees shall be and are hereby empowered and required to cause the said Roads to be measured, and Mile Stones or Posts to be set up, and from Time to Time renewed, on the Sides thereof respectively, with Inscriptions thereon, denoting the Number of Miles and Distance of Places, and also proper Direction Posts, where any other Roads lead out of or into the said Roads hereby directed to be repaired respectively, with Inscriptions thereon, denoting to what Place or Places such other Roads respectively do lead, as they shall think fit; and if any Person or Persons shall wilfully break or pull down, dig up, injure or destroy any of the Stones or Posts, which shall be so fixed or set up, or erase, obliterate, or deface any of the Inscriptions or Letters which shall be engraven or made thereon, or any Part thereof, or cause or procure the same to be done, every such Person so offend-  
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ing shall forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Forty Shillings, at the Discretion of the Justice or Justices before whom such Offender shall be convicted.

LXX. And be it further enacted, That if any Person shall haul or draw, or cause to be hauled or drawn, upon any Part of the said Roads (excepting only in crossing the same) any Tree or Piece of Timber, or any Stone, otherwise than upon wheeled Carriages, or shall suffer any Part of any Tree or Piece of Timber which shall be conveyed upon wheeled Carriages, to drag upon any Part of the said Roads, every such Person shall for every such Offence forfeit any Sum not exceeding Five Pounds.

Penalty for drawing Timber and Stones on the Roads.

LXXI. And be it further enacted, That if any Person or Persons shall wilfully or negligently injure, destroy, break down, or otherwise damage, or shall ride on, or drive, or lead any Horse, Beast, Cattle, or Carriage, over or upon any Footpath or Causeway, made or to be made on the Side or Sides of the said Roads, or any Part thereof, or shall wilfully or negligently damage or destroy any of the Fences, Walls, or Gates on the Sides of the said Roads, and belonging thereto; or if any Driver of any Waggon or other Carriage shall wilfully or carelessly break or damage any of the Posts or Stones which may be erected for the Security of the said Footpaths or Causeways; or if any Person or Persons shall plough over or drag any Plough upon any Part of the said Roads, or in ploughing shall turn any Horse or other Beast drawing any Plough upon any Part of the said Roads to the Prejudice or Injury thereof; or if any Person or Persons shall scrape off any Mud, Soil, or other Matter or Thing which shall be or lie upon any Part of the said Roads, so as wilfully to damage the said Roads or any Part thereof; or if any Person shall hale or draw, or cause to be haled or drawn, upon any Part of the said Roads, any Tree or Piece of Timber, or any Stone (otherwise than upon wheeled Carriages), or shall suffer any Part of any Tree, or Piece of Timber or Stone, which shall be carried upon a wheeled Carriage, to drag upon any Part of the said Roads to the Prejudice or Injury thereof; or if any Person shall, after having blocked or stopped any Waggon, Cart, or other Carriage whatsoever, in going up any Hill or rising Ground, leave or suffer, or permit to be and remain on any Part of the said Roads, the Stone or other Thing used in such blocking or stopping; or if any Person driving any Pigs or Swine upon the said Roads, shall suffer the same to root up or damage the said Roads or any Part thereof, or the Fences, Hedges, Walls, Backings, or Cope on either Side thereof; or if any Person or Persons shall leave or suffer any Horse, Cattle, Sheep, Beast, Pig or Swine, to graze or be and remain loose on the said Roads; or if any Person driving any Coach, Chaise, or Waggon, Cart, or other Carriage, upon the said Roads, and meeting another Coach, Chaise, Waggon, Cart or other Carriage, shall not keep his Carriage on the Left or Near Side of the said Roads; or if any Person or Persons shall in any Manner wilfully prevent any other Person from passing him, her, or them upon the said Roads; or the Coach, Chaise, Waggon, Cart, or other Carriage, under his or their Care; or if any Persons shall make or assist in making any Fire or Fires whatsoever, or shall

Penalty on riding on Footpaths, &c.

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set fire to, or let off or throw any Squib, Rocket, Serpent or Fire-work whatsoever, on any Part of the said Roads, or within Eighty Feet of the Centre thereof; or play at Football, or any other Game or Games whatsoever, on any Part of the said Roads, to the Annoyance of Persons travelling thereon; or if any Person or Persons shall leave any Waggon, Wain, Cart or other Carriage, or any Plough, Harrow, or other Implement of Husbandry, without some reasonable Cause to be allowed by the Justice of the Peace before whom the Person so offending shall be summoned or conveyed, in order to his or her Conviction, and save and except with regard to such Waggon, Wain, Cart, or other Carriage, during such reasonable Time as the same shall be loading or unloading, and standing as near to the Side of the said Roads as conveniently may be, in, upon, or on the Side of the said Roads, either with or without any Horse or Beast of Draught, harnessed or yoked thereto; or if any Person shall lay any Piece of Timber, or any Stones, Brick, Hay, Straw, Lime, Coal, Dung, Manure, Soil, Rubbish, or other Matter or Thing whatsoever, on any Part of the said Roads, or on the Side or Sides thereof, to the Prejudice or Injury thereof, or to the Annoyance, Hindrance, or Prejudice of any Person or Persons travelling thereon, or shall do any other Damage or Injury to the said Roads, or any Part thereof, every Person so offending shall for every such Offence forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Ten Pounds.

Trustees may  
contract for  
Repairs.

LXXII. And be it further enacted, That the said Trustees, or such Person or Persons as they shall for that Purpose authorize and appoint, are hereby empowered to contract with any Person or Persons, for making, altering, raising, widening, and repairing the said Roads, or any Part or Parts thereof respectively, and for erecting, building, and making Arches and Bridges upon the same, and for erecting Mile and Direction Stones or Posts thereon, and for making any Hedges or Fences, or turning, altering, widening, or making any Part or Parts of the said Roads, or for doing any other Work to be performed in the Execution of this Act, in such Manner and for such Sum or Sums of Money as the said Trustees shall think proper.

Contract to  
be binding.

LXXIII. And be it further enacted, That all Contracts in Writing entered into pursuant to an Order made at any Meeting of the said Trustees, or any Five or more of them, and signed by any Five or more of them, shall be binding on the said Trustees, and also on the other Parties who shall sign the same, and the Executors and Administrators of such other Parties, and that Actions and Suits may be maintained thereon, and Damages and Costs recovered against the Parties failing in Execution thereof.

For securing  
transient  
Offenders.

LXXIV. And whereas Offences may be committed against this Act by Persons unknown to the Collectors, Surveyors, or other Officers appointed to put this Act in Execution; be it therefore enacted, That it shall be lawful for any of the said Collectors, Surveyors, or other Officers respectively; and such other Person or Persons as they or any of them shall call to their or any of their Assistance, without any other Warrant or Authority than this Act, to seize and detain any such unknown Person or Persons who shall commit any such



such Offence or Offences, and take him, her, or them before any Justice of the Peace of the County near to the Place where the Offence or Offences shall have been committed; and such Justice is hereby empowered to proceed to the hearing and determining of the Complaint.

LXXV. And be it further enacted, That all Penalties, Forfeitures, and Fines by this Act inflicted or authorized to be imposed (the Manner of levying and recovering of which is not herein otherwise particularly directed) shall, upon Proof of the Offences respectively, before any One or more Justice or Justices of the Peace of the County or Place where the Offence or Offences shall have been committed, either by the Confession of the Party or Parties offending, or by the Oath of One or more Witness or Witnesses, be levied by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of the Party or Parties so offending, by Warrant or Warrants under the Hand and Seal or Hands and Seals of such Justice or Justices (which Warrant or Warrants such Justice or Justices is and are hereby authorized and required to grant for those Purposes, and to administer such Oath *gratis*), and the Overplus, after such Penalties, Forfeitures, and Fines, and the Charges of such Distress and Sale are deducted, shall be returned on Demand to the Owner or Owners of such Goods and Chattels; and all such Penalties, Forfeitures, and Fines, when so paid and levied (if not directed to be otherwise applied by this Act), shall from Time to Time be paid to the said Trustees, or to their Treasurer for the Time being, and shall be laid out and applied in putting this Act in Execution; and in case such sufficient Distress shall not be found, and such Penalties, Forfeitures, and Fines shall not be forthwith paid upon Conviction, then it shall be lawful for such Justice or Justices to order the Offender or Offenders so convicted to be detained and kept in safe Custody until Return can conveniently be made to such Warrant of Distress, unless the Offender or Offenders shall give sufficient Security to the Satisfaction of such Justice or Justices, for his, her, or their Appearance before such Justice or Justices, on such Day or Days as shall be appointed for the Return of such Warrant of Distress, such Day or Days not being more than Ten Days from the Time of taking any such Security, and which Security the said Justice or Justices is and are hereby empowered to take, by way of Recognizance or otherwise; but if upon the Return of such Warrant, it shall appear that no sufficient Distress can be had thereupon, then and in such Case it shall be lawful for such Justice or Justices of the Peace, and he and they is and are hereby authorized and required, by Warrant or Warrants under his or their Hand and Seal or Hands and Seals; to cause such Offender or Offenders to be committed to the Common Gaol or House of Correction for the said County, there to remain without Bail or Mainprize, for any Term not exceeding Six Calendar Months, unless such Penalties, Forfeitures, and Fines, and all reasonable Charges, shall be sooner paid and satisfied.

Penalties and Forfeitures how to be recovered and applied.

LXXVI. And for the more easy Conviction of Offenders against this Act, be it further enacted, That all and every the Justices of the Peace

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before whom any Person or Persons shall be convicted of any Offence against this Act, may cause the Conviction to be drawn up in the following Form of Words, or in any other Form of Words to the like Effect, as the Case shall happen, and shall not be obliged to set forth the Evidence at length;

Form of  
Conviction.

‘ County of } BE it remembered, That on the  
‘ to wit. } Day of in the  
‘ Year of His Majesty’s Reign, and in the Year of our Lord  
‘ A. B. is convicted before of His Majesty’s Justices  
‘ of the Peace for the County of [here specify the Offence,  
‘ and when and where committed] contrary to the Form of the Statute  
‘ made in the First Year of the Reign of His Majesty King George the  
‘ Fourth, intituled *An Act, &c.* [here set forth the Title of this Act] and  
‘ I [or we] do therefore declare and adjudge, that the said A. B. hath  
‘ forfeited, for his said Offence, the Sum of  
‘ or, shall be committed to for the Space of  
‘ Given under my Hand and Seal [or, our Hands and Seals] the Day  
‘ and Year first above written.’

Allowing an  
Appeal to the  
Quarter Ses-  
sions.

LXXVII. And be it further enacted, That if any Person or Persons shall think himself, herself, or themselves aggrieved by any thing done in pursuance of this Act, save and except the Verdict of the Jury with respect to the Value of Messuages, Lands, or Tenements in turning, altering, widening, or making any Part or Parts of the said Roads, as herein-before is directed, and any other Matter or Thing herein-before directed to be conclusive, and for which no particular Relief hath been herein-before appointed, such Person or Persons may, within Four Calendar Months next after the Cause of Complaint shall have arisen, appeal to the Justices of the Peace at any General or Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the said County of *Northumberland*, such Appellant or Appellants first giving or causing to be given Ten Days Notice at least in Writing of his, her, or their Intention to bring such Appeal, and of the Cause or Matter thereof, to the Clerk or Treasurer of the said Trustees or other Person or Persons against whose Determination such Appeal shall be made, and within Two Days after such Notice entering into a Recognizance, before some Justice of the Peace for the said County, with Two sufficient Sureties conditioned to try such Appeal at and abide the Order of, and pay such Costs as shall be awarded against him, her, or them by the Justices at such Quarter Sessions; and the said Justices, at their said Sessions, on due Proof being given of such Notice as aforesaid, and of the entering into such Recognizance, shall proceed to hear and finally determine the Causes and Matters of such Appeal in a summary Way, and award such Costs to the Party appealing or appealed against as they the said Justices shall respectively think proper; and the Determination of such Quarter Sessions shall be final, binding, and conclusiye to all Intents and Purposes.

Distress not  
unlawful for  
Want of  
Form only.

LXXVIII. And be it further enacted, That where any Distress shall be made for any Sum or Sums 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 deemed a Trespasser or Trespassers, on account of any Defect or Want of Form in the Summons, Conviction, Notice,

Notice, Warrant of Distress, or other Proceeding relative 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 committed by the Party or Parties distraining, but the Person or Persons aggrieved by such Irregularity may recover full Satisfaction for the special Damages in an Action on the Case.

LXXIX. And be it further enacted, That no Proceeding to be had touching the Conviction of any Offender or Offenders against this Act, or any Order to be made, or any other Matter to be done or transacted in or relating to the Execution of this Act, shall be quashed for Want of Form, or be liable to be removed by Certiorari, or any other Writ or Process whatsoever, into any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster* or elsewhere; any Law or Statute to the contrary notwithstanding.

Proceedings not to be vacated for Want of Form.

LXXX. And be it further enacted, That no Inhabitant of any Parish, Township, District, or Place, in which any Offence may be committed against this Act, shall be deemed and adjudged to be an incompetent Witness by reason and account of his being an Inhabitant of such Parish, Township, District, or Place.

Inhabitants may be Witnesses.

LXXXI. And be it further enacted, That no Plaintiff shall recover in any Action for Irregularity, Trespass, or wrongful Proceedings committed in carrying the Trusts of this Act into Execution, or in any Matter or Thing concerning or relating to the same, if Tender of sufficient Amends shall be made by or in behalf of the Party who shall have committed or caused to be committed any such Irregularity, Trespass, or wrongful Proceedings before such Action brought; and in case no such Tender shall have been made, it shall and may be lawful to and for the Defendant in any such Action, with Leave of the Court wherein such Action shall be depending, at any Time before Issue joined, to pay into Court such Sum or Sums of Money as he shall see fit, whereupon such Proceedings or Orders and Judgments shall be had and given in and by such Court as in other Actions where the Defendant is allowed to pay Money into Court.

Not to recover if sufficient Tender of Amends before Action brought.

Defendant allowed to pay Money into Court before Issue joined.

LXXXII. 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 Twenty-one Days Notice shall be thereof given to the Clerk of the said Trustees, nor after a sufficient Satisfaction or Tender thereof hath been made to the Party or Parties aggrieved, nor after Four Calendar Months after the Fact committed; and every such Action or Suit shall be laid or brought in the County where the Cause of Action shall have arisen, and not elsewhere, and the Defendant or Defendants in every such Action shall or may, at his or their Election, plead specially or the General Issue Not Guilty, 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 have been so done, or that such Action or Suit shall have been brought before Twenty-one Days Notice thereof

Limitation of Actions.

General Issue.

thereof as aforesaid, or after a sufficient Satisfaction made or tendered as aforesaid, or after the Time limited for bringing the same 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 Verdicts, 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 any other Case by Law.

**Treble Costs.** LXXXIII. 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.** LXXXIV. And be it further enacted, That this Act shall commence and take place on the said Seventh Day of *August* next after the passing of this Act, and shall be in force for Twenty-one Years, and from thence to the End of the then next Session of Parliament.

**Term of this Act.**

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