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GEORGIIV. REGIS.

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An Act to enable the Justices of the Peace for the Divisions of *Lindsey*, *Kesteven*, and *Holland*, in the County of *Lincoln*, to take down the present County Hall for the said County, and to erect a convenient Hall instead thereof, with suitable Offices, and other Accommodations.

[24th June 1822.]

WHEREAS the King's most Excellent Majesty, in Right of His Duchy of *Lancaster*, is seized to Himself, His Heirs and Successors, of the Castle and Castle Yard of the County of *Lincoln*, wherein a certain Building now used as the County Hall is situate, subject to a certain Lease under the Seal of the said Duchy, bearing Date the Fourth Day of *May* One thousand eight hundred and fourteen, and in the Fifty-fourth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Third, granted of the same unto the then and succeeding Sheriffs of the said County for the Time being, the Lord Lieutenant of the said County, and certain Noblemen, Gentlemen, and Magistrates of the said County therein named, for the Term of Thirty Years or thereabouts: And whereas the said County Hall, which is situate within the Bail of *Lincoln* in the Parts or Division of *Lindsey* in the said County, is very much out of Repair and in great Decay, and it is dangerous to transact the Business of the said County therein; and the same was, at the last Spring Assizes held in and for the said County of *Lincoln*, presented by the Grand Jury

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Appointment
of Seven
Commissioners
for Lindsey, Four
Commissioners
for Kesteven, and
Three Commissioners
for Holland.

of the said County to be in such a State as to require either to be rebuilt or substantially repaired: And whereas it is expedient that the said County Hall should be wholly taken down, and another convenient and proper Hall, with suitable Offices and other Accommodations, erected instead thereof, within the said Yard belonging to the Castle of *Lincoln*, on or near the Site of the present County Hall; but the same 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 Seven fit and competent Persons, being Justices of the Peace acting in and for the said Parts or Division of *Lindsey*; Four fit and competent Persons, being Justices of the Peace acting in and for the Parts or Division of *Kesteven* in the said County; and Three fit and competent Persons, being Justices of the Peace acting in and for the Parts or Division of *Holland* in the said County, to be nominated at the First General Quarter Sessions of the Peace to be held in and for each of the said Three several Parts or Divisions after the passing of this Act, or at any Adjournment of such Sessions respectively, and their respective Successors to be elected as herein-after mentioned, shall be and they are hereby appointed Commissioners for carrying this Act into Execution.

For appointing
new Commissioners.

II. And be it further enacted, That if any Person or Persons so to be appointed a Commissioner or Commissioners as aforesaid, shall die, decline, neglect, or refuse to act, or shall become incapable of acting in the Execution of the Powers of this Act, it shall and may be lawful to and for the Justices of the Peace acting in and for the said several Parts or Divisions of *Lindsey*, *Kesteven*, and *Holland*, within and for which any such Vacancy or Vacancies shall respectively arise or happen, assembled at a General Quarter Sessions of the Peace in and for the same Parts or Divisions respectively, or at any Adjournment thereof, or the major Part of the Justices so assembled, to nominate and appoint from Time to Time a Justice or Justices of the Peace of such Parts or Divisions to be a Commissioner or Commissioners for executing this Act in the Room of the Commissioner or Commissioners so dying, declining, neglecting, or refusing to act; and that all intermediate Acts of the Commissioners for the Time being, or any Five or more of them, after the Death or Cession of any Commissioner or Commissioners, and previous to such new Appointment, shall nevertheless be good and valid to all Intents and Purposes, any thing herein contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

First Meeting
of the
Commissioners.

III. And be it further enacted, That the said Commissioners, or any Five or more of them, shall meet at the said Castle of *Lincoln*, or at some convenient House or Place in the City Bail or Close of *Lincoln*, within Thirty Days next after the Twentieth Day of *July* next, between the Hours of Eleven of the Clock in the Forenoon and Four of the Clock in the Afternoon, and the said Commissioners, or any Five or more of them, shall then and there proceed to put this Act into Execution, and then and from Time to Time afterwards adjourn themselves to meet, or otherwise meet according to such Notice as is herein-after directed to be given, at such Place or Places within the said County or City of *Lincoln* as such Commissioners, or any Five or more of them, shall think proper and

convenient; and if Five Commissioners shall not attend at the Time and Place appointed for any such Meeting, then the Commissioners or Commissioner present shall and may make such Adjournment, or if no such Commissioner shall be present, or if at any Meeting an Adjournment be neglected to be made, then the Clerk or Clerks to the said Commissioners, to be appointed in Manner herein-after mentioned, or his or their Deputy, may revive and continue the Meetings of the said Commissioners, by calling One or more Meeting or Meetings for that Purpose, and causing such Notice to be given as is herein-after directed; and every such Meeting so to be called for the Purpose of reviving and continuing the said Meetings, shall be adjourned in the like Manner, and such Adjournments and the Revivals and Continuations of the said Meetings shall be entered by the Clerk or Clerks to the said Commissioners, or his or their Deputy, in a Book to be kept for that Purpose.

IV. Provided always, and be it further enacted and declared, That no Proceedings of the said Commissioners, or any of them, in the Execution of this Act shall be valid, unless the same shall be done at a Meeting held in pursuance of this Act, nor unless Five Commissioners at the least shall be present at such Meeting; but that all Orders which are by this Act authorized to be made by such Commissioners, and all Acts, Matters, and Things which are by this Act authorized to be done by such Commissioners, may and shall be done by the major Part of such of the Commissioners as shall be assembled and present at the making of any such Order or doing any such Act, the whole Number present not being less than Five, and the same when so done shall be as good, valid, and effectual as if all the said Commissioners had been present; and that previous Notice of all the Meetings to be held in pursuance of this Act (Meetings by Adjournment only excepted) shall be given by the Clerk or Clerks to the said Commissioners, or his or their Deputy, by Notice in Writing to the several Commissioners, and by Advertisement to be inserted once in One or more of the Newspaper or Newspapers printed or circulated in the said County, Ten Days at the least before such Meeting, which Notice shall specify the Time and Place of such Meeting; and at every such Meeting One of the said Commissioners present shall be appointed Chairman; and all Acts, Matters, and Things shall be determined by the Votes of the greater Number of the Commissioners present, and at all such Meetings the Chairman shall not only have a single Vote, but in case of an Equality of Votes, shall have the decisive or casting Vote; and all Proceedings at such Meetings shall be entered in a Book and signed by the Commissioners present, or the major Part of them, or by the Chairman of such Meetings.

No Act of Commissioners valid, unless done at a Meeting.

V. And be it further enacted, That the said Commissioners, at a Meeting to be held in pursuance of this Act, shall and may from Time to Time appoint a Clerk or Clerks for assisting them in the Execution of this Act, and for executing any Rules, Orders, or Regulations to be made in pursuance of the same, with such Salaries or Allowances to be paid out of the Monies to be raised by virtue of this Act, as shall be thought reasonable by the said Commissioners or any Five or more of them, and likewise may from Time to Time remove such Clerk or Clerks, and appoint any other or others in his or their Room.

Clerk to be appointed.

VI. And

Power to
take down
the present
County Hall,
and to erect
a new one.

VI. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Commissioners, and they are hereby fully authorized and empowered to make such Order or Orders, and to enter into such Contract or Contracts as to them shall seem expedient for the taking and pulling down of the said present County Hall for the said County of *Lincoln*, and for clearing the Ground or Site thereof, and for the erecting and building, either upon the Site of the same or near thereto, a new, proper, and convenient County Hall, with suitable Offices and other Accommodations for holding therein the Assizes for the said County of *Lincoln*, and all special Commissions of Oyer and Terminer, in such and the same Way and Manner as the same now are or heretofore have been held in the said County Hall, and also for the transacting therein all the other public Business of the said County, to which the said present County Hall is now lawfully applicable, and also for the fitting up and furnishing the said intended County Hall, and the Offices and Appurtenances thereto belonging, with proper and sufficient Furniture, Utensils, and other Matters and Things which shall be necessary for the convenient Use thereof; and for the Purposes aforesaid, it shall be lawful for the said Commissioners either to sell and dispose of, or cause to be sold and disposed of, the whole of the Materials of the present County Hall or any Part thereof, or to use and employ the same or any Part thereof, in and about the erecting of the said intended County Hall, or any of the Offices or Works thereto belonging, as to them shall seem most expedient.

Provision for
Payment of
Charges to
be incurred.

VII. And be it further enacted, That all and singular the Costs, Charges, and Expences of obtaining and passing this Act, together with Interest for such Monies as shall have been advanced by any Person or Persons for or towards the same, and also all and singular the Costs, Charges, and Expences of taking down the present County Hall, and of erecting and building such new County Hall as aforesaid, with the Offices, Buildings, and other Conveniences therein, and of fitting up and furnishing the same respectively, and of executing, performing, and carrying into Execution the several Purposes of this Act, shall be paid, defrayed, and discharged by and out of the Public Stock or County Rates of the several Parts or Divisions of the said County of *Lincoln*, in the Proportions and Manner following; (that is to say), One full Moiety or Half Part thereof shall be raised within the Parts or Division of *Lindsey* in the said County; Four Seventh Parts or Shares of the remaining or other Moiety or Half Part thereof, shall be raised within the Parts or Division of *Kesteven* in the said County; and the remaining Three Seventh Parts or Shares of the said last-mentioned Moiety or Half Part thereof, shall be raised within the Parts or Division of *Holland* in the said County of *Lincoln*, in such and the same Manner, and by such and the same Ways, Means, Powers, and Authorities as the County Rates for the said Three several Divisions are now raised and paid under the several Acts of Parliament now in force respecting County Rates; and that the said Commissioners or any Five or more of them shall and may, and they are hereby required from Time to Time to certify in Writing by their Clerk or Clerks for the Time being, to the Justices of the Peace acting in and for the said several Parts or Divisions of *Lindsey*, *Kesteven*, and *Holland*, at any of their several General Quarter Sessions of the Peace to be held in and for the said several Parts or Divisions respectively, the Proportions or Sums of Money from Time to Time necessary to be raised and paid in

in and for the said several Parts or Divisions respectively, for the Purposes of this Act; and the said Justices of such Parts or Divisions respectively, on receipt of such Certificate or Certificates, shall and may and they are hereby required at the said General Quarter Sessions of the Peace for each such Parts or Divisions respectively, at which such Certificate or Certificates shall be so received, or at some Adjournment thereof, to issue Orders for the raising and Payment of such several Proportions or Sums in such respective Parts or Divisions from the County Rates of such Parts or Divisions respectively.

VIII. And be it further enacted, That in case the present County Hall, or the Materials of which the same is composed, shall be sold as herein-before directed, then and in such Case all the Monies which shall arise by such Sale shall be paid, applied, and disposed of for the several Purposes of this Act, in such and the same Manner as the Money herein-before authorized to be charged, raised, and levied, is herein-before directed to be paid, applied, and disposed of.

Monies arising by Sale to be applied for the Purposes of the Act.

IX. And, for the more speedy and effectually carrying into Execution the Powers of this Act, be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Commissioners, or any Five or more of them, to borrow and take up at Interest any Sum or Sums of Money they shall think right and proper, to be applied towards defraying such Expences, Costs, and Charges as aforesaid, not exceeding in the Whole the Proportions thereof to be charged upon or borne by each such respective Parts or Division, on the Credit of the County Rates, to be made, raised, and assessed upon and within each such respective Parts or Division of the said County of *Lincoln*, and by Writing under their respective Hands and Seals, or under the Hands and Seals of any Five or more of them, to mortgage or assign over any such Rates to the Person or Persons who shall advance or lend such Money, or to his, her, or their Trustee or Trustees as a Security for the Repayment of any Money to be advanced for the Purposes of this Act, with Interest as aforesaid; and all Persons to whom any such Mortgages or Assignment shall be made, or who shall be entitled to the Money thereby secured, shall be, in proportion to the Sums in such Securities mentioned, Creditors on the said Rates equally one with another, without any Preference in respect of the Priority of advancing such Money, or the Dates of any such Mortgages or Assignments; and every such Mortgage or Assignment shall be good, valid, and effectual in the Law for the Purposes thereby intended, and shall be in the Form or to the Effect following; (that is to say),

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

WE, *A. B., C. D., etc.* Commissioners appointed in and by an Act passed in the Third Year of the Reign of His Majesty King *George the Fourth*, intituled *An Act, etc.* [*here insert the Title of this Act*] do hereby mortgage and charge all the Rates to be raised within the said Parts or Divisions of *Lindsey, Kesteven, or Holland* [*as the Case may happen*] under the Descriptions of County Rates by the Laws now in being, with the Payment of the Sum of _____ Pounds, which *E. F.* of _____ hath agreed to lend, and hath now actually advanced and paid into the Hands of the Treasurer or Treasurers of the said Parts or Divisions of *Lindsey, Kesteven, or Holland* [*as the Case may be*], for the Purposes of the said Act; and we do hereby confirm and establish the same unto the said *E. F.*, his Executors, Administrators, and

Form of Mortgage.

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Assigns, for securing the Repayment of the said Sum of Pounds, and Interest for the same after the Rate of Pounds for every One hundred Pounds for a Year; and we do hereby order the Treasurer or Treasurers of the said Parts or Divisions of *Lindsey, Kesteven, or Holland* [as the Case may be], to pay the Interest of the said Sum of Pounds Half-yearly as the same shall become due, until the Principal shall be discharged.

Securities for Money to be transferrable.

X. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the respective Persons entitled to any of the Securities to be given for Money advanced for the Purposes of this Act, and their respective Executors, Administrators, or Assigns, at any Time, by Writing under their Hands and Seals, to transfer such Securities to any Person or Persons whomsoever, by Indorsement on such Security, or any Writing to be annexed thereto, in the Form or to the Effect following; (that is to say),

Form of Assignment.

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

And all Mortgages and Assignments which shall be made in pursuance of this Act, and Memorials of all Transfers thereof, shall be good, valid, and effectual in Law, and shall be entered in a Book to be kept for that Purpose by the Clerk or Clerks to the said Commissioners, which Memorials shall specify and contain the Dates, Names of the Parties, and the Sums of Money thereby secured, to which Book any Persons interested shall at all seasonable Times have Access, and shall have free Liberty to inspect the same; and for the Entry of every such Transfer the said Clerk or Clerks to the said Commissioners shall be paid by the Person to whom the same shall be made the Sum of Ten Shillings and no more; and after such Entry made of any Transfer, every such Transfer so entered shall entitle the Person to whom the same shall be made, and his, her, and their respective Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, to the Benefit of the Security thereby transferred.

Interest to be paid every Year.

XI. And be it further enacted, That the respective Treasurers for the Time being, for the said Parts or Divisions of *Lindsey, Kesteven, and Holland*, shall and they are hereby required in every Year, until the Whole of the Principal Sums herein-before authorized to be borrowed and taken up as aforesaid shall be fully repaid, with Interest for the same, with and out of the Monies arising from the County Stock of the said Parts or Divisions, to pay and discharge such Interest when and as the same shall from Time to Time become due and payable.

Money to be fully paid and discharged within Fourteen Years from the passing of this Act.

XII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That the Justices of the Peace for the said Three several Parts or Divisions, in their respective Quarter Sessions, shall and they are hereby required to make Provisions by means of the Rates of the said Three Parts or Divisions respectively, and by their Orders and Directions, which they are hereby authorized to give in such Manner that the whole Money to be borrowed under the Authority of this Act shall be fully paid and discharged within a Time to be limited, not exceeding Fourteen Years from the Time of the passing of this Act.

XIII. And

XIII. And be it further enacted, That the said Commissioners, or the Commissioners for the Time being (in case any other Person or Persons shall then have been appointed to fill up any Vacancy that may have arisen by the Death or Cession of any of the said Commissioners), shall and they are hereby required, as soon as the said intended County Hall, with the Offices, Buildings, and Appurtenances, shall be erected and completed, and the same shall have been fitted up and put into a proper State for the transacting of the public Business of the said County of *Lincoln* as aforesaid, report the same, together with all Proceedings had thereon, and all Expences which have been incurred or Monies paid or due in respect thereof, to the Chancellor of the Duchy of *Lancaster* for the Time being, and to the Justices of the Peace for the said Three Parts or Divisions of the said County, to be assembled at their Annual General Meeting then next following, usually held in the Month of *September*, and in case such Meeting shall not be held, then at a General Meeting of the said Justices to be held at the next Assizes for the said County, together with a Schedule or Inventory of all Furniture provided by them or by their Order.

Commissioners to report their Proceedings.

XIV. And be it further enacted, That the said intended County Hall, and all and every the said Buildings, Offices, and Accommodations, with the Appurtenances, together with all Furniture therein so to be provided as aforesaid, and every Matter and Thing appertaining or in anywise relating thereunto, or to any of them, shall at all Times from and after the same shall have been so reported to be erected, furnished, and fitted up as aforesaid, be and the same is and are hereby declared to be vested in the Sheriff of the County of *Lincoln* for the Time being, the Custos Rotulorum, and the Justices of the Peace for the said Parts or Divisions of *Lindsey*, *Kesteven*, and *Holland*, or some of them, in the same Way and Manner as the present County Hall is now vested in them, subject to the said recited Lease and any future Lease to be thereof granted under the Seal of the said Duchy, and the Covenants therein contained, and be considered as and for the Common County Hall of and for the said County of *Lincoln*, and be used for the Purpose of holding the Assizes for the said County of *Lincoln*, and all Commissions of Oyer and Terminer to be held therein, and all other Courts and Meetings to be held for the public Administration of Justice, or for transacting the public Affairs and Business of the said County of *Lincoln*, in such and the same Manner as the same now are or heretofore have been held in the said County Hall; and also used and enjoyed for all such other public Uses and Purposes as the Sheriff of the County of *Lincoln* for the Time being, the Lord Lieutenant of the County of *Lincoln* for the Time being, or the Justices of the Peace for the said Three Parts or Divisions of the said County of *Lincoln*, or the major Part of them, at their several General Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the said Parts or Divisions respectively, shall from Time to Time direct, order, or appoint, with free Liberty for all Persons whom it shall or may concern, to act and officiate in, and to resort to and attend upon the said Assizes, Courts, and Meetings as they shall have occasion or think proper, and shall from Time to Time thereafter be repaired and kept in Repair in the same Way and Manner as the present County Hall and Castle are now repaired.

New County Hall, with the Offices and Appurtenances, vested in the Sheriff of the County of *Lincoln*, &c.

XV. And

Assizes may be held in the City of Lincoln, till the new County Hall is erected.

XV. And whereas it may be found expedient, until the said new County Hall, with the Offices, Buildings, and Appurtenances shall be so erected and completed as aforesaid, to hold the Assizes for the said County of *Lincoln*, and to transact other public Business of the said County, in some convenient Place or Places within the City of *Lincoln*; be it therefore enacted and declared, That in the meantime and until the said new County Hall, with the Offices and Accommodations to the same, shall be erected and completed as aforesaid, the Assizes in and for the said County of *Lincoln*, and any other public Business and Affairs of the said County, shall and lawfully may be held and transacted in any Place or Places whatsoever within the said City of *Lincoln*, although the same shall not be locally situate within the said County of *Lincoln*; and that it shall and may be lawful to and for His Majesty's Justices or Judges and Sheriff, and all other Persons having any Jurisdiction, to sit, execute, and discharge their several Functions, Commissions, Processes, Duties, and Services, in any Place or Places locally situate in or within the said City of *Lincoln*, in the same Manner and with the like Powers or Authorities, as well for compelling the Attendance and Appearance of Jurors and all other necessary Parties before them as in all other respects, as can or may or otherwise might be used and done at or in any Place within the said County of *Lincoln*; and that for removing all Doubts and Difficulties which might otherwise arise as to the Right or Jurisdiction to hold the Assizes, or to transact any other public Business of the said County, at, in, or within the said City of *Lincoln*, all and every the Processes, Examinations, Trials, Adjudications, Judgments, Executions, Records, Orders, Warrants, Commitments, and other Proceedings made, done, and executed at, in, or within the said City of *Lincoln*, and all the Acts of any Sheriff, Constable, or other Officer in Obedience thereto, shall be as binding, valid, legal, and effectual, and shall be deemed and considered and are hereby declared to be as binding, valid, legal, and effectual to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever, as if the same had been done at any Place within the County, and not within the said City of *Lincoln*, any Law, Statute, Charter, or Usage to the contrary thereof in anywise notwithstanding.

Justices of certain Parts empowered to purchase the Fee of the Castle and Castle Yard of Lincoln.

XVI. And whereas it may be found expedient to purchase the Fee Simple and Inheritance of the Castle of *Lincoln*, and the Castle Yard wherein the said new County Hall is intended to be built; be it therefore enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for the Justices of the Peace for the said Parts or Divisions of *Lindsey, Kesteven, and Holland*, and they are hereby fully authorized and empowered, at any Time or Times hereafter whenever it may be found expedient, to purchase and take a Conveyance from His Majesty in right of His Duchy of *Lancaster*, under the Seal of His said Duchy, of the Fee Simple and Inheritance of the said Castle of *Lincoln* and the said Castle Yard, with the Buildings thereon, and all the Appurtenances to the same belonging, for the Use and Benefit of the said Three Parts or Divisions of the said County of *Lincoln*, and for the Uses and Purposes for which the same are now applicable; and that the Amount of the Purchase Money for the same, and all the Costs and Charges attending the making and completing of the said Purchase, shall be levied, raised, and defrayed by and within the said Three Parts or Divisions of the said County, in the Proportions aforesaid out of the

general Rates or Stock of the said several Parts or Divisions of the said County.

XVII. And be it further enacted, That the said Commissioners for the Time being may sue and be sued for or in respect of any Claim, Contract, or other Matter or Thing made or done by them or any of them, under the Authority of this Act, in any Court or Courts of Law or Equity, in the Name or Names of any one or more of them, or in the Name or Names of their Clerk or Clerks for the Time being, and no Action or Suit to be brought or commenced by or against the said Commissioners or any of them, by virtue of this Act, in the Name or Names of any one or more of them, or in the Name or Names of the said Clerk or Clerks for the Time being, shall abate or be discontinued by the Death or Removal of such Commissioner or Commissioners, Clerk or Clerks, or by any Act of the said Commissioner or Commissioners, or Clerk or Clerks for the Time being, done without the Consent of the said Commissioners for the Time being; but that such Commissioner or Commissioners, or Clerk or Clerks for the Time being shall always be deemed the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs, Defendant or Defendants, in such Action or Suit nominally, but to be carried on and defended under the Direction of the Commissioners under this Act, and the Expences to be by them ordered to be defrayed in like Manner as the other Charges under this Act; and the said County Hall, Buildings, Offices, Furniture, and Appurtenances, and all Furniture, Articles, Matters, and Things therein or thereunto belonging, shall, until the Report herein-before directed to be made shall be made in any Action or Indictment, be laid and alledged, and described to be the Property of the said Commissioners for the Time being, and under the Style and Description of "The Commissioners for erecting the County Hall in and for the County of *Lincoln*," and from and after the said Report shall be made as aforesaid, the same shall be described to be the Property of the Justices of the said Three Parts or Divisions of *Lindsey, Kesteven, and Holland*: Provided always, that every such Commissioner or Commissioners, or Clerk or Clerks in whose Name or Names any such Action or Suit shall be brought as aforesaid, shall be reimbursed and paid, out of the Monies to be raised by virtue of this Act, all such Costs, Charges, and Expences as he or they shall be put unto or become chargeable with by reason of his or their being made a Plaintiff or Plaintiffs, Defendant or Defendants as aforesaid.

Commissioners may sue and be sued in the Name of One of them or their Clerk.

XVIII. Provided also, and be it further enacted, That in all and every Action or Actions, Suit or Suits, Indictment or Indictments to be brought and commenced as aforesaid, no Person or Persons whomsoever shall be deemed incompetent to give Evidence by reason of his, her, or their paying or contributing towards the Public Stock of the several Parts or Divisions of the said County or any of them, or by reason of his, her, or their being charged with or liable to pay any of the County Rates of the said Parts or Divisions, or any of them.

Persons good Witnesses though they pay County Rates.

XIX. And be it further enacted, That no Action or Suit shall be commenced against any Person or Persons for any thing done in pursuance or by virtue or under colour of this Act, after Four Calendar Months next after the Fact committed or Cause of Action accrued, for which such Action or Suit shall be so brought, nor unless Twenty-one Days Notice in

Limitation of Actions.

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Writing

Writing shall be given to the Defendant or Defendants before such Action shall be commenced, of the Intention to bring such Action, and specifying the Cause thereof, and the Defendant or Defendants may plead any Tender of sufficient Amends, or pay Money into Court; and the Defendant or Defendants in any such Action or Suit may plead the General Issue, and give this Act and the special Matter in Evidence at any Trial to be had thereupon.

Public Act.

XX. And be it further enacted, That this Act shall be deemed and taken to be a Public Act, and shall be judicially taken Notice of as such, by all Judges, Justices, and others, without being specially pleaded.

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