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## Cap. lxxii.

An Act for lighting, watching, paving, cleansing, and improving the Streets, Highways, and Places within the Borough, Town, and Parish of *Newbury*, and the Tithing or Hamlet of *Speenhamland*, in the Parish of *Speen*, in the County of *Berks*.

[20th May 1825.]

**W**HEREAS the Borough and Town of *Newbury* in the County of *Berks* is populous, and a Place of Trade, and is also a great Thoroughfare for Travellers: And whereas the Tithing or Hamlet of *Speenhamland* in the Parish of *Speen* in the said County of *Berks*, which immediately adjoins the said Borough and Town of *Newbury*, is also populous, and being situated on the High Road from *London* to *Bath* and *Bristol*, is also a great Thoroughfare for Travellers; and several of the Highways, Markets, Streets, Lanes, Ways, public Passages, and Places within the said Borough and Town, and the said Tithing or Hamlet respectively, are not properly paved, repaired, cleansed, lighted, and watched, and are subject to various Nuisances, Annoyances, Encroachments, and Obstructions; and it would tend to the Protection and Preservation of the Lives and Property of the Inhabitants of the said Borough and Town, and the said Tithing or Hamlet, and to all Persons resorting to and travelling through the same, if the said Highways, Markets, Streets, Lanes, Ways, Passages, and Places were properly paved, repaired, drained, lighted, and watched, and the Nuisances and Annoyances, Obstructions and Encroachments therein were removed and prevented: And whereas

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the Building comprising the present Town Hall, a Messuage or Tenement now used as a public Victualling House, and the Borough Gaol, is an ancient Building, and very ruinous and gone to decay; and the same as well as the Butchers Market underneath the said Town Hall are inconveniently situated, and not properly constructed for the Purposes of public Business: And whereas the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the said Borough and Town of *Newbury* are Owners and Proprietors of the said Town Hall, public Victualling House, Gaol and Market, and the Ground whereon the same stands: And whereas the Building of a new Town Hall and Butchers Market, with proper Buildings and Accommodations, and also a new Gaol and House of Correction, on the same or on some other convenient Spot or Spots of Ground within the said Borough and Town, will be a great Convenience to the said Borough and Town, and of great public Utility; but as 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 the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses for the Time being of the said Borough and Town of *Newbury*, and all and every other Person and Persons who now is or are, or shall or may at any Time hereafter be or become the Owner or Owners of any Messuage or Messuages, Dwelling House or Dwelling Houses, Warehouse or Warehouses, or Building or Buildings, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, within the said Borough and Town, amounting in the whole to the yearly Value of Fifty Pounds or upwards, and all and every other Person or Persons, not being an Innkeeper, Victualler, or Alehouse Keeper, Innkeepers, Victuallers, or Alehouse Keepers, and being Tenant or Tenants, Occupier or Occupiers of the like Property as aforesaid, or of any of the Descriptions thereof, situate within the said Borough and Town, amounting in the whole to the yearly Value of Thirty Pounds or upwards, and all and every Person and Persons, except as aforesaid, residing within the said Borough and Town, and being possessed of Property, Real or Personal, to the Amount or Value of One thousand Pounds over and above the Amount of his Debts, shall be and they are hereby constituted, appointed, and declared to be Commissioners for putting and carrying the several Powers and Purposes of this Act into Execution, so far as the same relate to the said Borough and Town of *Newbury*; and that the Lord of the Manor for the Time being of the said Tithing or Hamlet of *Speenhamland*, and the Vicar of the Parish of *Speen* aforesaid, and *George Botham, William Brown, Charles Bull, Thomas Crofts the younger, Thomas Chittle, Abner Clarkson, Robert Costar, John Dale, James Duck, Gabriel Dando, Thomas Darling, John Dean, William Elliott, George Goddard, Richard Garrett, Edmund Estcourt Wilkins Gale, Benjamin Hawkins, Benjamin Hawkins the younger, Charles Hatton, John Hall, John Holloway, William Jaques, John Neale, John Padbury, Frederick Page, Henry Seymour, Charles Steward, William Sparrowell, William Stratton*, and also all and every other Person and Persons who now is or are, or shall or may at any Time hereafter be or become the Owner or Owners of any Messuage or Messuages, Dwelling House or Dwelling Houses, Warehouse or Warehouses, or Building or Buildings, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, within the said Tithing or Hamlet, amounting in the whole to the yearly Value of Thirty Pounds or up-

wards, and all and every other Person or Persons, not being an Innkeeper, Victualler, or Alehouse Keeper, Innkeepers, Victuallers, or Alehouse Keepers, (except any of the Persons before specifically mentioned), and being Tenant or Tenants, Occupier or Occupiers of the like Property as aforesaid, or of any of the Descriptions thereof, situate within the said Tithing or Hamlet, amounting in the whole to the yearly Value of Twenty Pounds or upwards, and all and every Person and Persons (except as aforesaid) residing within the said Tithing or Hamlet, and being possessed of Property, Real or Personal, to the Amount or Value of Five hundred Pounds over and above the Amount of his Debts, shall be and they are hereby constituted, appointed, and declared to be Commissioners for putting and carrying the several Powers and Purposes of this Act into Execution, so far as the same relates to the said Tithing or Hamlet of *Speenhamland*.

II. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That no Person except the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the said Borough and Town for the Time being, and the Lord of the Manor of *Speenhamland*, and the Vicar of *Speen* for the Time being, shall be capable of acting as a Commissioner in the Execution of this Act, except in administering the Oaths or Affirmations herein-after mentioned, until he shall have taken and subscribed, before any Two or more of the Persons qualified as aforesaid, present at any Meeting to be held by virtue of this Act, (and who are hereby authorized and required to administer the same to each other) One of the Two next following Oaths or Affirmations, as his Case may require; and neither the said Mayor, Aldermen, or Burgesses for the Time being, nor any other Person, shall be capable of acting as a Commissioner in the Execution of this Act, except for the Purposes herein-before mentioned, until he shall have taken and subscribed in like Manner the Third Oath or Affirmation herein-after set forth.

Commissioners to be sworn.

First Oath :

I *A. B.* do swear [or being one of the People called Quakers, do solemnly affirm and declare], That I am really and *bonâ fide* Owner of a Messuage or Messuages, Dwelling House or Dwelling Houses, Warehouse or Warehouses, or other Building or Buildings, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, situate within the Borough and Town of *Newbury* in the County of *Berks*, [or in the Tithing or Hamlet of *Speenhamland* in the County of *Berks*, as the Case may be] amounting in the whole to the yearly Value of Fifty Pounds or upwards, [or of Thirty Pounds or upwards, as the Case may be] over and above Reprizes. So help me GOD.

Second Oath :

I *A. B.* do swear [or being one of the People called Quakers, do solemnly affirm and declare], That I am Tenant or Occupier of a Messuage or Messuages, Dwelling House or Dwelling Houses, Warehouse or Warehouses, or other Building or Buildings, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, situate within the Borough and Town of *Newbury* in the County of *Berks*, [or the Tithing or Hamlet of *Speenhamland*, in the County of *Berks*, as the Case may be] amounting in the whole to the annual Value of Thirty Pounds or upwards, [or Twenty Pounds

‘ Pounds or upwards, *as the Case may be*] [*or* possessed of an Estate, Real  
 ‘ or Personal, of the Amount or Value of One thousand Pounds, [*or*  
 ‘ Five hundred Pounds, *as the Case may be*, over and above the Amount  
 ‘ of my Debts.] So help me GOD.’

## Third Oath :

‘ I *A. B.* do swear [*or being one of the People called Quakers*, do solemnly  
 ‘ declare and affirm], That I will truly and impartially, according to  
 ‘ the best of my Skill and Judgment, execute and perform all and every  
 ‘ the Powers and Authorities reposed in me by virtue of an Act passed  
 ‘ in the Sixth Year of the Reign of His Majesty King *George* the Fourth,  
 ‘ [*here insert the Title of this Act.*] So help me GOD.’

Penalty on  
 Persons not  
 qualified  
 acting.

III. And be it further enacted, That no Person shall act as a Com-  
 missioner in the Execution of this Act (except in administering the Oaths  
 or Affirmations herein-before mentioned, and except at the First Meeting  
 to be holden under this Act) on the same Day on which he shall himself  
 have taken and subscribed such Oaths or Affirmations, or not having  
 taken and subscribed the Oaths aforesaid, or being a Quaker, made and  
 subscribed the Affirmation aforesaid, or during the Time he shall hold or  
 enjoy any Office or Place of Trust or Profit under this Act, or be con-  
 cerned or interested in any Contract made by virtue or in pursuance of  
 this Act, or in any Matter wherein he shall be in anywise personally or  
 beneficially interested (except as a Creditor on the Rates, Assessments, or  
 Monies herein directed to be made, levied, recovered, and received); and if  
 any Person not named in or appointed a Commissioner by this Act, or  
 not being otherwise duly qualified, and not disqualified, or during the  
 Time he shall keep a Victualling House or other House of public Enter-  
 tainment, or who shall sell Wine, Ale, Beer, Cyder, spirituous or other  
 strong Liquors by retail, shall act in the Execution of this Act, every such  
 Person shall, for every such Offence, forfeit and pay the Sum of Twenty  
 Pounds, together with full Costs of Suit, 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, Bill, Complaint, or Information,  
 wherein no Essoign, Protection, Wager of Law, or more than One Impar-  
 lance shall be allowed; and every Person so sued or prosecuted shall  
 prove that he is qualified as aforesaid, or otherwise shall pay the said  
 Penalty, without any other Proof or Evidence being given on the Part of  
 the Plaintiff or Prosecutor than that such Person hath acted as a Com-  
 missioner in the Execution of this Act: Provided always, that all Acts  
 and Proceedings of any Person or Persons acting as a Commissioner in the  
 Execution of this Act, though not duly qualified as aforesaid, previous to  
 his or their being convicted of the said Offence, shall notwithstanding  
 such Conviction be as good, valid, and effectual, as if such Person or  
 Persons had been duly qualified to act as a Commissioner or Commis-  
 sioners according to the Directions of this Act.

Meetings of  
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 ers without  
 Notice.

IV. And be it further enacted, That the said Commissioners for the  
 said Borough and Town of *Newbury* shall meet and assemble at the Town  
 Hall in *Newbury*, and the said Commissioners for the said Tithing or  
 Hamlet of *Speenhamland* shall meet at the *George and Pelican Inn* in *Speen-*  
*hamland*, upon the Third *Tuesday* next after the passing of this Act,  
 between the Hours of Ten and Twelve of the Clock in the Forenoon, in  
 order

order to put this Act into Execution, and shall afterwards meet in the same Place respectively, or at such other Place within the said Borough and Town, or Tithing or Hamlet respectively, as the said Commissioners respectively shall from Time to Time direct and appoint, and between the Hours aforesaid, on the First *Tuesday* in every Month, for the Purpose of carrying this Act into Execution, without any Notice being given to the said Commissioners of such Meeting; and at all their several Meetings the said Commissioners shall pay and defray their own Expences, except any Sum not exceeding Ten Shillings a Day for the Use of the Room wherein they shall meet for the Purposes of this Act.

V. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Commissioners respectively, or any Two or more of them, to adjourn for any longer or shorter Space of Time than the First *Tuesday* in the next Month immediately subsequent to the last Meeting, or to any other Place or Places than the said Town Hall and *George and Pelican Inn* aforesaid, but that in every such Case Notice of such Adjournments respectively, in writing or printed, signed by the respective Clerks to the said Commissioners, or any Two of the said Commissioners respectively, shall be given by affixing such Notice on the outer Door of the respective Churches of *Newbury* and *Speen* aforesaid, Ten Days at least before every such Meeting.

Commissioners may adjourn.

VI. And be it further enacted, That if it shall at any Time or Times be thought necessary that a Meeting of the Commissioners for their respective Jurisdictions should be holden on an earlier Day than the First *Tuesday* in the Month immediately subsequent to the last Meeting, or after any Adjournment, on an earlier Day than the Day to which such Meeting shall have been adjourned, then and in every such Case any Two of the said Commissioners respectively, or the Clerk to the said Commissioners respectively (on an Order signed by Three or more of the said Commissioners respectively, mentioning the Time, Place, and Purpose of such earlier Meeting, being given to him, or left at his last or usual Place of Abode), shall forthwith give Notice of the Meeting to be holden on such earlier Day in Manner before directed, and of the Time, Place, and Purpose which shall be mentioned in such Notice (such Time not being less than Three Days after such Notice); and all Proceedings of the said Commissioners respectively at such earlier Meeting shall be as good and valid as they would have been in case such Commissioners had met on the First *Tuesday* in the Month immediately subsequent to the last Meeting, or in pursuance of any Adjournment.

Meetings on Emergencies.

VII. And be it further enacted, That no Act of the said Commissioners for their respective Jurisdictions, shall be or deemed to be good and valid, unless made and done at a Meeting to be holden as aforesaid by virtue of this Act (except as may be herein excepted); and all the Powers and Authorities by this Act granted to or vested in the said Commissioners respectively shall from Time to Time be exercised by the major Part of them present at any public Meeting, the Number present at such Meeting not being less than Five for the said Borough and Town of *Newbury*, and not being less than Three for the said Tithing or Hamlet of *Speenhamland* (except in such Cases where by this Act a greater Number

No Act valid unless at a Meeting.

Chairman to  
be appointed  
at such Meet-  
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is required); and all the Orders and Proceedings of the major Part of such Commissioners respectively present at such Meeting shall have the same Force and Effect as if the same were made or done by all the Commissioners respectively for the Time being; and at every such Meeting One of the said Commissioners, to be appointed by a Majority of the Commissioners present, shall be Chairman, and shall, besides his own Vote, have a casting Vote in case of an Equality of Votes.

Proceedings  
to be entered.

VIII. And be it further enacted, That a proper Books or Books shall be provided and kept, in which fair and regular Entries shall be made of all Acts, Orders, and Proceedings relative to the Execution of this Act, and the Names of the Commissioners for their respective Jurisdictions who shall be present at the respective Meetings to be holden in pursuance of this Act; and such Entries, being signed by the Chairman of each respective Meeting, shall be deemed Originals, and shall be allowed to be read in Evidence in all Courts whatsoever, in all Cases, Prosecutions, Suits, and Actions touching or concerning any thing done in pursuance of this Act; and such Book and Books shall at all the Meetings of the said Commissioners respectively be open and liable to their Inspection, and to the Inspection of all Persons affected by this Act, without Fee or Reward.

No Order to  
be revoked.

IX. And be it further enacted, That no Order made by the said Commissioners for their respective Jurisdictions shall be revoked or altered at any subsequent Meeting, unless at some Meeting to be held for that express Purpose, of which Seven Days Notice of the Intention of such Meeting shall be given by the respective Clerks to the said Commissioners, by fixing the same Notice upon the outer Door of the respective Places of Meeting aforesaid; and any new Work, or Alteration of or Addition to any former Work, where the same shall be estimated to cost the Sum of One hundred Pounds, shall not be adopted, or any Order made in respect thereof at any Meeting within the respective Jurisdictions of the said Commissioners, unless Notice shall have been given and entered in the Book containing the Acts, Orders, and Proceedings of the said Commissioners respectively at the last preceding Meeting of the said Commissioners.

Annual  
Meetings.

X. And be it further enacted, That at a Meeting of the said Commissioners for their respective Jurisdictions, which shall be held on the Third *Tuesday* in *June* yearly, at the respective Places herein-before mentioned, or to be appointed as aforesaid, the Accounts of all Monies received and paid from Time to Time by virtue or in Execution of this Act, by any Person or Persons whomsoever, shall be produced and stated to the said Commissioners respectively.

Commission-  
ers not to  
act where  
interested.

XI. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for such of the said Commissioners as are Justices of the Peace to act as such Justices in the Execution of this Act, notwithstanding their being Commissioners, except only in Cases where they shall be personally interested.

Officers to be  
appointed.

XII. And be it further enacted, That the said Commissioners for their respective Jurisdictions shall and may from Time to Time, whenever they shall think necessary, by Writing under their Hands, appoint and employ  
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a Treasurer or Treasurers, Clerk or Clerks, Assessor or Assessors, Collector or Collectors, Receiver or Receivers of the Rates, Assessments, and Monies herein mentioned, and also a Surveyor or Surveyors, and such other Officer and Officers, Person and Persons, for the Execution of this Act, as they the said Commissioners respectively shall think proper; and the said Commissioners shall and may from Time to Time remove them, or any of them, and in like Manner appoint others in the Room of those removed, and out of the Monies to be raised by virtue of this Act pay such Salaries, Wages, or Allowances to the said Officers and other Persons as they the said Commissioners respectively shall think reasonable; and the said Commissioners respectively shall, and they are hereby required to take such Security from every such Treasurer, Collector, and other Officers as they the said Commissioners respectively shall think reasonable; and all such Officers so to be appointed shall, under their Hands, at such Time and Times and in such Manner as the said Commissioners respectively shall direct, deliver to the said Commissioners, or to such Person or Persons as they shall appoint, true and perfect Accounts in Writing of all Matters and Things committed to their Charge, and of all Monies which shall have been received by such Officers and Persons respectively by virtue of this Act, and how much thereof hath been paid and disbursed, and for what Purposes, together with the Vouchers for such Payments, and shall pay all such Money as shall remain due from them respectively to the said Commissioners respectively, or to such Person or Persons as they shall appoint; and if any such Officer or Person shall refuse or wilfully neglect to make and render any such Accounts, or to produce or deliver up the Vouchers relating to the same, or to make Payment as aforesaid, or shall refuse or neglect to deliver to the said Commissioners respectively, or to such Person or Persons as they shall appoint, within Ten Days after being thereunto required by the said Commissioners respectively, by Notice in Writing to be given to or left at the last or usual Place of Abode of such Officer or Person, all Books, Papers, and Writings in his Custody or Power relating to the Execution of this Act, and to give Information and Satisfaction to the said Commissioners respectively respecting the same, then and in every such Case, upon Complaint made by the said Commissioners respectively, or any Two or more of them, or by any Person or Persons whom they shall appoint for that Purpose, of any Neglect or Refusal as aforesaid, to any Justice of the Peace for the County, City, Town Corporate, or Place, such Justice may and he is hereby authorized and required, by Warrant under his Hand and Seal, to cause the Officer or Person refusing or neglecting to be brought before him, and upon his appearing, or having been summoned and not appearing, or not being to be found, to hear and determine the Matter in a summary Way; and if upon the Confession of the Party, or by the Testimony of any credible Witness or Witnesses upon Oath or Affirmation (which Oath or Affirmation such Justice is empowered to administer), it shall appear to such Justice that any of the Money which shall have been collected or raised by virtue of this Act shall be in the Hands of such Officer or Person, such Justice may and he is hereby authorized and required, upon Nonpayment thereof, by Warrant under his Hand and Seal, to cause such Money to be levied by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of such Officer and Person; and if no Goods or Chattels of such Officer or Person can be found sufficient to answer and satisfy the said Money, and the Charges of distraining and selling

selling the same, or if it shall appear to such Justice that such Officer or Person shall have refused or wilfully neglected to render or give such Account, or to produce the Vouchers relating thereto, or that any Books, Papers, or Writings relative to the Execution of this Act shall be in the Custody or Power of such Officer or Person, and he shall have refused or wilfully neglected to deliver up or give Satisfaction respecting the same as aforesaid, then and in any of the Cases aforesaid such Justices shall commit such Offender to the Common Gaol or House of Correction for the County, Town, or Place wherein the Offence shall be committed, there to remain without Bail or Mainprize until he shall have made and given a true and perfect Account and Payment as aforesaid, or until he shall compound with the Commissioners respectively for such Money, and shall have paid such Composition in such Manner as they shall appoint (which Composition the said Commissioners respectively are hereby empowered to make and receive), and until he shall have delivered up such Books, Papers, and Writings as aforesaid, or have given Satisfaction in respect thereof to the said Commissioners respectively; provided, that no Person who shall be committed by virtue of this Act on account of his not having sufficient Goods or Chattels, shall be detained in Prison for any longer Term than Twelve Calendar Months; provided also, that if any Money shall remain due from such Officer or Person, Officers or Persons, the Commitment of him or them to Prison shall not be deemed a Discharge for the same, nor exonerate his or their Surety or Sureties, but such Officer or Person, Officers or Persons, and his and their Surety or Sureties, shall remain liable to the Payment thereof in the same Manner as if such Officer or Person had not been committed to Prison.

Treasurer  
and Clerk  
not to be the  
same Person.

XIII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That it shall not be lawful for the said Commissioners for their respective Jurisdictions to appoint the Person who may be appointed their Clerk in the Execution of this Act, or the Partner of any such Clerk, or the Clerk or other Person in the Service or Employ of any such Clerk, or of his Partner, the Treasurer for the Purposes of this Act, or to appoint any Person who may be appointed Treasurer, or the Partner of any such Treasurer, or the Clerk or other Person in the Service or Employ of any such Treasurer, or of his Partner, the Clerk to the said Commissioners respectively; and if any Person shall accept both the Offices of Clerk and Treasurer for the Purposes of this Act, or if any Person being the Partner of any such Clerk, or the Clerk or other Person in the Service or Employ of any such Clerk, or of his Partner, shall accept the Office of Treasurer, or being the Partner of any such Treasurer, or the Clerk or other Person in the Service or Employ of any such Treasurer, or the Clerk or other Person in the Service or Employ of the Partner of such Treasurer, shall accept the Office of Clerk in the Execution of this Act, or if any Treasurer shall hold any Place of Profit or Trust under the said Commissioners other than that of Treasurer, every such Person so offending shall for every such Offence forfeit and pay the Sum of One hundred Pounds to any Person or Persons who shall sue for the same, to be recovered, with full Costs of Suit, 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 Imparlance, shall be allowed.

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XIV. And be it further enacted, That if any Clerk, Treasurer, Surveyor, or Collector, or other Officer employed by the said Commissioners for their respective Jurisdictions, for the Purposes of this Act, shall exact, demand, take, or accept any Fee, Emolument, or Reward whatsoever (other than such Salary or Allowance as shall be appointed and allowed by the said Commissioners respectively) for and on account of any thing done by virtue of this Act, or for forbearing to do any thing ordered or directed by the said Commissioners respectively, or on any other Account whatsoever relative to his Employment or Duty, or shall be concerned or interested in any Bargain or Contract made by the said Commissioners respectively for the Purposes of this Act, every such Person so offending shall be incapable of afterwards serving or being employed under the said Commissioners respectively, and shall forfeit and pay the Sum of Twenty Pounds for every such Offence to any Person or Persons who shall sue for the same, together with full Costs of Suit, by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint, or Information in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster*, within Six Calendar Months after the Offence committed, in which Suit or Prosecution no Essoign, Protection, or Wager of Law, nor more than One Imparance, shall be allowed.

Penalty on Officers taking Fees, or being concerned in Contracts.

XV. And be it further enacted, That the said Commissioners respectively shall and they are hereby required from Time to Time to order and direct a Book or Books to be provided and kept by their Clerk for the Time being, in which Book or Books such Clerk shall enter or cause to be entered true and regular Accounts of all Sums of Money received, paid, laid out, and expended for or on account of the Purposes of this Act, and of the several Articles, Matters, and Things for which such Sums of Money shall have been disbursed and paid; and such Book or Books shall at all seasonable Times be open to the Inspection of the said Commissioners, and every Creditor of the Rates hereby authorized to be made, and of every Person paying any Rate or Assessment hereby authorized, or otherwise affected thereby, without Fee or Reward; and the said Commissioners, Creditors, and other Persons aforesaid, or any of them, shall or may take Copies of or Extracts from the said Book or Books, or any Part or Parts thereof, without paying any thing for the same; and in case the said Clerk shall refuse to permit, or shall not permit the said Commissioners, Creditors, or Persons aforesaid, to inspect the same, and to take Copies or Extracts as aforesaid, such Clerk shall forfeit and pay any Sum of Money not exceeding Five Pounds for each Default, to be levied, recovered, and applied in manner herein-after provided.

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

XVI. And be it further enacted, That the said Commissioners for their respective Jurisdictions shall and they are hereby empowered from Time to Time, when and as often as they shall think it expedient, to appoint such Number of able-bodied Men as they shall judge proper to be employed as Watchmen and as Patrolmen within the said Borough and Town, and Tithing or Hamlet respectively, for the Security thereof, and for preserving good Order therein, under such Regulations and subject to such Orders as the said Commissioners respectively shall make and give from Time to Time in that Behalf; and to provide Watch Houses, Watch Boxes, or Places for the Reception of such Watchmen and Patrolmen, and for the safe Custody of such Persons as may be apprehended.

Commissioners to appoint Watchmen.

hended by such Watchmen or Patrolmen while on Duty; and to pay such Watchmen and Patrolmen while on Duty reasonable Wages or Allowances; and such Watchmen and Patrolmen from Time to Time to remove and displace, and also to appoint One or more fit Person or Persons in the Stead of any Watchman or Watchmen, Patrolman or Patrolmen, who shall die, or who shall be discharged from his or their Office by the said Commissioners respectively; and also to impose from Time to Time any Fine not exceeding Forty Shillings on any Watchman or Watchmen, Patrolman or Patrolmen, for every Neglect or Misbehaviour (such Fine to be deducted out of the Wages of such Watchman or Watchmen, Patrolman or Patrolmen, if the Amount of such Wages so due are sufficient to answer or pay such Fine, and if such Wages so due are not sufficient to pay such Fine, the Deficiency to be levied in the same Manner as any Penalty or Fine is by this Act directed to be recovered), and from Time to Time to make such Orders and Regulations as they the said Commissioners respectively shall deem expedient for the better Government of the Watchmen or Patrolmen to be so appointed, and to repeal such Orders and Regulations or any of them, and to substitute others.

Watchmen  
and Patrol-  
men may ap-  
prehend  
Persons.

XVII. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for such Watchmen or Patrolmen, or any of them, and they are hereby empowered and required, to apprehend and secure in some proper Place or Places of Security, to be for that Purpose appointed within the said Borough and Town, and Tithing or Hamlet respectively, all Felons, Malefactors, Rogues, Vagabonds, Beggars, idle and disorderly Persons, Disturbers of the public Peace, Night Walkers, Prostitutes, and all suspected Persons who shall be found wandering or misbehaving themselves within the said Borough and Town and Tithing or Hamlet respectively, and to conduct all such Persons, as soon as conveniently may be, before some Justice of the Peace for the County, Town, or Place wherein such Offence shall be committed, to be examined and dealt with according to Law.

Punishing  
Watchmen  
guilty of  
Misconduct.

XVIII. And be it further enacted, That in case any Watchman or Patrolman, to be appointed by virtue of this Act, shall be guilty of any Neglect or Misconduct in the Execution of his Duty, it shall be lawful for any Justice or Justices of the Peace, within his or their respective Jurisdictions, upon Complaint against any such Watchman or Patrolman of any such Neglect or Misconduct, to commit any such Watchman or Patrolman to His Majesty's Gaol for the County, Town, or Place, for any Time not exceeding Three Calendar Months.

Penalty on  
Vicuallers  
harbouring  
Watchmen.

XIX. And be it further enacted, That if any Victualler, or Keeper of any Inn or Public House, or other Person, shall knowingly harbour or entertain, or suffer to remain in his or her Inn or Public House, or any Building or Outhouse attached thereto or occupied therewith, any such Watchman or Watchmen, Patrolman or Patrolmen as aforesaid, during any Part of the Time appointed for his or their being on Duty, every such Victualler or Keeper or other Person shall, on Conviction, forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Five Pounds.

Power to  
reward  
disabled  
Watchmen.

XX. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Commissioners for their respective Jurisdictions, to give such Rewards in Money

Money to the Watchmen and Patrolmen respectively to be appointed, as aforesaid, who may be disabled or wounded in the Execution of their Office, as they the said Commissioners respectively shall think reasonable, such Money to be paid out of the Monies to be raised by virtue of this Act.

XXI. And be it further enacted, That if any Person shall obstruct or assault any Watchman or Patrolman, to be employed or appointed by virtue hereof, in the Execution of his Duty, every Person so offending, upon being thereof convicted before One or more Justices of the Peace for the County, Town, or Place, shall be liable to a Penalty, at the Discretion of the said Justice or Justices, not exceeding Ten Pounds; or such Justice or Justices may commit any such Person to the Gaol for the County, Town, or Place, for any Time not exceeding Three Calendar Months.

Protecting  
Watchmen  
or Patrols.

XXII. And be it further enacted, That all Watchmen, Patrolmen, and Sergeants of the Night, shall be sworn in as Constables before any Justice or Justices of the Peace of the County, Town, or Place, and act as such while in the Execution of the Powers and Authorities of this Act, and they are hereby invested with and shall have and enjoy the like Powers and Authorities, Privileges and Immunities, as any Constable or Constables is or are invested with, or have and enjoy by Law.

Watchmen,  
&c. vested  
with the  
Powers of  
Constables.

XXIII. And whereas it is expedient for the Safety of His Majesty's liege Subjects, that the King's Peace be constantly kept within the said Borough and Town, and Tithing or Hamlet respectively; be it therefore further enacted, That the Justices of the Peace acting for the County, Town, or Place, within his or their respective Jurisdictions, shall, as they shall see Occasion, at any Quarter or Petty Sessions to be holden in and for the said County, Town, or Place, upon Application being made to them by the said Commissioners respectively, or any Three or more of them, assembled at any Meeting for that Purpose, from Time to Time appoint a competent Number of able-bodied Men, as Assistant Constables of the said Borough and Town, and Tithing or Hamlet respectively, for keeping the Peace therein, and also for executing all such Warrants, Precepts, and Orders as the said Justices, or any of them, shall from Time to Time direct to the said Constables or Assistant Constables, or any of them, to be by them executed within the said Borough and Town, and Tithing or Hamlet respectively, together with a Superior or Superintendant of such Assistant Constables, such Superintendant Constable to receive such Allowance or Salary as the said Commissioners respectively assembled as aforesaid shall from Time to Time direct; all which Superintendant and Assistant Constables, when appointed, shall be sworn in as Constables before any Justice of the Peace of the said County, Town, or Place respectively, and shall when on Duty be invested with the like Privileges, Powers, and Authorities, and shall be subject to the like Duties, and entitled to the like Protection and Indemnity, and be subject to the like Punishment, Penalties, and Forfeitures, as Constables are or shall be from Time to Time by the Laws and Statutes of this Realm.

For more  
effectually  
preserving  
the King's  
Peace within  
the said  
Borough and  
Town;

XXIV. And be it further enacted, That the said Justices, when such Constables have been appointed as aforesaid, at their said Quarter or Petty

and for  
defraying  
the Charges  
thereof.

Petty Sessions, shall from Time to Time order and direct what Remuneration shall be made to such Constable or Constables respectively for his or their Services in the Execution of his or their said Duties; and also to order and direct any such Remuneration to be paid to such Constable or Constables out of the Monies raised or to be raised for the Purpose of lighting and watching the Markets, Streets, Squares, Ways, Lanes, and public Passages and Places within the said Borough and Town, and Tithing or Hamlet respectively, by virtue of this Act.

Duties of  
Constables.

XXV. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for such Superintendent and Assistant Constables, and they are hereby required to patrol the Streets, Highways, Lanes, Passages, and other public Places within the said Borough and Town, and Tithing or Hamlet respectively, on every *Sunday*, during such Hours as the said Commissioners respectively shall appoint, and to apprehend and secure in such Place or Places of Security as shall be appointed by such Commissioners respectively, all Vagrants, Rogues, Malefactors, and other disorderly Persons, who shall be found loitering or misbehaving themselves, or committing any Disorders or Offences in the said Borough and Town, and Tithing or Hamlet respectively, and to conduct all such Persons, as soon as conveniently may be, before some Justice of the Peace for the said County, Town, or Place respectively.

Rates to be  
made.

XXVI. And be it further enacted, That the said Commissioners for their respective Jurisdictions shall, and they are hereby authorized, empowered, and required, when and as often as they respectively shall think it necessary, to make One or more separate Rate or Rates, Assessment or Assessments, in every Year, to be signed by the said Commissioners respectively, or any Three or more of them, upon the Tenants or Occupiers of all Houses, Mills, Factories, Shops, Warehouses, Coach Houses, Stables, Cellars, Vaults or Buildings, Yards and Gardens attached thereto, and occupied respectively, and also upon the Tenants or Occupiers of Yards or Pieces of Ground used for the Purposes of Trade or Business in the said Borough and Town, and Tithing or Hamlet respectively, (save and except the Market House, Gaoler's House, Guildhall, Prisons, Sessions House, or the Poor or Workhouse for the Use of the Poor of the Borough of *Newbury* aforesaid, or any Houses, Buildings, or other Hereditaments used and occupied for the Purposes of any public Charity,) for the Purposes of defraying the Charges and Expences of lighting and watching the same, and carrying this Act into Execution in respect of the same; and also to make one or more other Rate or Rates, Assessment or Assessments; in every Year, to be signed by the said Commissioners respectively, or any Three or more of them, upon the Tenants or Occupiers of all Lands, Tenements, Tithes, Houses, Factories, Shops, Warehouses, Coach Houses, Yards, Gardens, Stables, Cellars, Vaults, Buildings, and Hereditaments in the said Borough and Town of *Newbury*, and Tithing or Hamlet of *Speenhamland* respectively (except as before is excepted), for the Purpose of defraying the Charges and Expences of paving, widening, amending, repairing, cleansing, watering, improving, extending, and regulating the said Markets, Streets, Squares, Ways, Lanes, Footways, public Passages and Places, and otherwise carrying this Act into Execution in respect thereof; and the Money or Monies so rated or assessed on the said Tenants or Occupiers, shall be paid by them respectively to the Col-

lector

lector or Collectors, or other Person or Persons appointed by the said Commissioners respectively to collect the same; and the said Rates, and the Monies arising therefrom, shall be and are hereby vested in the said Commissioners respectively.

XXVII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That all Lands within the said Borough, and Parish and Tithing or Hamlet respectively, which, at the Time of making any Rate or Assessment for the Purpose of defraying the Charges and Expences of paving, widening, amending, repairing, cleansing, watering, improving, extending, and regulating the said Markets, Streets, Squares, Ways, Lanes, Footways, public Passages, and Places as aforesaid, shall be used as Arable, Meadow, or Pasture Ground only, and all Orchards, Nurseries, Gardens, or other Grounds occupied by Gardeners seeking a Livelihood by the Occupation or Cultivation thereof, and all Barns, Yards, Stables, or other Buildings principally appropriated to the Purposes of Husbandry, and all Tithes, shall be charged and rated at One-half only of the full Rate or Assessment for the Time being directed to be made on Houses, Mills, Factories, Shops, and other Buildings as aforesaid.

Arable Land,  
&c. to be  
rated at One-  
half.

XXVIII. And be it further enacted, That if any Tenant or Occupier of any of the Premises aforesaid shall neglect or refuse to pay his or her Proportion or Proportions of any of the said Rates or Assessments respectively, to the said Collector or Collectors, or other Person or Persons, for the Space of Seven Days after Demand made thereof, the same shall be levied and recovered on all and every such Tenant or Tenants, Occupier or Occupiers, so neglecting or refusing, by Distress and Sale of his, her, or their Goods and Chattels, by Warrant under the Hand and Seal or Hands and Seals of any One or more Justice or Justices of the Peace acting for the County, Town, or Place within his or their respective Jurisdictions, such Defaulter having been first duly summoned by such Justice or Justices respectively, to appear before him or them at a Time and Place mentioned in such Summons, to shew Cause for such Neglect or Refusal; and the Overplus (if any) of the Monies to be raised by such Distress and Sale, shall be returned on Demand to the Owner or Owners of the Goods and Chattels so distrained and sold, together with what shall remain unsold, after deducting all Costs, Charges, and Expences previous to and attending such Distress and Sale, such Costs, Charges, and Expences to be ascertained and directed by the said Justice or Justices; and in default of such Distress, it shall be lawful for any such Justice or Justices respectively to commit such Person to the Gaol for the County, Town, or Place wherein the Offence shall be committed, there to remain without Bail or Mainprize for any Time not exceeding Three Calendar Months, unless Payment shall be sooner made of such Sum or Sums of Money as shall have been found to be due and in arrear upon all or any such Assessment or Assessments as aforesaid, together with all Costs, Charges, and Expences attending the Recovery thereof, such Costs, Charges, and Expences to be ascertained and directed by the said Justice or Justices.

Recovery of  
Rates.

XXIX. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That it shall not be lawful for the said Commissioners for their respective Jurisdictions to make any Rate or Rates, Assessment or Assessments, for the Purpose

Rate for  
lighting, &c.  
not to exceed  
2s. in the

Pound, nor  
for paving,  
&c. 2s. 6d. in  
the Pound.

of defraying the Charges and Expences of lighting and watching the Markets, Streets, Squares, Ways, Lanes, public Passages and Places within the said Borough and Town of *Newbury*, and Tithing or Hamlet of *Speenhamland* respectively, exceeding the Sum of Two Shillings in the Pound in any One Year; nor to make any Rate or Rates, Assessment or Assessments, for the Purpose of defraying the Charges and Expences of paving, widening, amending, repairing, cleansing, watering, improving, extending, and regulating the said Markets, Streets, Squares, Ways, Lanes, Footways, public Passages, and Places, and otherwise carrying this Act into Execution in respect thereof, exceeding the Sum of Two Shillings and Sixpence in the Pound in any One Year.

Power for  
Commissioners  
to amend  
Rates.

XXX. And be it further enacted, That if the said Commissioners for their respective Jurisdictions shall at any Time or Times neglect or omit to rate or assess any Person or Persons liable to pay or be charged with any Rate or Assessment to be made by virtue of this Act, or shall in any such Rate or Assessment overrate or underrate any Person or Persons liable to pay any such Rate or Assessment, then and in every such Case it shall be lawful for the said Commissioners respectively to rate and assess, in the said Rate or Assessment, such Person or Persons so omitted to be rated and assessed, and to lessen or raise the Rate or Rates, Assessment or Assessments of such Person or Persons so overrated or underrated, or otherwise to alter or amend such Rate or Rates, Assessment or Assessments, so as to make the same conformable to the true Intent and Meaning of this Act; and it shall be lawful for the said Commissioners respectively, and they are hereby empowered, to strike out the Name or Names of any Person or Persons not liable to the Payment of the Rates hereby directed to be made; and all such Additions to or Alterations or Amendments in such Rates or Assessments shall be as valid and effectual as if the same had been Part of the Rates or Assessments originally made, and shall not be held to vitiate the original Rate or Rates.

Houses under  
5l. a Year not  
to be assessed.

XXXI. And be it further enacted, That no Rate or Assessment whatsoever shall be made in pursuance of this Act, upon any Person or Persons, for or in respect only of his, her, or their being the Occupier or Occupiers of any Dwelling House under the annual Value of Five Pounds.

This Act not  
to extend to  
rate any  
Lands, &c.  
not hitherto  
rateable to  
Parochial  
Taxes.

XXXII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall extend, or be construed to extend, to authorize or empower the said Commissioners to rate or assess, for the Purposes of this Act, any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, which by Law are at present exempt from, or not chargeable with, or subject or liable to the Payment of Parochial or other Taxes or Assessments.

Persons  
removing  
to pay in  
proportion.

XXXIII. And be it further enacted, That in all Cases where any Person or Persons shall remove from or quit the Possession of any House, Building, Land, Ground, Tithes, or other Hereditaments, the Tenant or Occupier whereof shall be rated or assessed, or be liable to be rated or assessed by virtue of this Act, every such Person or Persons so removing from or quitting Possession of the same, shall be liable to pay such Rate or Assessment in proportion to the Time that such Person or Persons occupied or possessed the same respectively, and in like Manner as if such Person or

Persons had not removed from or quitted the Possession of the same; and in all Cases when any Person or Persons shall come into or occupy any House, Building, Land, Ground, Tithes, or other Hereditaments rated or assessed, or liable to be rated or assessed as aforesaid, out of or from which any other Person or Persons shall have removed, or which at the Time of making any such Rate or Assessment was empty and unoccupied, the Person or Persons coming in or occupying the same shall be liable to pay such Rate or Assessment, although his, her, or their Name or Names may not be inserted in such Rate or Assessment, in proportion to the Time that such Person or Persons shall occupy the same respectively; and in like Manner as if such Person or Persons had been originally rated or assessed by Name in such Rate or Rates, Assessment or Assessments; which said Proportions, in case of Dispute, shall be settled and ascertained by the said Commissioners for their respective Jurisdictions.

XXXIV. And be it further enacted, That as to and for any Messuages or other Hereditaments within the said Borough and Town, and Tithing or Hamlet respectively, the yearly Rent or Value of any of which Messuages or Hereditaments shall not exceed Ten Pounds, or which shall be let to weekly or monthly Tenants, or shall be let furnished, or in Lodgings, or in separate Apartments, or at Rents which shall become payable and to be collected at any shorter Period than quarterly, the Owner or Owners of all and every such Messuages or Hereditaments shall and may be rated for and in respect of the same accordingly; and that the Person or Persons letting such Messuages or Hereditaments respectively, or claiming or receiving the Rents and Proceeds thereof, may be from Time to Time deemed and considered to be the Owner and Owners thereof; and all and every such Owner and Owners from Time to Time and at all Times hereafter may be rated to the Rates to be made by virtue of this Act, as the Occupier or Occupiers of such Messuages or Hereditaments respectively, unless the said Commissioners respectively shall from Time to Time prefer and determine to rate the actual Occupier or Occupiers of such Messuages or Hereditaments respectively; and the Person or Persons so rated, whether the Owner or Owners, or the Occupier or Occupiers, shall from Time to Time pay, or cause to be paid, all and every such Rates in respect of such Messuages or Hereditaments respectively; and upon Nonpayment thereof such Rates may be levied by the Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of such Person or Persons respectively wheresoever they shall be found, or of the Goods and Chattels of the Person or Persons inhabiting the same Messuages or Hereditaments respectively, and may be otherwise sued for and recovered in like Manner in which such Rates may be levied and recovered from any other Persons by virtue of this Act: Provided always, that it may be lawful for the said Commissioners, if they shall think proper, to compound with any Owner or Owners of any Messuages or other Hereditaments within the said Borough and Town, and Tithing or Hamlet respectively, the yearly Rent or Value whereof shall not exceed Ten Pounds, or which shall be let to weekly or monthly Tenants, or which shall be let furnished, or in Lodgings, or in separate Apartments, or at Rents which shall become payable or be collected at any shorter Period than quarterly, for the Payments of such Rates for or in respect of such Messuages or Hereditaments, at such reduced yearly Rental as the said Commissioners respectively shall think reasonable, not being less than Three-fourth Parts of the Rack Rent or annual Value of such Messuages or Hereditaments respectively,

Rates may be recovered for small Houses let at small Rents, or to weekly or monthly Lodgers.

respectively, or to remit to the Owner or Owners of any such Messuages or Hereditaments respectively last mentioned, such Part of such Rate as the said Commissioners respectively shall think proper, not being more than One-third Part of the Rates to which such Owner or Owners shall be rated in respect of such last-mentioned Messuages or Hereditaments respectively, or otherwise to collect from such Owner or Owners the Whole of such Rates, as they shall think proper; and also that the said Commissioners respectively may vary, discontinue, or renew either or any of such Compositions, as the said Commissioners respectively shall from Time to Time deem expedient.

Persons receiving Rents to be deemed Owners.

XXXV. And to prevent Disputes touching the Designation of Owner or Landlord, or Proprietor of any Messuages or Hereditaments intended to be made liable to be rated by any Rates from Time to Time made by virtue of this Act, or as to any other Matters or Provisions affecting any Owners, Landlords, or Proprietors of any Messuages or Hereditaments in this Act contained; be it further enacted, That the Person or Persons legally authorized and empowered to receive and collect, or receiving and collecting, or claiming to be entitled to receive and collect the Rents of any Messuages or Hereditaments from the Tenants or actual Occupiers thereof, or of any of them, shall be liable to be rated, and shall be compellable to pay the Rates in respect of such Messuages or Hereditaments, in all Cases in which either Owners or Landlords or Proprietors are made liable to be rated, and to the Payment of the Rates made by virtue of this Act; and shall also be liable, as such Owners or Landlords or Proprietors, in all other Matters, and for all other Purposes affecting the Owners or Landlords or Proprietors of any Messuages or Hereditaments in this Act contained, unless the real Owner or Owners, or Landlord or Landlords, Proprietor or Proprietors thereof, shall be declared by himself or themselves to be the real Owner or Owners, Landlord or Landlords, Proprietor or Proprietors thereof, or shall be distinctly and certainly known to their Satisfaction by the said Commissioners respectively, to be the real Owner or Owners, Landlord or Landlords, or Proprietor or Proprietors thereof.

Rates collected from Tenants of divided Tenements to be repaid by Landlords.

XXXVI. And be it further enacted, That the Goods and Chattels of each and every Person and Persons renting and occupying any separate Part or Apartment of or in any Messuage or Hereditament, and the Goods and Chattels in every Messuage or Hereditament let ready furnished, although the Person or Persons occupying such Messuage or Hereditament, or separate Part or Apartment, be not rated under or by virtue of this Act, shall be liable to be distrained and sold by virtue of any Warrant under the Hand and Seal of One of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the County, Town, or Place, which he is by this Act authorized and directed to grant, for any Rates made by virtue of this Act which have accrued or become due during the Term of the Occupancy by any such Person or Persons of any such Messuage or Hereditament, or separate Part or Apartment thereof, and for the Costs, Charges, and Expences of such Warrant, and of any Appraisement, Possession, Removal, or Sale of such Goods and Chattels, or attendant thereupon; but no such Person or Persons shall be required or compellable to pay any greater Sum for or towards the Discharge of the said Rates, or of any of them, than the Amount of the Rent actually due and payable by such Person or Persons to the Owner or Owners of such Messuage or Hereditament, or other Person or Persons rated as the Occupier or Occupiers of



of the Messuages or Hereditaments so entirely or partly occupied by such Person or Persons; and that each and every Person or Persons who shall pay any such Rates as ought to have been paid by the Owner or Owners of any such Messuage or Hereditament, or by his or their Landlord or Landlords, or upon whose Goods and Chattels the same shall be levied in pursuance of this Act, shall and may deduct the same from and out of the Rent due and payable, or to become due and payable, to his or their Landlord or Landlords so letting out the same Messuage or Hereditament, or separate Part or Apartment to him or them (unless there shall be some Agreement to the contrary between the Landlord and Tenant), and the Receipt or Receipts for such Payment or Payments shall be a sufficient Discharge for every such Person or Persons for so much Money as he or they shall have so paid, or which shall have been so levied on his and their Goods and Chattels in pursuance of this Act, and shall be repaid by such Owner or Owners, or be allowed by such Landlord or Landlords of such Messuages or Hereditaments, in part or full Payment (as the Case may be) for the Rent due or to become due to him or them from such Person or Persons as aforesaid, for or in respect of such Messuages or Hereditaments, or separate Parts or Apartments thereof respectively.

XXXVII. And for the Purposes of this Act, and in order to enable the said Commissioners for their respective Jurisdictions to light the said Borough and Town, and Tithing or Hamlet respectively, by Gas, and to provide Gasometers, Cisterns, Pillars, and other Apparatus, and to lay Pipes, Stopcocks, Syphons, Plugs, Branches, and Machinery, and for other the Purposes of this Act, and to carry this Act into immediate Execution in respect thereof; be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Commissioners respectively, or any Five or more of them, from Time to Time to borrow and take up at Interest such Sum or Sums of Money as the said Commissioners respectively shall judge necessary for the several Purposes of this Act, upon the Credit of the said Rates, Assessments, and Monies to be made, levied, collected, and received by virtue of this Act, for lighting, paving, and watching the said Borough and Town, and Tithing or Hamlet respectively; and by Writing under their respective Hands and Seals to assign all or any Part of the said last-mentioned Rates, Assessments, or Monies, to such Person or Persons as shall lend or advance any Money thereon, or to his, her, or their Trustee or Trustees, as a Security for the Principal Money to be advanced, with Interest for the same; and the Charges and Expences of such Assignment thereof (to be made as herein-after mentioned) shall be from Time to Time defrayed by the said Commissioners respectively out of the Monies so borrowed; and every such Assignment shall be in the Words or to the Effect following:

Commissioners Power to borrow Money.

WE, \_\_\_\_\_ of the Commissioners acting  
 in Execution of an Act of Parliament made in the Sixth Year of  
 the Reign of King *George* the Fourth, intituled [*here set forth the Title*  
*of this Act*], in consideration of the Sum of \_\_\_\_\_  
 advanced and lent by \_\_\_\_\_ upon the Credit and  
 for the Purposes of the said Act, do hereby grant and assign unto the  
 said \_\_\_\_\_ his Executors, Administrators, and  
 Assigns, such Proportion of the Rates, Assessments, and Monies to be  
 raised

Form of Assignment.

[Local.]

6 raised, levied, collected, and received by virtue of the said Act, as the  
 6 said Sum of doth or shall bear to the whole  
 6 Sum which may at any Time be borrowed, or become due and owing,  
 6 or be charged upon the Credit of the said Rates, Assessments, or Monies;  
 6 to be had and holden from this Day of  
 6 until the said Sum of with  
 6 Interest at *per Centum per Annum* for the same, shall be repaid  
 6 and satisfied. In witness whereof we the said Commissioners have  
 6 hereunto set our Hands and Seals, the Day of  
 6 in the Year

And all such Assignments respectively shall be numbered, commencing  
 with Number One, and so proceeding in an arithmetical Progression  
 ascending, whereof the common Excess or Difference shall always be  
 One; and every such Security shall be good, valid, and effectual, and  
 shall entitle the Person or Persons to whom the same shall be made, his,  
 her, or their Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, to the Payment  
 thereof, and to all Profit and Advantage thereof, according to the true  
 Intent and Meaning of this Act.

Securities  
 may be  
 transferred.

XXXVIII. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the  
 Persons entitled to any of the Securities for the Money to be borrowed  
 upon legal Interest as aforesaid, and their respective Executors, Admi-  
 nistrators, or Assigns (as the Case may be), at any Time, by Writing  
 under their Hands and Seals, to transfer such Securities to any Person or  
 Persons whomsoever; and every such Transfer may be in the Words or  
 to the Effect following:

Form of  
 Transfer.

I, being entitled to the Sum of  
 secured to and his Assigns  
 [or his Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, [as the Case may be], by  
 virtue of an Assignment bearing Date the Day of  
 under the Hands and Seals of the  
 Commissioners acting in the Execution of an Act of Parliament made in  
 the Sixth Year of the Reign of King *George* the Fourth, intituled [*here*  
*set forth the Title of this Act*], upon the Credit of the Rates, Assessments,  
 and Monies granted or payable by the said Act, do hereby transfer all  
 my Right and Title in and to the same Sum, and all Interest and other  
 Money now due and arising thereon, unto his  
 Executors, Administrators, and Assigns. Dated the  
 Day of

Power to  
 transfer  
 Assignments.

XXXIX. And be it further enacted, That a Copy of every Security  
 or Assignment, together with the Number or Numbers thereof, and an  
 Extract or Memorial of every Transfer thereof respectively, shall be  
 entered in a Book to be kept for that Purpose by the Clerk to the said  
 Commissioners for their respective Jurisdictions, which Extract or Memo-  
 rial shall specify and contain the Date, Names of the Parties, and Sums of  
 Money thereby transferred, to which Book any Person interested shall at all  
 seasonable Times have Access, and shall have free Liberty to inspect the same  
 without Fee or Reward; and for entering every such Transfer, the said  
 Clerk shall be paid, by the Person to whom such Transfer shall be made,  
 the Sum of Two Shillings and Sixpence, and no more; and every such  
 Transfer, after Entry thereof as aforesaid, shall entitle the Person to whom

the Transfer shall be made, and his or her Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, to the Benefit of the Security thereby transferred, without any other Registry or Enrolment whatsoever.

XL. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That in case the said Commissioners for their respective Jurisdictions can at any Time borrow or take up any Sum or Sums of Money at a lower Rate of Interest than the Assignments or Securities which shall be then in force shall bear, it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Commissioners respectively to charge the said Rates, Assessments, or Monies in manner aforesaid, with such Sum or Sums of Money as they shall think proper, and the Interest thereof at such lower Rate as aforesaid, and to pay off and discharge the Assignments or Securities bearing a higher Rate of Interest, according to the Directions and Regulations herein prescribed for paying off Assignments or Securities.

Power to borrow Money at a lower Interest, &c.

XLI. And be it further enacted, That when any Sum of Money shall be borrowed or taken up at Interest upon the Credit or Security of the said Rates or Assessments, the Sum of Ten Pounds *per Centum per Annum* on every such Sum shall, if the said Commissioners shall think it expedient after the passing of this Act, or at any Time hereafter, to adopt a Sinking Fund, from thenceforth be charged on this Act, and be appropriated and paid out of the Rates, Duties, and Assessments, over and besides the Interest payable on the Money borrowed, in order to form a Sinking Fund for the gradual Payment of all Principal Sum and Sums so to be borrowed; and as often as the said Sinking Fund shall amount to the Sum of Two hundred Pounds, then and in such Case that Sum shall be applied in the Payment of an equal Amount of the said Principal Money then due and owing on the Credit or Security of the said Rates or Assessments, rateable or by Lot among the Creditors, as the said Commissioners shall think proper.

Sinking Fund.

XLII. And be it further enacted, That all the Money to arise by the said several and respective Rates, Assessments, and other Monies hereby granted and allowed to be assessed and levied or received under or by virtue of this Act, shall be paid to the Treasurer to the said Commissioners for their respective Jurisdictions, or to such other Person or Persons as they shall appoint; and separate Accounts shall be kept of all such Rates and Assessments and Sums of Money, under the separate Heads of the several and respective Purposes for which the same have been levied or received, and shall be applied and disposed of from Time to Time in defraying the Charges and Expences of lighting, watching, paving, repairing, cleansing, watering, extending, and amending the Markets, Streets, Squares, Ways, Lanes, and other public Passages and Places of and in the said Borough and Town, and Tithing or Hamlet respectively, and in paying and defraying all Expences which the said Commissioners respectively and their Officers shall necessarily sustain or be put unto in carrying this Act into Execution, and in prosecuting or defending any Prosecutions, Actions, or Suits in any Matter relative to the Execution of this Act, or of any thing to be done under or by virtue thereof, and for such other Uses and Purposes as are herein expressed; all which said Monies shall be severally and separately applied to the several and respective Purposes

Application of Money.

poses for which the several and respective Rates and Sums shall be levied and raised, and to and for no other Purposes whatsoever.

Pavements,  
&c. vested  
in the Com-  
missioners.

XLIII. And be it further enacted, That all the present and future Pavements in the several Markets, Streets, Squares, Ways, Lanes, and other public Passages and Places within the said Borough and Town, and Tithing or Hamlet respectively, and the Stones, Gravel, and other Materials of which as well as the Footways as Carriageways of such Markets, Streets, Squares, Ways, Lanes, and other public Passages and Places, do and shall consist, and all the Dirt, Dust, Dung, Ashes, Soil, and Filth to be swept, gathered, and collected in or from those Places, or any of them; and also all Lamps, Lamp Irons, Lamp Posts, Fire Engines, and the Pipes, Buckets, and other Materials thereunto belonging, Watch Boxes, Watch Houses, and other Houses and Buildings, and all other Matters and Things which shall hereafter be used, erected, or fixed up by virtue of this Act; and all Materials, Implements, and other Things which shall be purchased or provided by the said Commissioners respectively for the Purposes of this Act, shall belong to, and be the Property of, and are hereby vested in the said Commissioners respectively; and the Commissioners for the Borough and Town of *Newbury* shall be known by the Name of "The Commissioners for the Improvement of the Borough and Town of *Newbury* in the County of *Berks*;" and the Commissioners for the Tithing or Hamlet of *Speenhamland* shall be known by the Name of "The Commissioners for the Improvement of the Tithing or Hamlet of *Speenhamland* in the County of *Berks*;" and the said Commissioners respectively shall and may cause to be brought any Action or Actions, Suit or Suits, or direct the preferring of any Bill or Bills of Indictment, as the Case may require, against any Person or Persons who shall steal, take, or carry away, detain, spoil, injure, or destroy the several Articles and Things hereby vested in them the said Commissioners respectively as aforesaid, or any of them, or any Part or Parts thereof; and in all such Actions, Suits, and Bills of Indictment respectively, it shall be deemed and taken to be sufficient to state generally that the Article or Articles, Thing or Things, for or on account of which such Action or Actions, Suit or Suits, shall be brought, or Bill or Bills of Indictment preferred, is or are the Property of the Commissioners for the Improvement of the Borough and Town of *Newbury* in the County of *Berks*, or of the Commissioners for the Improvement of the Tithing or Hamlet of *Speenhamland* in the County of *Berks*, (as the Case may be), without particularly stating or specifying the Name or Names of all or any of the said Commissioners respectively; and the said Commissioners respectively shall have Power and Authority from Time to Time to sell and dispose of, for the Purposes of this Act, all or any of the said Articles and Things, or any Part or Parts of the same respectively, to such Person or Persons, and in such Manner as they the said Commissioners respectively shall think proper.

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to be repaired  
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XLIV. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Commissioners for their respective Jurisdictions, and they are hereby authorized, empowered, and required, from Time to Time to cause the present or any future Markets, Streets, Squares, Ways, Lanes, and other public Passages and Places within the said Borough and Town of *Newbury*

*bury* and Tithing or Hamlet of *Speenhamland*, to be repaired, amended, raised, lowered, widened, extended, or altered, both in the Carriage and Footways, and to be from Time to Time amended and kept in good Repair; upon such Levels and in such Manner, and with such Sorts and Kinds of Materials as they shall judge necessary and proper; and also to cause the said Markets, Streets, Squares, Ways, Lanes, and other public Passages and Places to be cleansed, lighted, watched, and watered in such Manner as the said Commissioners respectively shall think proper, and all Encroachments, Obstructions, Nuisances, and Annoyances therein to be removed, and Drains, Sewers, Sinks, Gutters, and Watercourses to be made for conveying Water off and from the said Markets, Streets, Squares, Ways, Lanes, and other public Passages and Places, in such Manner as they the said Commissioners respectively shall think proper; and that no Person shall, without the Consent of the said Commissioners respectively, alter the Form or break up the Ground or Pavement of the Carriage or Footways within any of the said Markets, Streets, Squares, Ways, Lanes, or other public Passages and Places, or make the same otherwise than as directed by the said Commissioners respectively, upon pain of forfeiting any Sum not exceeding Ten Pounds for every Offence; and such Person so offending shall also pay to the Surveyor or other Person so appointed by the Commissioners respectively to receive the same, all Costs, Charges, and Expences of restoring the Ground of such Carriageway or Footway to its former State; and all such Penalties, Costs, Charges, and Expences shall be levied and recovered in like Manner as any Penalty is by this Act directed to be recovered.

XLV. And whereas there are several Lanes, Courts, Passages, and Places within the Borough and Town of *Newbury* and the Tithing or Hamlet of *Speenhamland* aforesaid, which are not public Highways, or repaired by virtue of the public Highway Acts; be it therefore enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Commissioners, or any Five or more of them, to view and inspect any such Lane, Court, Passage, or Place within the said Borough and Town of *Newbury*, and the Tithing or Hamlet of *Speenhamland*, which now is or hereafter may be built upon or in building, but not paved; and if upon such View they shall be of Opinion that the same, or any Part or Parts thereof, is or are fit or proper to be paved, the said Commissioners, at any Meeting to be held in pursuance of this Act after such View, and after special Notice thereof given to each Commissioner, specifying the Object of such Meeting, and at which not less than Seven Commissioners shall be present, shall and may order the Surveyor of the Highways for the said Parish, or any other Person, to give Notice to the Owner or Owners, Proprietor or Proprietors, Lessee or Lessees of any such Land or Ground, or of any House, Shop, Warehouse, Coach House, Stable, Cellar, Vault, Tenement, or Hereditaments in any such Lane, Court, Passage, or Place, or may leave such Notice at his, her, or their last or usual Place of Abode, or with his, her, or their known Servant or Servants; or if no such Owner or Owners, Proprietor or Proprietors, Lessee or Lessees, can be found, then such Notice may be stuck against the Premises to which the same shall relate, or any Part thereof, which Notice shall require such Owner or Owners, Proprietor or Proprietors, Lessee or Lessees, to meet such Commissioners at the Time and Place therein mentioned (not being less than Ten Days from the Date of such Notice), to compound for the paving thereof; and at any

Commissioners may compel Owners of new Buildings to pave or to compound.

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such Meeting so to be held, such Owner or Owners, Proprietor or Proprietors, Lessee or Lessees, shall be offered the Option either to lay down and complete such Pavement upon such Footway and Carriageway, in such Manner and within such Time as the said Commissioners shall in that Behalf direct, or otherwise to pay a Composition for such paving, at any Rate not less than One Half of the Sum at which the Surveyor or Inspector of the said Pavements for the Time being shall estimate the actual Costs and Expences of laying down and completing such Pavement, whether Carriageway or Footway, upon Condition of the actual Payment of the Amount of such Composition to the Collector in that Behalf appointed, within Ten Days after Demand thereof (which Composition the said Commissioners are hereby authorized to enter into, and thereupon to cause the Footways and Carriageways-as to which such Composition shall be entered into, to be paved in such Manner as to the said Commissioners shall seem fit); and if any such Owner or Owners, Proprietor or Proprietors, Lessee or Lessees as aforesaid, shall not by himself or themselves, or by his or their Agent or Agents, attend at the Time and Place at which he shall be desired to attend for the Purpose aforesaid, or shall not agree with the said Commissioners for such Composition as aforesaid, or having so agreed, shall not pay the Amount of such Composition, within Ten Days after Demand made by the Collector authorized to receive the same, then and in any of those Cases it shall be lawful for the said Commissioners to order the Footways or Carriageways to which such Notice or such Composition as aforesaid shall relate, to be paved as soon as conveniently may be; and in either of the said Cases all the Charges and Expences attending such paving shall be paid by such respective Owner or Owners, Proprietor or Proprietors, Lessee or Lessees as aforesaid, and shall be recovered and levied upon the Goods and Chattels of such Owner or Owners, Proprietor or Proprietors, Lessee or Lessees, in like Manner as any Rate or Rates, Assessment or Assessments made by virtue of this Act is or are herein made recoverable.

Commissioners may water the Highways, Streets, &c.

XLVI. And be it further enacted, That the said Commissioners for their respective Jurisdictions shall have full Power and Authority to cause all or any of the Highways, Streets, Squares, Ways, Lanes, and other public Passages and Places within the said Borough and Town, and Tithing or Hamlet respectively, to be watered, when, where, and as often as Need or Occasion shall be or require, and for such Purpose to cause such Number of Wells and Pumps to be dug, sunk, and made in any of the said Highways, Streets, Squares, Lanes, or other public Passages and Places as may be necessary, and from Time to Time to alter the same as there shall be Occasion, provided that no such Well or Pump shall be sunk or made so as to injure any House or other Building, or any Vault or Cellar under any of the said Highways, Streets, Squares, Lanes, or other public Passages or Places.

Power for Commissioners to declare new Streets to be public Highways.

XLVII. And be it further enacted, That when any of the Streets, Ways, or Lanes within the said Borough and Town, and Tithing or Hamlet, which are already laid out, or which shall hereafter be laid out in any Part of the said Borough and Town, and Tithing or Hamlet respectively, shall be well and sufficiently made and paved, or otherwise put in good Order and Repair, and completed to the Satisfaction of the said Commissioners respectively, or any Five or more of them, assembled at any Meeting

Meeting for putting this Act into Execution, it shall be lawful for the said Commissioners respectively, so assembled as aforesaid, or any Five or more of them, and they are hereby empowered, with the Consent of a Majority of the Owners or Proprietors of the several Houses, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments within such Streets, Ways, or Lanes, from Time to Time to declare the same to be public Highways, and from and after such Declaration made, and not sooner, the same and every of them shall be deemed and taken to be public Highways to all Intents and Purposes; and it shall also be lawful for the said Commissioners respectively to connect any such Streets, or open the same into any other Streets or public Highways, with the Consent of the Owner, Proprietor, and Occupier of the Lands, Houses, and Premises which may intervene and be necessary to use for such Purpose: Provided always, that the said Commissioners respectively shall not be empowered to make such Declaration of or concerning any front Streets which shall be of less Width than Ten Yards in the narrowest Part thereof, or of and concerning any back Streets which shall be of less Width than Six Yards in the narrowest Part thereof, except such Streets as were actually laid out and begun to be built upon previous to the passing of this Act.

Power for the Commissioners to connect such Streets with any others, with Consent of the Land Owners of the intermediate Spaces.

XLVIII. Provided also, and be it further enacted, That all new Streets which shall hereafter be made in the said Borough and Town, and Tithing or Hamlet respectively, and all public Streets already laid out, but not paved, shall be paved and completed by the Person or Persons laying out and appropriating the Land for such new Streets, in such Manner and in such Proportions as shall be ordered and directed by the said Commissioners respectively, so as that such new Streets shall be made and completed with Pavement and Footways, in like Manner as the other Parts of the said Borough and Town, and shall hereafter become subject to the like Rules and Regulations as to the future Care and Repairs thereof as the other Streets of the said Borough and Town.

Builders to be compellable by the Commissioners to pave and complete Streets.

XLIX. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That in case the Person or Persons laying out and appropriating the Land for such new Street or Streets, shall not pave and complete the said new Street or Streets in manner aforesaid, within Two Calendar Months after Notice given so to do by the Clerk to the said Commissioners for their respective Jurisdictions, it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Commissioners respectively, by Writing under their Hands, to order any such Street to be paved and completed, and the Costs and Charges thereof shall be paid and reimbursed to the said Commissioners respectively, or their Order, by the Person or Persons appropriating the Land for such new Street or Streets, and in default of Payment thereof on Demand, the same may be recovered in like Manner as any Penalties or Forfeitures are by this Act authorized to be recovered.

In case Owners do not pave, Commissioners may at the Owner's Expence.

L. And be it further enacted, That for the better carrying this Act into Execution, it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Commissioners for their respective Jurisdictions, and they are hereby empowered from Time to Time, as they shall see Occasion, to describe and determine the Limits and Extents of the several Markets, Streets, Squares, Ways, Lanes, public Passages and Places within the said Borough and Town, and Tithing or Hamlet respectively, which shall be within their Jurisdiction

Streets to be named.

tion under the Powers of this Act, in such Manner as they shall think proper (subject nevertheless to the Power of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses, and the Mayor for the Time being of the said Borough and Town, to remove, alter, vary, or extend the said Markets as herein-after mentioned); and shall and may paint, engrave, or describe, or cause to be painted, engraved, or described on a conspicuous Part of some House or other Building at or near the Corner of every such Market, Street, Square, Way, Lane, public Passage, and Place, the Name or Number by which such Market, Street, Square, Way, Lane, public Passage, or Place now is or shall be called, and may order and direct the several Houses, Shops, Warehouses, and Buildings within the said several Markets, Streets, Squares, Ways, Lanes, public Passages, and Places, or any of them, to be numbered with Figures painted or placed on the Door of every such House, Shop, Warehouse, or other Building, or such other Part thereof as the said Commissioners respectively shall think proper; and if any Person shall wilfully destroy, obliterate, or deface any of such Names or Numbers, or any Part thereof, or cause or procure the same to be done, every Person so offending shall for every such Offence forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Five Pounds: Provided always, that nothing herein contained shall extend or be construed to extend to authorize the said Commissioners to interfere with, or in any Manner to alter or affect any Power or Authority given or belonging to the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses, or to the Mayor for the Time being of the said Borough and Town, by any Charter, Law, Custom, or Usage, to remove, alter, vary, and extend all or any of the public Markets and Market Places of the said Borough and Town, or to set out any new or other public Markets and Market Places, or to remove, alter, vary, and extend such new or other public Markets and Market Places, and to ascertain the Limits thereof in case of any Dispute or Question in relation thereto.

Commissioners not to prevent the Corporation from altering Markets.

Penalty on Owners not restoring Numbers.

LI. And be it further enacted, That when any such Number or Numbers, Figure or Figures, painted or put on any House, Shop, Warehouse, or other Building, or on the Door or Doors thereof, within the said Borough and Town, and Tithing or Hamlet respectively, shall be defaced or rubbed out, the Owner or Owners, Occupier or Occupiers of such House, Shop, Warehouse, or other Building, where the Number or Numbers, Figure or Figures, shall have been so defaced or rubbed out, shall, upon personal Notice given to him, her, or them, or upon Notice in Writing left at such House, Shop, Warehouse, or other Building, signed by the Clerk to the said Commissioners respectively, cause the same Number or Numbers, Figure or Figures, to be in the same Manner painted or put on such House, Shop, Warehouse, or other Building, or on the Door thereof respectively, within Seven Days after such Notice; and in case of Neglect or Refusal to comply with such Order, every such Owner and Occupier shall forfeit and pay for every such Offence any Sum not exceeding Five Pounds.

For preventing Annoyances in the Streets.

LII. And be it further enacted, That if any Person or Persons shall, upon any of the Footways or Foot Pavements within the said Borough and Town, and Tithing or Hamlet respectively, run, draw, drive, or carry any Truck, Wheel, Sledge, Wheelbarrow, Handbarrow, Bier, or Carriage whatsoever, or any Wheel or other Part of any such Carriage, or carry any Sedan Chair (no Person being therein), or roll any Cask or

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Tub, other than for the necessary loading or unloading thereof unto, upon, from, or out of any Carriage, or for any longer Space than the Extent of the Premises in the Occupation of the Person from or to whose House or Building such Cask or Tub shall be rolled (such Premises adjoining to or having immediate Communication with such House or Building from or to which such Cask or Tub shall be rolled); or if any Person shall wilfully drive any Cart or Carriage whatsoever, or shall ride, lead, or drive any Horse or other Beast, or any Cattle whatever, on any of the said Footways or Foot Pavements (except in the necessary crossing the same in passing to or from any Stable or Stables, or Premises immediately adjoining such Footways or Foot Pavements), or set any Cask, Tub, Pail, Bucket, Stool, Bench, Stall, or any other Matter or Thing, so as in any Manner to cause any Obstruction or Impediment in the Footway or on the Pavement; or shall in any Market, Street, Square, Way, Lane, or other public Passage or Place within the said Borough and Town, and Tithing or Hamlet respectively, hoop, fire, cleanse, wash, or scald any Cask or Tub, or hew, saw, or cut any Stone, Wood, or Timber, or bore any Timber, or make or repair any Coach, Chaise, Waggon, Sledge, or other Carriage (except such as may want immediate Repair from any sudden Accident on the Spot, or which cannot conveniently be removed for that Purpose, such unavoidable Repair to be done and completed with all convenient Speed); or if any Person shall hang out or cause to be hung out any Linen or Cloth, or any Article of Wearing Apparel, or other Article, for the Purpose of Sale, or of airing the same, upon or from any Door or Window, or from the Front of any House, Shop, or Premises adjoining or within any Market, Street, Square, Way, Lane, public Passage or Place within the said Borough and Town, or fix or tie up any Line, Rope, or Cord for any such Purpose, or shall fix up any Flower Pot or Bow Pot or Pots at any Window or Windows without sufficiently guarding the same, so as to prevent their being blown or thrown down; or if any Person shall, in or upon any Market, Street, Square, Way, Lane, public Passage or Place within the said Borough and Town, and Tithing or Hamlet respectively, shoe, bleed, farry, or kill any Horse or other Beast or Cattle; or if any Person shall, within any Market, Street, Square, Way, Lane, or other public Passage or Place within the said Borough and Town, and Tithing or Hamlet respectively (except only in such Places as the said Commissioners respectively shall direct), shew or expose any Stallion or Stone-horse, or expose to sale any Horse or other Beast, or turn or drive loose any Horse, Mare, Mule, or Ass, or ride or lead any Horse, Mare, Mule, or Ass for the Purpose of exercising or airing the same; or if any Person shall make or assist in making of any Bonfire, or let off or fire any Gun, Pistol, Blunderbuss, or other Fire-arms (except in Self-defence), or any Serpent or Rocket, or throw any Cracker, Squib, or other Fireworks, or play at Football, or any other Game or Games, to the Annoyance of any Passenger or Passengers, or shall blow any Horn or Trumpet, or use any other noisy Instrument, to the Annoyance of any of the Inhabitants of the said Borough and Town or Tithing or Hamlet respectively, or for the Purpose of hawking, selling, or distributing any Articles whatsoever, or for the Purpose of calling or collecting Passengers, Parcels, or Goods; or if any Person shall kill or slaughter, or shall scald, singe, dress, or cut up any Animal, either wholly or in part, in any such Markets, Streets, Squares, Lanes, public Passages or Places, or cause or permit any Blood

to run from any Slaughter House, Butcher's Shop, or Shambles into the same, or any of them; or shall slack, water, or mix any Lime, Mortar, or Cement, or shall hang up, place, or expose to sale any Goods, Wares, or Merchandize whatsoever, or any Fruit, Vegetables, or Garden Stuff, Butcher's Meat, Pastry, Confectionery, or other Matter or Thing, in, upon, or projecting over any Part of the Footway or Carriageway of any such Markets, Streets, Squares, Ways, Lanes, public Passages or Places, so as to obstruct or incommode the Passage of any Person, Carriage, or Horse therein; or shall cause any Privy or Necessary House within the said Borough and Town, and Tithing or Hamlet respectively, to be emptied, except within the Hours of Twelve of the Clock at Night and Four of the Clock in the Morning; or shall at any Time throw out of any Door or Window upon any such Carriageway or Footway, or into the Stream or Brook in *Northbrook Street* in *Newbury* aforesaid, any Water or Filth, or the Contents of any Utensil or Vessel whatsoever; or shall lay, deposit, or spill, or shall cause to be laid, deposited, or spilt, the Contents of any such Privy or Necessary House, or any Part thereof, upon any Carriageway or Footway within the said Borough and Town or Tithing or Hamlet respectively; or shall for the Purpose of obtaining or collecting Manure, or for any other Purpose, stop up or impede the Passage of any Common Sewer, Ditch, or Watercourse; or if any Person shall wilfully obstruct the Passage of any Person upon any Footway or Crossing in the said Borough and Town or Tithing or Hamlet respectively; or if any Person or Persons shall permit or suffer his, her, or their Mastiff, Bull Dog, or any other dangerous Animal to go at large without being safely and sufficiently muzzled, or shall permit or suffer any Dog whatsoever to go at large within the said Borough and Town or Tithing or Hamlet respectively, after any public Notice given for One Week by Handbills published within the said Borough and Town, or Tithing or Hamlet respectively, by or under the Order and Direction of the said Commissioners respectively, during such Time as such Notice shall direct such Dogs to be confined on account of any Suspicion of canine Madness; or shall cause any Bull, Bear, or other Animal to be baited with Dogs within the said Borough and Town or Tithing or Hamlet respectively, or shall commit or permit any other Kind of Obstruction or Annoyance in or upon any such Street, Way, Lane, public Passage or Place within the said Borough and Town, or Tithing or Hamlet respectively, then and in every such Case every Person so offending shall for every such Offence forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Five Pounds: Provided nevertheless, that nothing herein contained shall extend or be construed to extend so as to prevent or hinder any Person or Persons from placing by lawful Authority any Stall, Booth, Stool, Bench, or Form for the Sale of any Goods or Wares, or from exposing to sale any Meat, Poultry, Vegetables, Fruit, or any other Matter or Thing, in any Market Place or Street within the said Borough and Town, and in such Place and on such Day or Days as are now or shall hereafter be permitted by the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses, or their Successors, or by the Mayor for the Time being, so as such Stall, Booth, Stool, Bench, or Form be not placed upon any Footpath within the said Borough and Town, and so as there may be free Access to the Houses, Shops, and other Buildings in the said Market Place or Street.

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LIII. And be it further enacted, That if after the passing of this Act any Waggon, Cart, Dray, or other Carriage shall be left to stand or remain in or upon any Market, Street, Square, Way, Lane, public Passage or Place within the said Borough and Town, or Tithing, or Hamlet respectively, with or without Horses or other Cattle, for any Time longer than shall be necessary for the loading or unloading thereof, and in case the same shall not be standing during the Time of the loading or unloading thereof as near to the Side of such Market, Street, Square, Way or Lane, Passage or Place; or if any Stage Coach, Diligence, Post Chaise, or other Carriage let to hire, shall be left to stand or remain in any of the said Markets, Streets, Squares, Ways, Lanes, Passages and Places as aforesaid, with or without Horses, or for any longer Time than shall be necessary for the taking up or setting down of the Passengers thereof, and for loading or unloading their Baggage; or if any Sacks of Grain, Potatoes, Fruit, or any Timber, Bricks, Tiles, Lime, Limestones, Slates, Hay, Straw, Wood, Faggots, Coals, Boards, Tubs, Goods, Wares, or Merchandize, or other Materials or Things whatsoever, shall be laid or placed, or left to remain in or upon any of the said Streets, Squares, Ways, Lanes, public Passages or Places, either in the Carriageway or Footway, for any longer Time than shall be necessary for moving and housing the same; or if any broken Glass or Earthenware, Ashes, Rubbish, Dust, Dirt, Dung, Filth, or any other Nuisance or Annoyance whatsoever, shall be wilfully thrown or cast into, or laid in or upon any of the said Markets, Streets, Squares, Ways, Lanes, public Passages or Places, then and in every such Case the Driver or other Person so leaving every such Waggon, Cart, Dray, Coach, Diligence, Post Chaise or other Carriage to stand or remain, and the Person or Persons who shall have so laid, placed, or left such Sacks of Grain, Potatoes, Fruit, or any Timber, Brick, Tiles, Lime, Limestones, Slates, Hay, Straw, Wood, Faggots, Coals, Boards, Tubs, Goods, Wares, or Merchandize, Materials, or other Things, in or upon any of the said Markets, Streets, Squares, Ways, Lanes, public Passages or Places, and the Person and Persons who shall wilfully throw, cast, or lay, or cause to be thrown, cast, or laid, any broken Glass or Earthenware, Ashes, Rubbish, Dust, Dirt, Dung, Filth, or any other Nuisance or Annoyance into or upon any of the said Markets, Streets, Squares, Ways, Lanes, public Passages or Places, shall for every Offence in any of the Cases aforesaid forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Twenty Shillings: Provided nevertheless, that no Person shall be subject to any Penalty by virtue of this Act for or on account of any Building Materials, Rubbish, or Dirt being in or upon any of the said Markets, Streets, Squares, Ways, Lanes, public Passages or Places, before or near the House or Building of such Person, occasioned by the building or pulling down, rebuilding or repairing such House or Building, so as there be convenient Room left for Carriages to pass, and a sufficient Way kept clear for Foot Passengers, and so as the Owner or Occupier of such House or Building do cause such Materials, Rubbish, and Dirt to be removed out of such Market, Street, Square, Way, Lane, public Passage or Place, within a reasonable Time after such building, pulling down, or repairing shall be finished, or upon Notice to be given to him or her in manner herein-after directed for the serving of Notices, signed by the Clerk to the said Commissioners for their respective Jurisdictions, and so that during the Time the same shall be lying in such Market, Street, Square, Way,

Penalty for suffering Carts and Carriages to remain in the Streets.

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Way, Lane, public Passage or Place, such Owner or Occupier shall guard and fence off the same, either by a temporary Railing or otherwise, and also set up and maintain a sufficient Light or sufficient Lights during the whole of the Night-time, to the Satisfaction of the said Commissioners respectively, to prevent Accidents and Mischief happening therefrom: Provided always, that nothing herein contained shall interfere with or prejudice any Power or Authority now vested in the Mayor of the Borough of *Newbury* for the Time being, for regulating Market Carts and Waggons on Market Days, but the same shall be as good, valid, and effectual, as if this Act had not been passed.

Drivers of  
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behaviour.

LIV. And be it further enacted, That if the Drivers of any Waggon, Cart, Car, Dray, or other Carriage, shall ride upon any such Carriage in any Highway, Market, Street, Square, Way, Lane, public Passage or Place within the said Borough and Town, or Tithing or Hamlet respectively, not having some other Person on Foot or on Horseback to guide the same (such Carriages as are usually conducted by some Person holding the Reins of the Horse or Horses drawing the same excepted); or if the Driver of any Carriage whatsoever shall, in any such Highways, Market, Street, Square, Way, Lane, public Passage or Place, furiously drive the same, or shall by Negligence or wilful Misbehaviour cause any Hurt or Damage to any Person or Carriage, or shall wilfully be at such Distance from such Carriage whilst it shall be passing in any such Highway, Market, Street, Square, Way, Lane, public Passage or Place, that he cannot have the Direction and Government of the Horse or Horses or other Cattle drawing the same; or shall, by furious or over-driving the same, or by Negligence or wilful Misbehaviour, prevent, hinder, or interrupt the free Passage of any other Carriage, or of any of His Majesty's Subjects, in any such Highways, Market, Street, Square, Way, Lane, public Passage or Place; or if the Driver of any empty or unloaded Waggon, Cart, or other Carriage shall refuse or neglect to turn aside and make way for any Coach, Chariot, Chaise, loaded Waggon, Cart, or other Carriage; then and in every such Case every such Driver so offending, and being convicted of any such Offence, either by his own Confession, the View of a Justice of the Peace, or by the Oath of One or more credible Witness or Witnesses, before any Justice of the Peace for the County, Town, or Place where such Offence shall be committed, shall for every such Offence forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Five Pounds, in case the Driver shall not be the Owner of such Carriage, and in case such Driver be the Owner of such Carriage, then any Sum not exceeding Ten Pounds; and every such Driver offending in any of the said Cases shall and may, by Authority of this Act, with or without any Warrant, be apprehended by any Person or Persons who shall see such Offence committed; and it shall be lawful for the Person or Persons so apprehending such Driver, to convey such Driver, or to cause him to be conveyed or delivered to a Constable or other Peace Officer, in order to be conveyed before some Justice of the Peace for such County, Town, or Place aforesaid, to be dealt with according to Law; and if any such Driver, in any of the Cases aforesaid, shall refuse to disclose his Name, it shall be lawful for the Justices of the Peace to whom he shall be taken, or to whom such Complaint shall be made, to commit him to the Gaol for such County, Town, or Place aforesaid for any Time not exceeding Three Months, or to proceed

ceed against such Offender for the Penalty aforesaid by a Description of the Person and the Offence, and expressing in such Proceedings that such Driver refused to disclose his Name.

LV. And be it further enacted, That whenever the Pavements or Flagging of any of the said Markets, Streets, Squares, Ways, Lanes, public Passages or Places within the said Borough and Town, or Tithing or Hamlet respectively, shall be broken up for the making or repairing any Vault, Drain, or Sewer, or for the Purpose of laying, altering, or repairing any Pipe or Pipes, Aqueduct or Aqueducts, or any Plug or Plugs thereof, under the said Market, Streets, Squares, Ways, Lanes, public Passages or Places, or any of them, or for any other lawful Purpose, the Person or Persons breaking up such Pavements or Flagging, or liable to the Repair of such Vault, Drain, Sewer, Pipe, Aqueduct, or Plug, and the Person or Persons for whom or by whose Order the same shall be so done, shall, and he, she, or they is and are hereby required, at their own proper Costs and Charges, to make or repair such Vault, Drain, Sewer, Pipe, Aqueduct, or Plug without the least Delay, and forthwith afterwards to relay, amend, and repair the Pavement or Flagging of the said Market, Street, Square, Way, Lane, public Passage or Place so broken up, in a good substantial Manner, to the Satisfaction of the said Commissioners respectively, or the Surveyor or Surveyors appointed for the Purposes of this Act; and in default thereof it shall be lawful for the Surveyor or Surveyors to the said Commissioners respectively, or any Person or Persons acting by or under the Authority of the said Commissioners respectively, to repair, amend, and make good the Market, Street, Square, Way, Lane, public Passage or Place so broken up, and the Costs and Charges shall be borne and paid by the Person or Persons by whom or by whose Order such Market, Street, Square, Way, Lane, public Passage or Place, or any Part thereof, shall have been so broken up; and in default of Payment thereof for Seven Days next after Demand shall be made by such Surveyor, or other Person acting by or under the Authority of the said Commissioners respectively, such Costs and Charges, together with any Sum not exceeding Ten Shillings by way of Penalty, shall and may be levied and recovered in such and the like Manner as any Penalty can or may be levied and recovered by virtue of this Act from the Person or Persons so making Default.

For repairing the Pavement when broken up for Repair.

LVI. And be it further enacted, That if any Person or Persons shall wilfully or maliciously break up, injure, destroy, or otherwise damage any of the Articles and Things hereby vested in the said Commissioners respectively, or any of the Works done by them in pursuance of this Act, every Person so offending shall for every such Offence forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Five Pounds, besides what shall be sufficient to repair such Damage.

Penalty on damaging Materials.

LVII. And be it further enacted, That during the Time any Market, Street, Square, Way, Lane, public Passage or Place shall be new paving, flagging or repairing, or any of the Grates, Drains, Sewers, or other Works therein shall be altering or repairing, the said Commissioners for their respective Jurisdictions shall have Power to order the necessary Materials to be lodged in that or any adjoining Market, Street, Square, Way, Lane, public Passage or Place, or Markets, Streets, Squares, Ways, Lanes, public Passages or Places, according to their Discretion, as also to

Where Materials may be lodged.

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stop up the Way through that or any adjacent Market, Street, Square, Way, Lane, public Passage or Place, so long as they shall judge necessary; and the said Commissioners respectively, and all Persons acting under the Directions of the said Commissioners respectively, are hereby indemnified from any Prosecution or Action whatsoever for so doing.

Paviours, &c.  
to be ap-  
pointed.

LVIII. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Commissioners for their respective Jurisdictions from Time to Time to appoint such and so many Paviours, Artificers, Workmen, Labourers, Carters, and others, and also to purchase any Horses, Carts, Tools, Implements, and Materials, as they shall judge necessary for the Purpose of carrying this Act into Execution.

Land to be  
provided for  
depositing  
Materials.

LIX. And be it further enacted, That the said Commissioners for their respective Jurisdictions shall have full Power to purchase or rent Lands, so that such Lands for each District do not exceed Half an Acre, for depositing the Stone and other Materials for the several Purposes of this Act, and for depositing Dirt, Dung, Soil, Ashes, Cinders, and Rubbish; and the Purchase Money or Rent thereof shall be paid out of the Money or Fund raised or to be raised for paving, widening, amending, cleansing, watering, extending, and regulating the Markets, Streets, Squares, Ways, Lanes, public Passages and Places by virtue of this Act, and the Property thereof shall be and is hereby vested in the said Commissioners respectively for the Purposes of this Act.

Power to  
remove Pro-  
jections and  
Encroach-  
ments.

LX. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Commissioners for their respective Jurisdictions to take down, remove, alter, or regulate, in such Manner as they shall from Time to Time judge proper, all Signs and other Emblems used to denote the Trade, Occupation, or Calling of any Person or Persons, and all Signs, Sign Irons, Sign Posts, and other Posts, Sheds, Penthouses, Spouts, Gutters, Steps, Stairs, Cellar Doors, Cellar Lids, Bow and other projecting Windows, Window Shutters, Window Flaps, Stumps, Trees, Rails, Pales, Palisadoes, Porches, Bulks, Shew Glasses, and Shew Boards, Pools, Cess Pools, Cisterns, and Reservoirs for Water, and other Encroachments, Projections, and Annoyances belonging to, or which shall hereafter be affixed or belong to any House or Houses or other Buildings, or which shall in any other way be placed or fixed, and which do or shall in the Judgment of the said Commissioners respectively obstruct the free and commodious Passage along the Carriage or Footways of any of the said Markets, Squares, Streets, Ways, Lanes, public Passages or Places, of or within the said Borough and Town, or Tithing or Hamlet respectively; and also to cause the Water to be conveyed from the Roofs, Cornices, Eaves, and Penthouses of or belonging to such Houses or other Buildings respectively, by proper Pipes or Trunks, to be affixed to the Sides of such Houses or other Buildings respectively, and to be brought down to the Ground; and the Costs, Charges, and Expences attending the taking down, taking away, removing, altering, or regulating such Signs, Sign Irons, Sign Posts, and other Posts, Sheds, Penthouses, Spouts, Gutters, Steps, Stairs, Cellar Doors, Cellar Lids, Bow or other projecting Windows, Window Shutters, Window Flaps, Stumps, Trees, Rails, Pales, Palisadoes, Porches, Bulks, Shew Glasses, Shew Boards, Pools, Cess Pools, Cisterns, and Reservoirs for Water, and other Encroachments, Projec-  
tions,

tions, and Annoyances, or any of them, and of making and affixing such Pipes or Trunks as aforesaid, shall be borne and defrayed out of the Money to be raised by virtue of this Act.

LXI. And be it further enacted, That if any House or other Building in or near any Market, Square, Street, Way, Lane, or other public Passage or Place within the said Borough and Town, or Tithing or Hamlet respectively, shall, after the passing of this Act, be made, erected, or built in such Manner and Form as in the Front, or in any of the Gables or Sides thereof, to project into or over such Market, Square, Street, Way, Lane, or other public Passage or Place, or in any other Manner or Form than in a perpendicular Line or Direction upwards from the Foundation of such House or Building; or if any Spout, Pipe, or Trunk for conveying Water from the Roofs, Eaves, or Cornices of any House or other Building in any Market, Square, Street, Way, Lane, public Passage or Place in the said Borough and Town, or Tithing or Hamlet respectively, shall be fixed otherwise than from the Roofs, Eaves, or Cornices thereof, by such Spouts, Pipes, or Trunks, on the Front Sides of such Houses or Buildings respectively, and brought down to the Ground; or if any Sign, Sign Iron, Sign Post, or other Post, Shed, Penthouse, Step, Stair, Bow Window, or other projecting Window, Window Shutter, Window Flap, Stump, Rail, Palisado, Porch, Bulk, Shew Glass, Shew Board, Pool, Cess Pool, Cistern, or Reservoir for Water, or any other Encroachment or Projection against or in front or outside of any House or other Building within or adjoining to any Market, Square, Street, Lane, public Passage or Place within the said Borough and Town, or Tithing or Hamlet respectively, shall be made, erected, or built, so as to obstruct the free and commodious Passage along the Carriage or Footways of the same; then and in every such Case the Owner and Owners of every such House or other Building, Sign, Sign Iron, Sign Post, or other Post, Shed, Penthouse, Step, Stair, Bow or other projecting Windows, Window Shutter, Window Flap, Stump, Rail, Pale, Palisado, Porch, Bulk, Shew Glass, Shew Board, Pool, Cess Pool, Cistern, or Reservoir for Water, or other Encroachment or Projection, which shall be so made, erected, or built as aforesaid, or of any such Spout, Pipe, or Trunk which shall be so made or affixed otherwise than aforesaid, contrary to this Act, shall for every such Offence forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Ten Shillings a Day for every Day such House or other Building, Sign, Sign Iron, Sign Post, or other Post, Shed, Penthouse, Step, Stair, Bow or other projecting Window, Window Shutter, Window Flap, Stump, Rail, Pale, Palisado, Porch, Bulk, Shew Glass, Shew Board, Pool, Cess Pool, Cistern, or Reservoir for Water, Spout, Pipe, or Trunk, or other Encroachment or Projection, shall continue in such State, shall be contrary to the Provisions and Directions of this Act; and it shall be lawful for the said Commissioners, for their respective Jurisdictions (whether any such Penalties or Forfeitures shall be levied or not), to cause all such Houses and other Buildings, Signs, Sign Irons, Sign Posts, Sheds, Penthouses, Steps, Stairs, Bow Windows or other projecting Windows, Window Shutters, Window Flaps, Stumps, Trees, Rails, Pales, Palisadoes, Porches, Bulks, Shew Glasses, Shew Boards, Pools, Cess Pools, Cisterns, and Reservoirs for Water, Spouts, Pipes, Trunks, and other Encroachments and Projections, or any of them, to be taken down, removed, and taken away.

For preventing future Projections.

LXII. And

Extinction of  
Quit Rents  
for Bulks,  
&c. removed.

LXII. And be it further enacted, That where any Bulk, Post, Porch, or other Projection or Obstruction shall be removed by Authority of this Act, for the Purpose of widening or altering any Market, Street, Square, Way, Lane, or other public Passage or Place within the said Borough and Town, and for or in respect of which any annual Sum or Sums hath or have been usually paid by way of Quit Rent, Fee-farm Rent, or other Acknowledgment, to any Person or Persons, Body or Bodies Politic or Corporate, then and in every such Case such annual Sum or Sums of Money shall cease to be any longer paid or payable, and shall be considered as absolutely extinguished: Provided always, that the said Commissioners for their respective Jurisdictions shall, in every such Case, make such Satisfaction and Compensation to the Person or Persons, Body or Bodies Politic or Corporate, to whom any annual Sum or Sums hath or have been so paid as aforesaid, by the Payment of a gross Sum or Sums of Money out of the Monies to be raised by virtue of this Act, as the said Commissioners respectively shall judge to be of the Value of the annual Sum or Sums so paid; and in case of any Difference or Dispute between the said Commissioners respectively and any such Person or Persons, Body or Bodies Politic or Corporate, respecting the Sum or Sums of Money so to be paid by the said Commissioners respectively, as a Satisfaction and Compensation for any such Quit Rent, Fee-farm Rent, or other Acknowledgment as aforesaid, such Satisfaction and Compensation shall be settled and ascertained in such and the like Manner as the Satisfaction and Compensation to be made by the said Commissioners respectively for the Purchase of any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, for the Purposes of this Act, are herein directed to be ascertained and settled; and such Sum and Sums of Money, when so settled and ascertained, shall be paid to or disposed of for the Use and Benefit of the Party or Parties entitled thereto, in such and the like Manner as any Sum or Sums of Money to be paid for the Purchase of any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, by the said Commissioners respectively, is and are herein directed to be paid or disposed of: Provided always, that if the said Commissioners for their respective Jurisdictions shall cause to be taken up or removed any Stumps, Posts, or other Guards at the Corner of any House or Building, forming a Corner of any Street or Lane, for the Protection of such House from Injury by Carriages, they the said Commissioners respectively shall, by some other proper Ways or Means, sufficiently guard or protect the same from Damage as aforesaid; and in case any Damage shall at any Time happen to any such House by reason of taking up or removing any such Stumps, Posts, or other Guards by the said Commissioners respectively, they the said Commissioners respectively shall from Time to Time make good such Damage out of the Monies to be raised by virtue of this Act for paving and repairing the Streets of the said Borough and Town, and Tithing or Hamlet respectively.

Protection  
for Corners  
of Buildings.

Commissioners may  
make public  
Drains, &c.

LXIII. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Commissioners respectively, and they are hereby authorized and empowered from Time to Time to cause to be cut, made, or laid, in, through, over, or under any of the present or future public Streets, Lanes, Roads, Passages, and Places of the said Borough and Town, or Tithing or Hamlet respectively, any new Tunnels, Gutters, Grates, Sinks, Drains, Ditches, Sewers, Pipes, Aqueducts, or Watercourses, and also from Time to Time to cause any of the present or any future Tunnels, Gutters, Grates, Sinks,  
Drains,



Drains, Ditches, Sewers, Pipes, Aqueducts, and Watercourses, or any Part or Parts thereof respectively, to be stopped up, opened, scoured, cleansed, widened, straightened or deepened, or the Form or Line thereof, to be turned, altered, varied, or changed, within any of such public Streets, Lanes, Roads, Passages, or Places, or under any Houses, Buildings, or Premises therein, or thereto adjoining, in such Manner as they the said Commissioners shall think fit, consistently with the Provisions of this Act.

LXIV. And be it further enacted, That where any Opening is now or may be made in the Paving or Flagging of any of the said Markets, Streets, Squares, Ways, Lanes, public Passages or Places, as an Entrance into or for the Purpose of conveying Coals or other Articles into any Vault or Cellar, whether such Vault or Cellar be inhabited or uninhabited, or for the Purpose of conveying Light into any Room or Cellar, or for any other Purpose, the Door, Lid or Lids, Flap or Flaps, Covering or Grating to such Opening, shall be made at the Expence of the Person or Persons repairing the same, and shall be made of Iron or such other Materials, of such Dimensions, and in such Manner and Form as the said Commissioners for their respective Jurisdictions shall direct and approve of; and every such Door, Lid, Flap, Grating, and Covering, shall from Time to Time be repaired, varied, and altered at the like Expence of the Person or Persons for whose Use and Benefit the same shall be possessed and enjoyed, and in such Manner and Form as the said Commissioners respectively shall direct or appoint; and in case any Person or Persons shall neglect or refuse to make, repair, vary, or alter such Grating or Covering, according to such Direction or Appointment as aforesaid, or shall cause or permit any such Cellar Door, Cellar Lid, Flap, or Cover within the said Borough and Town, or Tithing or Hamlet respectively, to be left open or not properly secured, at any Time between Sun-setting in the Afternoon and Sun-rising in the Morning, on any Pretence whatsoever, without the same being well and sufficiently lighted and guarded, or shall at any Time permit the same to be or remain not properly fastened or secured, so as to prevent Accidents from happening, every such Person shall for every such Offence forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Ten Shillings, as also any further Sum not exceeding Twenty Shillings for every Week the said Offence shall be continued.

Regulating  
Cellar Doors  
or Flaps.

LXV. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Commissioners for their respective Jurisdictions, and they are hereby required to nominate and appoint any Person or Persons, and to purchase or hire any Cart or Carts, or other Carriage or Carriages, and also any Horse or Horses, for the Purpose of cleansing and watering the several Markets, Streets, Squares, Ways, Lanes, public Passages or Places within the said Borough and Town, or Tithing or Hamlet respectively, and of carrying away the Dust, Dung, Manure, Dirt, and Soil thereof; and it shall be lawful for the said Commissioners respectively to contract with any Person or Persons for cleansing and watering the same, and for carrying away the Dust, Dung, Manure, Dirt, and Soil thereof, upon such Terms as they shall deem necessary, and to do and perform every Act for carrying such Contract into complete Execution.

Commissioners to direct  
Streets to be  
cleansed, or  
to contract  
for the same.

Scavenger's  
Duty.

LXVI. And be it further enacted, That the Person or Persons employed by or contracting with the said Commissioners for their respective Jurisdictions for cleansing the several Markets, Streets, Squares, Ways, Lanes, public Passages and Places, within the said Borough and Town, and Tithing or Hamlet respectively, or the Person or Persons employed by or acting under the Direction of such Person or Persons so contracting with the said Commissioners respectively, shall once in every Week, (that is to say), on every *Friday*, between such Hours of the Day, and also on such other Days at or between such Hours as the Commissioners respectively aforesaid shall from Time to Time appoint, sweep and collect together all Dirt, Dust, Manure, Filth, or Rubbish in such Markets, Streets, Squares, Ways, Lanes, public Passages and Places, and shall also bring, or cause to be brought, a Cart, or other proper Carriage, into such Markets, Streets, Squares, Ways, Lanes, public Passages and Places, where such Cart or other Carriage can pass, and shall at his or their Approach with such Cart or other Carriage, and not before, by Sound of Bell, Voice, or otherwise, give Notice to the Inhabitants of his or their coming, and give the like Notice in every Court, Passage, or Place into which such Cart or Carriage cannot pass; and such Person or Persons aforesaid shall immediately take the Dust, Dirt, Manure, Rubbish, Cinders, Ashes, and other Filth (except Filth from any Privy or Necessary House) from the respective Premises in such several Markets, Streets, Squares, Ways, Lanes, public Passages and Places, and put the same into such Cart or Carriage; all which Dust, Dirt, Manure, Rubbish, Cinders, Ashes, and Filth (except as aforesaid), as well as all such Dirt, Dung, Ashes, and other Filth as shall be swept up and collected together as aforesaid, such Person or Persons shall then immediately, or as soon as may be, carry away, or cause to be carried away to the Place or Places appointed for depositing the same, upon pain of forfeiting any Sum not exceeding Forty Shillings for every Offence or Neglect therein; and the Person or Persons so employed as aforesaid shall cause the Words "Scavenger's Cart" to be painted in large Roman Letters, at least One Inch in Length each, on the Front or some other conspicuous Part of every Cart or Carriage used for the Purposes aforesaid, on pain of forfeiting any Sum not exceeding Ten Shillings for every Neglect therein; and if any such Person employed as aforesaid shall sweep or throw away any Dust, Dirt, Manure, Ashes, or Filth into any Drain, Sewer, Sink, or Watercourse within the said Borough and Town, or Tithing or Hamlet respectively, every Person so offending shall, for every such Offence, forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Twenty Shillings.

No Person to  
take away  
Dirt, &c. but  
Contractors.

LXVII. And be it further enacted, That if any Person or Persons whomsoever, other than the Person or Persons employed by or contracting with the said Commissioners for their respective Jurisdictions, for cleansing the several Markets, Streets, Squares, Ways, Lanes, public Passages or Places within the said Borough and Town, and Tithing or Hamlet respectively, or the Person or Persons employed by or acting under the Direction of the Person or Persons so contracting as aforesaid, shall take and carry away, or cause to be taken and carried away, any Dust, Dung, Manure, Dirt, Ashes, or other Filth out of any such Markets, Streets, Squares, Ways, Lanes, or other public Passages or Places as aforesaid,

every such Person so offending shall for every such Offence forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Twenty Shillings.

LXVIII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That nothing herein contained shall extend or be construed to extend to any Ashes, Cinders, Dust, Dirt, Manure, Filth, Soil, Dung, or Rubbish which any of the Inhabitants of the said Borough and Town, and Tithing or Hamlet respectively, shall have Occasion and think fit to preserve and keep within their own respective Houses, Yards, Gardens, and Premises, but the same shall respectively belong to and be at the Disposal of the Person or Persons so reserving the same, so as such Ashes, Cinders, Dust, Dirt, Manure, Filth, Soil, Dung, or Rubbish be not laid down or placed in any of the said Markets, Streets, Squares, Ways, Lanes, public Passages or Places in the said Borough and Town, or Tithing or Hamlet respectively, for any longer Time than shall be necessary for the loading and carrying away the same, and so as the same do not annoy the Neighbour or Neighbours of such Person or Persons, nor the Public in general; and in case such Person or Persons so reserving such Ashes, Cinders, Dust, Dirt, Manure, Filth, Soil, Dung, or Rubbish; shall wilfully or negligently permit or suffer the same to lie in any of the said Markets, Streets, Squares, Ways, Lanes, public Passages or Places in the said Borough and Town, or Tithing or Hamlet respectively, for any longer Time than Three Hours, for the Purpose of loading and carrying away the same, or shall suffer the same to annoy his or their Neighbour or Neighbours, or the Public in general, or permit or suffer the Soil or Contents of any Privy or Necessary House to remain in any of the said Markets, Streets, Squares, Ways, Lanes, public Passages and Places after the Hour of Six in the Morning, such Person or Persons shall for every such Offence forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Forty Shillings; and it shall be lawful for the Person or Persons to be appointed by or contracting with the said Commissioners for their respective Jurisdictions for cleansing the said Markets, Streets, Squares, Ways, Lanes, public Passages and Places, and they are hereby authorized and directed to take and convert such Ashes, Cinders, Dust, Dirt, Manure, Filth, Soil, Dung, and Rubbish to his or their own Use and Uses, and to sell and dispose of the same, without rendering any Satisfaction for the same.

Persons may keep the Dust, &c. occasioned within their own Premises.

LXIX. And be it further enacted, That the respective Occupiers of Houses or other Buildings, with the Appurtenances, within the several Markets, Streets, Squares, Ways, Lanes, public Passages and Places within the said Borough and Town, or Tithing or Hamlet respectively, the Churchwardens and Chapelwardens of every Church and Chapel, or any one or more of them, the Owner and Owners and Proprietor and Proprietors of every dead Wall and vacant Piece of Land, or any one or more of them, the Proprietor and Proprietors, Trustee and Trustees, Treasurer and Minister of every Meeting House or other Place of public Worship, or any one or more of them, and the Person and Persons who for the Time being shall be the ostensible Director or Directors, Manager or Managers of every Hospital, Prison, School, and other public Building respectively, situate or being in the several Markets, Streets, Squares, Ways, Lanes, public Passages and Places within the said Borough and Town, or Tithing or Hamlet respectively, shall and they are hereby required to cause to be well and sufficiently swept and cleansed the Footways and Foot Pavements the

The Occupiers of Houses, &c. Churchwardens, &c. and others, to sweep the Footways adjoining to Churches, Walls, &c.

the whole Length of the Front of their respective Houses, Buildings, Churches and Churchyards, Chapels and Chapelyards, dead Walls, vacant Pieces of Ground, Meeting Houses, Hospitals, Prisons, Schools, and other public Buildings, Tenements, Yards, Gardens, or other Hereditaments, and the Channels and Watercourses opposite the same respectively, to the full Extent of the said Footways and Foot Pavements, before, behind, and on the Side or Sides of the same respectively, previous to the Hour of Nine of the Clock in the Morning, on every *Wednesday* and *Friday* in every Week, and oftener, on such other Days, and at such other Times, if the said Commissioners for their respective Jurisdictions shall from Time to Time order or require the same, and shall also cause the Dirt and Soil to arise from such sweeping and cleansing to be collected and put together (so as not to obstruct either the Carriage or Footway, or the Channel or Watercourse aforesaid), in order that the same may be removed by the said Scavenger or other Person to be employed for that Purpose, upon pain of forfeiting any Sum not exceeding Five Shillings for every Neglect therein.

Power to impound Beasts wandering in the Streets.

LXX. And be it further enacted, That if any sort of Cattle or Swine shall at any Time be found wandering about any of the Markets, Streets, Squares, Ways, Lanes, or other public Passages or Places within the said Borough and Town, or Tithing or Hamlet respectively, the Owner or Owners thereof shall for every such Head of Cattle or Swine forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Ten Shillings; and moreover, it shall be lawful for any Person or Persons appointed by the said Commissioners for their respective Jurisdictions, if he or they shall think proper, to seize and impound such Cattle or Swine in the Common Pound, of the said Borough and Town, or Tithing or Hamlet respectively, or in such other Place as the said Commissioners respectively shall appoint, and the same there to remain until the Owner or Owners thereof shall, for every such Head of Cattle or Swine so impounded, pay the Sum of Five Shillings to the Person impounding the same, together with the reasonable Charges and Expences of impounding and keeping the same; and in case the said Sum, Charges, and Expences shall not be paid within Four Days after such impounding, it shall be lawful for the said Commissioners respectively to sell or cause to be sold the same, and the Money arising from such Sale, after deducting the said Sum of Five Shillings, and the Charges and Expences of impounding, keeping, and selling such Cattle or Swine, shall be paid to the Person or Persons whose Property the Cattle or Swine so sold shall appear to have been.

Punishment of Persons guilty of Pound Breach.

LXXI. And be it further enacted, That in case any Person or Persons shall release or attempt to release any Cattle or Swine which shall be seized for the Purpose of being impounded under the Authority of this Act, from the Pound or Place where the same shall be so impounded, or shall pull down, damage, or destroy the same Pound or Place, or any Part thereof, or any Lock or Bolt belonging thereto, or with which the same shall be fastened, or shall rescue or release or attempt to rescue or release any Distress or Levy which shall be made under the Authority of this Act, until or before such Cattle or Swine seized or so impounded, or such Distress or Levy so made, shall be discharged by due Course of Law, every Person so offending shall, upon Conviction thereof before any One of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the County, Town,

Town, or Place where the Offence shall be committed, either on Confession of the Party or Parties offending, or upon the Oath of One credible Witness (and which Oath the said Justice is hereby authorized and empowered to administer), be committed by such Justice, by Warrant under his Hand and Seal, to the Common Gaol or House of Correction of the said County, Town, or Place, there to remain, without Bail or Mainprize, for any Time not exceeding Three Calendar Months.

LXXII. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Commissioners for their respective Jurisdictions, and they are hereby authorized and empowered, from Time to Time, and at any Time or Times after the passing of this Act, to purchase and provide such and so many Glass Lamps, of such Sorts and Sizes, and such and so many Lamp Irons and Lamp Posts, and all such other Matters and Things for lighting such Lamps, either by Oil or Gas or otherwise, as they shall judge necessary, and to direct the same to be affixed and set up on or against the Walls or Palisadoes of all or any of the Houses, Tenements, or Buildings, or against any other Walls, or for supplying such Lamps with Oil, Gas, or otherwise, under any of the Markets, Streets, Squares, Ways, Lanes, public Passages and Places within the said Borough and Town, or Tithing or Hamlet respectively, or in any other Manner they shall think proper and convenient, and to be taken down, altered, or removed when and as often as they shall think fit; and to cause such Lamps, or any of them, to be lighted at such Seasons of the Year, on such Evenings, in such Manner, and at such Hours of the Evening, and to be kept burning for so many Hours as to them the said Commissioners respectively shall seem necessary or proper for the well and sufficient lighting of all or any of the said Markets, Streets, Squares, Ways, Lanes, public Passages and Places within the said Borough and Town, or Tithing or Hamlet respectively: Provided always, that it shall be lawful for the said Commissioners respectively to make any Contract, or authorize the making of any Contract or Contracts for the lighting the said Borough and Town, or Tithing or Hamlet respectively, with Gas, and to prepare or permit the preparing, or lay down or prepare the laying down of all necessary Iron Pipes or Reservoirs, or Matters or Things necessary for the lighting of the said Borough and Town, or Tithing or Hamlet respectively, with Gas: Provided always, that nothing herein contained shall authorize or empower the said Commissioners respectively, or any other Person or Persons, to carry, lay, or fix or continue any Pipe or Pipes, or any other Thing for the Conveyance of the said Gas or Inflammable Air, through or against any Dwelling House or private Building, or any private Lands, Hereditaments, or Premises, without the Consent of the Owner and Occupier thereof respectively for that Purpose; provided also, that if any Injury or Damage shall be occasioned to any Rail, Palisado, Building, or Wall, by the affixing, setting up, taking down, altering, or removing any such Lamp or Lamps, or any Lamp Iron or Lamp Irons, or other Fastener thereof, the Commissioners respectively shall immediately cause the said Injury and Damage to be well and sufficiently repaired out of the Money to be raised within their respective Jurisdictions by virtue of this Act.

Lamps to be set up.

Commissioners to repair Damage done to Walls or Rails by fixing or altering Lamp Irons.

LXXIII. And be it further enacted, That if any Person or Persons shall wilfully break, take away, throw down, or otherwise destroy or

Penalty for wilfully breaking Lamps.

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damage any Lamp or Lamps already erected or which shall be erected by Order of the said Commissioners for their respective Jurisdictions, or by the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses, or their Successors, or by any Person or Persons at his, her, or their own Expence, for the Purpose of lighting any of the said Markets, Streets, Squares, Ways, Lanes, public Passages and Places, or any Post, Iron, Cover, or other Furniture thereof, or shall wilfully extinguish the Light or Lights of any Lamp or Lamps, it shall be lawful for any Justice of the Peace for the County, Town, or Place where the Offence shall be committed, and he is hereby required, upon Complaint to him made by any One or more credible Witness or Witnesses of any such Offence, to issue a Warrant for apprehending the Party or Parties accused; or it shall be lawful for any Person or Persons who shall see such Offence committed to apprehend, and also for any Person or Persons to assist in apprehending the Offender or Offenders, and by Authority of this Act, without any other Warrant, to deliver him or them into the Custody of a Peace Officer, in order to be secured and conveyed before some Justice of the Peace of the County, Town, or Place aforesaid; and on the Party or Parties accused being brought before such Justice, such Justice shall proceed to examine upon Oath any Witness or Witnesses who shall appear or be produced to give Evidence touching such Offence; and if the Party or Parties accused shall be convicted of such Offence, either by his, her, or their Confession, or upon such Evidence as aforesaid, then and in every such Case he, she, or they shall for each and every such Offence respectively, and if more than One shall severally forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Five Pounds, and shall besides make a full Satisfaction (to be ascertained by such Justice) to the said Commissioners respectively, or other Party injured, for the Damage so done; and in case such Offender or Offenders shall not, upon Conviction, forthwith pay such Penalty by him, her, or them incurred, and also such Satisfaction as aforesaid, such Justice is hereby required to commit such Offender or Offenders to the Gaol of the County, Town, or Place aforesaid, there to be kept to hard Labour for any Time not exceeding Six Calendar Months, unless such Penalty and Satisfaction as aforesaid shall be sooner paid.

Penalty for  
negligently  
breaking  
Lamps.

LXXIV. And be it further enacted, That if any Person or Persons shall carelessly, negligently, or accidentally break, throw down, or otherwise destroy or damage any such Lamp or Lamps so being hung out or set up as aforesaid, or any Post, Iron, Cover, or Furniture thereof respectively, and shall not upon Demand make Satisfaction for the Damage so done, then and in every such Case it shall be lawful for any Justice of the Peace for the County, Town, or Place wherein the Offence shall be committed, and he is hereby required, upon Complaint thereof made by One or more credible Witness or Witnesses, by Warrant under his Hand, to summon before him the Party or Parties complained of for doing such Damage, and upon his, her, or their appearing, or making default to appear (Oath being made that the Party complained against had been served with such Summons, or that the same had been left at his, her, or their usual Dwelling or Place of Abode if known, or that he, she, or they could not be found), such Justice shall proceed to examine the Cause of such Complaint, and upon Proof thereof, either upon Confession of the Party or the Oath of One or more Witness or Witnesses, shall award and order such Satisfaction to be made by the Party or Parties

ties complained against, for the Damage so done to the said Commissioners respectively, or other Owner or Owners of such Lamp or Lamps, as to such Justice shall appear just and reasonable; and in case the Sum so awarded shall not be paid forthwith, it shall and may be lawful to and for such Justice, and he is hereby required, to cause the same to be levied and recovered as any Fine or Penalty can or may be levied by virtue of this Act.

LXXV. Provided also, and be it further enacted, That for the greater Security against Accidents by such Gas Works, the said Commissioners for their respective Jurisdictions, and all other Persons with whom they may contract, are hereby directed and required to erect or cause to be erected all such Gasometers, Cisterns, Pillars, and all other the necessary Apparatus, and to lay all such Pipes, Stopcocks, Syphons, Plugs, Branches, and Machinery as aforesaid, by the Advice and Direction of some Person or Persons thoroughly skilled and experienced in the Nature of such Works, whose entire Approbation thereof as to Safety and otherwise shall be had before the same shall be used for the Purposes of this Act.

Commissioners to make and use Gas Works under Advice of some Person skilled in such Works.

LXXVI. And be it further enacted, That the said Commissioners for their respective Jurisdictions, and the Person or Persons with whom they shall contract, shall and they are hereby required to have the said Works inspected at least Twice in every Year by one or more experienced Person or Persons, to see that the same are in a fit State, and properly conducted and managed; and in case of any Error, want of Repair, Insufficiency, or other Mismanagement being pointed out, to cause the same to be forthwith corrected, amended, and repaired according to the Opinion of such Person or Persons.

Works to be inspected Twice in every Year.

LXXVII. And be it further enacted, That in case the said Commissioners for their respective Jurisdictions shall deem it expedient to erect such Gas Apparatus, and to light the said Markets, Streets, Squares, Ways, Lanes, and other public Passages and Places, or any of them, with Gas or Inflammable Air, without contracting for the same as aforesaid, it shall be lawful for the said Commissioners respectively, after sufficiently lighting the said Markets, Streets, Squares, Ways, Lanes, and other public Passages and Places, to let out or grant to any Person or Persons whomsoever, who shall be willing to take the same, any Light or Lights, or Argand, Cockspur, Batwing, or any other Kind of Burner or Burners, and to supply the same with Gas or Inflammable Air, upon such Terms and Conditions, and at such annual Rents for the same, and in such Manner as they the said Commissioners respectively shall from Time to Time think proper; and for that Purpose to direct the breaking up of the Pavement and Soil thereof, and do all other Things that may be necessary for furnishing and conveying any such Light or Lights as aforesaid: Provided nevertheless, that all Monies to proceed therefrom or arise thereby be in the first Instance applied to defray the Expence of the Gas Apparatus, and other Things connected therewith; and if there be any Overplus, then the same shall be applied generally for the Purposes of this Act within the respective Jurisdictions of the said Commissioners.

Commissioners empowered to let out Gas Lights, in case they light the Streets themselves.

LXXVIII. And

Recovery of  
Rent.

LXXVIII. And be it further enacted, That in case any Person or Persons who shall contract with the said Commissioners for their respective Jurisdictions, or otherwise agree to take, or shall use and enjoy the Benefit of the said Gas in his, her, or their private Dwellings, Warehouses, Shops, Inns, Taverns, or other Buildings or Manufactories, shall refuse or neglect, for the Space of Seven Days after Demand thereof made by the said Commissioners respectively, or by any Person under their Authority, to pay the Sum or Sums of Money then due for the same to the said Commissioners respectively, according to the Terms and Stipulations of the said Commissioners respectively, it shall be lawful for the said Commissioners respectively, or their Clerk, or any Person or Persons acting by or under their Authority, by Warrant under the Hand and Seal, of any Justice of the Peace for the County, Town, or Place wherein the Offence shall be committed, to levy the said Sum or Sums of Money in respect whereof such Neglect or Refusal shall happen, by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of the Person or Persons so neglecting or refusing to pay the same, rendering the Overplus (if any) to such Person or Persons so refusing or neglecting, after the necessary Charges of making such Distress and Sale be first deducted.

Service Pipes  
to be kept  
fully charged  
with Gas.

LXXIX. And be it further enacted, That the Branch or Service Pipes which shall be put down for lighting the said Markets, Streets, Squares, Ways, Lanes, and other public Passages and Places, shall be kept fully charged with Gas, and the Stopcocks shall be so turned as not to impede or prevent the said Branch or Service Pipes being completely filled with Gas during the Time the same shall be lighted.

Gas Pipes to  
be laid Three  
Feet from  
Water Pipes,  
&c. in a par-  
ticular  
Manner.

LXXX. And be it further enacted, That all and every the Pipes or other Conduits to be laid or used for the Conveyance of Gas in, under, through, along, across, or around any Market, Street, Square, Way, Lane, or other Passage or Place within the Limits of this Act, shall be so laid at the greatest practicable Distance, and whenever the Width of the Carriageway in such Street or Place will allow thereof, at the Distance of Three Feet at least from the nearest Part of any Water Pipe, Sough, or Watercourse already laid down, or hereafter to be laid down, for the Conveyance of Water in, under, through, along, across, or around any of the said Markets, Streets, Squares, Ways, Lanes, or other Passages or Places within the Limits of this Act, except in Cases where it shall be unavoidably necessary to lay the Gas Pipes across any of the said Water Pipes, Soughs, or Watercourses, in which Cases the said Gas Pipes shall be laid over and above the said Water Pipes, Soughs, and Watercourses at the greatest practicable Distance therefrom, and shall form therewith a Right Angle, and in such Cases the said Gas Pipes so crossing the said Water Pipes, Soughs, and Watercourses shall be at least Three Feet in Length, so that no Joint of any of the said Gas Pipes shall be nearer to any Part of the said Water Pipes, Soughs, or Watercourses than Three Feet at least; and in laying down the said Gas Pipes, the said Commissioners respectively, Contractors, or other Persons supplying Gas, shall in no Case join Three or more Gas Pipes together previous to their being laid in the Trench, but shall lay each Pipe as near as may be in its Place in the Trench, and shall in such Trench properly form the Jointing with the other Pipes to be added thereto, with proper and sufficient Materials; and shall also make and keep all and every such Pipes, and all  
Pipes



Pipes connected or communicating therewith, and all the Screws, Joints, Inlets, Apertures, or Openings therein respectively air-tight, and in all and every respect prevent the said Gas from escaping therefrom, upon pain of forfeiting for every Offence the Sum of Five Pounds.

LXXXI. And be it further enacted, That whenever any Gas shall be found to escape from any of the Pipes which shall be laid down or set up in pursuance of this Act, the said Commissioners for their respective Jurisdictions, or the Body or Bodies Politic or Corporate, or any Person or Persons contracting to light or lighting with Gas the said Markets, Streets, Squares, Ways, Lanes, and other public Passages and Places, or any House or Building therein, shall immediately after Notice given to them or him by Parol or in Writing of any such Escape of Gas from any Person or Persons whomsoever, cause the most speedy and effectual Measures to be taken to stop and prevent such Gas from escaping; and in case the said Commissioners respectively, or the Body or Bodies Politic or Corporate, or Person or Persons so lighting with Gas, shall not, within Twenty-four Hours next after such Notice given, effectually stop and prevent any future Escape, and wholly and satisfactorily remove the Cause of Complaint, then and in every such Case the said Commissioners respectively, or the Body and Bodies Politic or Corporate, or Person or Persons as aforesaid, shall for every such Offence forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Five Pounds for each Day, after the Expiration of Twenty-four Hours from the Time of giving any such Notice, during which the Gas shall be suffered to escape as aforesaid; which Penalty or Penalties shall from Time to Time be recoverable in a summary Way, on the Oath of One or more credible Witness or Witnesses, by Information to be laid before some One or more Justice or Justices of the Peace for the County, Town, or Place wherein the Offence shall be committed, and shall and may be recoverable and levied, with all reasonable Charges, by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of the Treasurer of the said Commissioners respectively, or of the Goods and Chattels of the Body or Bodies Politic or Corporate, or of the Person or Persons lighting as aforesaid.

For preventing the Escape of Gas.

LXXXII. And be it further enacted, That if any Person or Persons shall wilfully or maliciously remove, take away, destroy, damage, or injure any Part of any Pipe, Plug, Post, or other Apparatus, Article, Matter, or Thing belonging to the said Commissioners for their respective Jurisdictions, or to any Body or Bodies Politic or Corporate, or Person or Persons lighting as aforesaid, or shall wilfully and maliciously waste, or beyond his, her, or their Contract consume any of the Inflammable Air or Gas supplied by the said Commissioners respectively, or any Body or Bodies Politic or Corporate, or Person or Persons as aforesaid, every Person so offending in any of the respective Premises, and being thereof lawfully convicted, either by Confession or on the Oath or Affirmation of One credible Witness before One or more Justice or Justices of the Peace for the County, Town, or Place wherein the Offence shall be committed, shall forfeit and pay to the said Commissioners respectively, or the Body or Bodies Politic or Corporate, or Person or Persons aforesaid, any Sum not exceeding Five Pounds, and Three Times the Amount of the Damage done or occasioned by such Conduct, the same to be ascertained by such Justice or Justices; and such Penalty and Damage, together with reason-

Penalty on damaging Pipes, &c.

able Costs, shall be levied by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of such Offender, returning the Overplus (if any) on Demand to the Owner of such Goods and Chattels, or such Offender shall and may be committed to the Gaol of the County, Town, or Place aforesaid, at the Discretion of such Justice or Justices, there to remain for any Time not exceeding Three Calendar Months.

Ingredients  
used in ma-  
nufacturing  
Gas not to be  
conveyed into  
any River,  
Stream, &c.

LXXXIII. And be it further enacted, That it shall not be lawful for the said Commissioners respectively, or Body or Bodies Politic or Corporate, or any Person or Persons whomsoever, to carry or convey, or cause to be carried or conveyed, any Washings or Liquids, or any Lime or other Ingredients, Matters, or Things whatsoever, which shall arise or be made in manufacturing or preparing any Gas or Inflammable Air whatsoever, or in the Prosecution of any of the Gas Works, into the River *Kennet*, or into any Pond, Ditch, Brook, or Canal, or any Sewer, Drain, Conduit, or other Place whatsoever, by which it may ultimately be carried or conveyed into the said River, or into any other Stream or Brook, or into any Pond, Ditch, Brook, Canal, Sewer, Drain, or Conduit.

Penalty for  
conveying  
Washings  
into any  
Stream, &c.

LXXXIV. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That if the said Commissioners for their respective Jurisdictions, or Body or Bodies Politic or Corporate, or any Person or Persons whatsoever, making, furnishing, or supplying any Gas used, burnt, or consumed for lighting any Street, Highway, or Place, or any Building, Manufactory, or other Premises within the Limits of this Act, shall at any Time drain or carry, or cause or suffer to be drained, carried, or conveyed, or to run or flow, any Washings or other waste Liquids, Substances, or Things whatsoever, which shall arise or be made in the Prosecution of any Gas Works, into the River *Kennet*, or into any River, Brook, or running Stream, Reservoir, Canal, Aqueduct, Waterway, Feeder, Pond or Springhead, or do or cause to be done any Annoyance, Act or Thing to the Water contained in any such River, Brook, or running Stream, Reservoir, Canal, Aqueduct, Waterway, Feeder, Pond, or Springhead, whereby the said Water or any Part thereof shall or may be soiled, fouled, or corrupted, then and in every such Case the said Commissioners respectively, or such Body or Bodies Politic or Corporate, or such Person or Persons as aforesaid, shall forfeit and pay for every such Offence the Sum of Two hundred Pounds; and such Penalty or Forfeiture shall and may be, sued for and recovered, together with full Costs of Suit, in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster*, by Action of Debt or on the Case, or by Bill, Plaint, or Information, wherein no Essoign, Protection, Privilege, Wager of Law, nor more than One Impar lance shall be allowed, and such Penalty shall be paid to the Person or Persons who shall inform or sue for the same: Provided always, that no such Penalty or Forfeiture shall be recovered, unless the same be sued for within Six Calendar Months after the Time such Annoyance, Act, and Thing shall have ceased: Provided also, that in addition to the said Penalty of Two hundred Pounds (and whether such Penalty shall or shall not be recovered), in case any of the said Washings or other waste Liquids, or noisome or offensive Liquids, Substances, or Things, shall be drained, conducted, or conveyed, or caused or suffered to run or flow in manner aforesaid, into the said River *Kennet*, or into any River, Brook, or running Stream, or any Reservoir, Canal, Aqueduct, Waterway, Feeder, Pond, or Springhead, or any such Annoyance,

ance, Act, or Thing shall be done or caused to be done as aforesaid, and Notice thereof in Writing shall have been given by any Person whomsoever to the said Commissioners for their respective Jurisdictions, or any of them, or to such Body or Bodies Politic or Corporate, or Person or Persons as aforesaid, and the said Commissioners respectively, or such Body Politic or Corporate, or other Person or Persons, shall not, within Twenty-four Hours after such Notice given, stop and prevent all and every such Washings, waste Liquids, or noisome, or offensive Liquids, Substances, or Things, from being drained, conducted, or conveyed, or from running or flowing in Manner aforesaid, and every such other Annoyance, Act, or Thing from being done as aforesaid, then and in every such Case the said Commissioners respectively, or Body or Bodies Politic or Corporate, or other Person or Persons, shall forfeit and pay the Sum of Twenty Pounds for each Day such Washings, waste Liquids, or noisome, or offensive Liquids or Things, shall be so drained, conducted, or conveyed, or caused or suffered to run or flow in manner aforesaid, or such other Annoyance, Act, or Thing shall be so done or caused to be done as aforesaid; and such last-mentioned Penalty shall and may be recovered, and levied, and shall be paid to the Informer, or to the Person or Persons who, in the Judgment of the Justice or Justices before whom the Conviction shall take place, shall have sustained any Annoyance, Injury, or Damage by any such Act so done or committed.

**LXXXV.** Provided always, and be it further enacted, That nothing herein contained shall extend or be construed to extend to prevent any Person or Persons from proceeding by Indictment or otherwise against the said Commissioners, or the Body or Bodies Politic or Corporate, or the Person or Persons whosoever making, furnishing, or supplying any Gas used, burnt, or consumed for lighting any Street, Highway, or Place, or any Building, Manufactory, or other Premises within the Limits of this Act, or their respective Officers, Servants, or Workmen, in respect of any public or private Nuisance by them committed, through the Means which shall be adopted in obtaining, making, preparing, or using the said Gas or Inflammable Air.

**LXXXVI.** And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Commissioners for their respective Jurisdictions to erect or build, or cause to be erected and built, One or more Fire Engine House, or Houses within the said Borough and Town, or Tithing or Hamlet respectively, and to provide One or more Fire Engine or Engines, together with all such Pipes, Buckets, and other Articles and Things as may be necessary for working and using the same, and to defray the Expences thereof out of the Rates to be raised by virtue of this Act.

**LXXXVII.** And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Commissioners for the said Borough and Town, or any Five or more of them, and they are hereby authorized and empowered to build and erect, or cause to be built and erected, on any Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments, and Premises to be purchased for the Purposes of this Act, a convenient Town Hall, Gaol, and Butchers Shambles, with suitable and proper Rooms, Out Offices, and other Appurtenances thereto, and also such proper House or Place for the Residence of the Gaoler or Keeper of the said Gaol, to be fitted up and furnished respectively in a complete and effectual Manner, as to them the said Commissioners, or any Five or more

This Act not to prevent Commissioners being proceeded against for a Nuisance, &c.

Fire Engines may be provided.

Commissioners authorized to build the Town Hall, &c.

more of them; shall seem best adapted to answer the several Uses for which the same are respectively appointed; and the same shall be conveyed to the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses, and their Successors, who are hereby authorized to hold the same in perpetual Succession for the Purposes herein-before mentioned.

Power for  
Commission-  
ers to con-  
tract for Pur-  
chase of  
Buildings,  
&c.

LXXXVIII. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Commissioners for their respective Jurisdictions to contract and agree with any Person or Persons, Body or Bodies Politic, Corporate, Collegiate, or Sole, as shall be or be deemed to be the Owner or Owners, Proprietor or Proprietors, or otherwise interested in any Buildings, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments within the said Borough and Town, or Tithing or Hamlet respectively, mentioned and specified in the Schedule to this Act annexed, for the absolute Purchase in Fee Simple of any Buildings, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, or of any Door or Doors of any Cellar or Cellars, or of any Steps belonging thereto, or in any other Building whatsoever, which the said Commissioners respectively shall judge necessary and proper to be purchased for the Purpose of opening, improving, and widening any Markets, Streets, Lanes, Roads, public Passages or Places within the said Borough and Town, or Tithing or Hamlet respectively, and also for enlarging the Churchyard belonging to the Parish Church of *Newbury* aforesaid, or for the Purpose of opening any Communication between any Markets, Squares, Streets, Ways, Lanes, public Passages and Places, or for the Purpose of providing a Site for erecting any Gasometer, Cistern, or other Apparatus as aforesaid, and for otherwise improving the said Borough and Town, or Tithing or Hamlet respectively, for the absolute Purchase of all such Buildings, Erections, Doors, Cellars, Steps, Projections, Encroachments, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, or any of them, or for the Damage to be done thereto respectively in the Execution or for the Purposes of this Act, and to take down or alter all or any of such Buildings, Erections, Steps, Projections, Encroachments, Tenements, and Hereditaments so to be purchased, or any Part or Parts of the same respectively, and also to appropriate all or any Part of the Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments so to be purchased for all or any of the Purposes aforesaid, as they the said Commissioners respectively shall think fit: Provided always, that if the said Commissioners shall not, within the Space of Five Years, to be computed from the passing of this Act, agree for, or cause to be valued and paid for as herein-after mentioned, the several Buildings, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, which they are hereby empowered to purchase as aforesaid, or so much thereof as they shall deem necessary or proper for the Purposes of this Act, then and from thenceforth the Powers and Authorities hereby granted to them for such Purpose shall cease, determine, and be utterly void: Provided also, that the Quantity of Land to be purchased for the Purpose of providing a Site for erecting such Gasometer, Cistern, or other Apparatus as aforesaid, shall not exceed Two Statute Acres in the whole.

Power for  
Bodies Poli-  
tic, &c. to sell.

LXXXIX. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for all Bodies Politic, Corporate, or Collegiate, and all Corporations, whether Aggregate or Sole, and all Feoffees in Trust, Executors, Administrators, Husbands, Guardians, Committees of or for Lunatics and Idiots, and other Trustees whomsoever, not only for and on behalf of themselves and their Heirs and Successors, but also for and on behalf of their respective Cestuique

Cestuique Trusts, whether Infants or Issue unborn, Lunatics, Idiots, or Femes Covert, and also to and for all Femes Covert who are or shall be seised in their own Right, and to and for all Persons, whether Tenants for Life or Tenants in Tail, General or Special, or for Years determinable on any Life or Lives, and to and for all and every Person or Persons whomsoever who are or shall be seised, possessed of, or interested in any Lands, Houses, Erections, Cellars, Steps, Projections, Encroachments, Lands, Tenements, or other Hereditaments, or any Part thereof, which the said Commissioners are by this Act enabled to purchase for any of the Purposes of this Act, to treat, contract, and agree with the said Commissioners for their respective Jurisdictions for the Sale thereof, or any Part thereof, and to sell and convey all or any Part thereof, and all the Estate, Right, Title, and Interest whatsoever of, in, and to the same, to the said Commissioners respectively and their Successors, for any of the Purposes of this Act; and all Contracts, Agreements, Bargains, Sales, and Conveyances, which shall be made by virtue and in pursuance of this Act, shall, without any Fine or Fines, Recovery or Recoveries, or other Conveyances or Assurances in the Law whatsoever, be good, valid, and effectual, to all Intents and Purposes, not only to convey all Estate, Right, Interest, Use, Property, Claim, and Demand whatsoever, of the said several and respective Cestuique Trusts, but all claiming or to claim by, from, or under them, any Law, Statute, Usage, or any other Matter or Thing whatsoever to the contrary thereof notwithstanding; and all Bodies Politic, Corporate, or Collegiate, Corporations Aggregate or Sole, and all Feoffees in Trust, Executors, Administrators, Husbands, Guardians, Committees, Trustees, and all other Persons whomsoever, are and shall be hereby indemnified for what they shall do by virtue and in pursuance of this Act.

XC. And be it further enacted, That if any Body Politic, Corporate, or Collegiate, or any Corporation, whether Aggregate or Sole, or any Feme Covert, or any Tenant for Life, or any Tenant in Tail, General or Special, or for Years determinable on any Life or Lives, Owner or Owners, Occupier or Occupiers, or other Person or Persons whomsoever, interested in any Building or Buildings, Erection or Erections, projecting in or upon any of the Carriageways or Footways within the said Borough and Town, Tithing or Hamlet respectively, or of any Door or Doors, Cellar or Cellars, or of any Steps belonging thereto, or in any other Projection or Encroachment upon any such Carriageway or Footway whatsoever, or in any Lands, Houses, or other Buildings, Tenements, or Hereditaments, which the said Commissioners respectively are enabled by this Act to purchase or treat for, shall refuse to treat, contract, or agree as aforesaid; or by reason of Absence or otherwise shall be prevented from treating, contracting, or agreeing, or shall decline or refuse to sell, convey, and dispose of the Premises whereof or wherein or whereunto they respectively shall be so seised, possessed, interested, or entitled as aforesaid, or their respective Rights, Titles, Claims, or Interest into or upon the same, or any Part thereof, unto the said Commissioners respectively, or to such Person or Persons as they shall nominate for the Purposes, and according to the Tenor, true Intent, and Meaning of this Act, or shall not or cannot produce or make out a clear Title to the Premises they are in the Possession of, or to the Interest they claim therein, to the Satisfaction of the said Commissioners respectively, or if any Dispute or Difference shall

Provisions in case of Refusal or Inability to sell.

arise touching such Purchase or Purchases, then and in every such Case the said Commissioners respectively are hereby empowered and authorized, before any General or Quarter Sessions of the Peace to be holden for the said Borough and Town, if the Matter, Cause, or Thing happen or arise within the said Borough or Town, or if the Matter, Cause, or Thing happen or arise within the said Tithing or Hamlet of *Speenhamland*, before any General or Quarter Sessions to be holden for the said County of *Berks*, or any Adjournment of such General or Quarter Sessions respectively, to give or cause to be given to such Owner or Owners, or the principal Officer or Officers of such Bodies Politic, Corporate, or Collegiate, or to leave or cause to be left at the House of the Tenant in Possession, Ten Days Notice in Writing, denoting and particularly describing the Lands, Buildings, Houses, Tenements, or other Hereditaments intended to be purchased, and purporting that the Value thereof shall be adjusted and settled by a Jury at the said respective Sessions or Adjournment thereof; and the Justices at the said Sessions respectively, or any Adjournment thereof, upon Proof to them made of such Notice having been given or left, are hereby authorized and required to charge the Grand Jury at such Sessions assembled, or the Jury to try Prisoners at such Sessions, well and truly upon their Oaths to assess the Value of the said Lands, Buildings, Houses, Tenements, or other Hereditaments comprised in the Notices so given, and the Damages and Recompence to be awarded or given for the same to the respective Owner or Owners thereof, according to their respective Interests therein, and to which said Jury the said Commissioners respectively, and all Persons interested in the said Lands, Buildings, Houses, Tenements, or other Hereditaments, shall have their lawful Challenges; and the Jury being so sworn and charged as aforesaid, and after proper Evidence on Oath to them given concerning the Nature, Quality, or Value of the Lands, Houses, Buildings, Tenements, or other Hereditaments so to be sold or conveyed as aforesaid, shall, by their Verdict, assess the Damages and Recompence to be given for the same to the respective Owner or Owners, Occupier or Occupiers thereof, according to their respective Interests therein; and such Verdict of the said Jury, and the Judgment of the said Justices upon the same, shall be final, binding, and conclusive to the said Commissioners respectively, and to all Person and Persons interested in the said Lands, Buildings, Houses, Tenements, and other Hereditaments; and such Verdict, and the Judgment of the Justices thereupon, shall be fairly entered and kept among the Records of the Sessions for the said County, Town, or Place respectively, and the same or true Copies thereof shall be taken to be good and effectual Evidence and Proof in any Court of Law or Equity whatsoever, and all Persons may have recourse to the same *gratis*, and take Copies thereof, paying Eight-pence for every Seventy-two Words, and so in proportion for any greater or less Number of Words: Provided always, that in case the Sum or Sums so assessed by the said Jury, and ordered and adjudged to be paid by the said Commissioners respectively, as a Satisfaction to the Owners, Occupiers, or others, for their respective Interests in the said Premises, shall not be paid, tendered, left, or deposited, according to the true Intent and Meaning of this Act, within Three Calendar Months after the same shall have been so assessed, ordered, and adjudged, then and in such Case the Verdict of the said Jury shall not be binding upon the said Parties; any thing herein contained to the contrary thereof in anywise notwithstanding.

The Verdict of the Jury not to be binding unless the Money be paid within Three Calendar Months.

XCI. And be it further enacted, That in every Case where a Verdict shall be given by any such Jury for more Money than shall have been previously offered by or on behalf of the said Commissioners respectively, as a Price, Recompence, or Satisfaction for any such Buildings, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments as aforesaid, or for any Estate, Right, or Interest therein, all the Costs and Expences to be incurred in summoning, impannelling, and returning such Jury, taking such Inquisition, and the Attendance of Witnesses, and recording the Verdict or Judgment thereon, shall be borne by the said Commissioners respectively, out of the Monies to be raised by virtue of this Act for their respective Jurisdictions; and in case such Costs and Expences shall not be paid to the Party or Person entitled to receive the same within Fourteen Days after the Time appointed for Payment thereof, then the same shall and may be levied and recovered by Distress and Sale of any Goods and Chattels vested in the said Commissioners respectively, or their Treasurer or Treasurers (unless the Treasurer or Treasurers of the said Commissioners respectively shall pay such Costs and Expences out of any Monies received by him by virtue of this Act, which he is hereby authorized to do), under a Warrant to be issued for that Purpose by any Justice of the Peace for the said County, Town, or Place respectively, which Warrant any such Justice is hereby authorized and required to issue, under his Hand and Seal, on Application made to him for the Purpose by the Party or Person entitled to receive such Costs and Expences; and in every Case where a Verdict shall be given by any such Jury for no more or for less Money than shall have been previously offered by or on the Behalf of the said Commissioners respectively, as such Price, Recompence, or Satisfaction as aforesaid, all the Costs and Expences to be incurred as aforesaid shall be borne by the Party or Parties refusing or neglecting to treat and agree as before mentioned, or with whom the said Commissioners respectively shall have had any Disagreement or Dispute concerning such Price, Recompence, or Satisfaction as aforesaid; but in all Cases where any Person or Persons, Party or Parties, shall have been prevented by Absence from entering into any Treaty with the said Commissioners respectively, the Costs and Expences so incurred shall be borne by the said Commissioners respectively in Manner aforesaid; and in all Cases where any Difference shall arise touching the Amount of such Costs and Expences, the same shall be settled and ascertained by any Justice of the Peace for the said County, Town, or Place respectively, not interested in the Matter in question, who is hereby authorized and required to examine into and settle the same at a Time and Place to be by him appointed, after summoning the Parties interested therein to attend him for that Purpose, and to appoint a Time and Place for Payment thereof; and where the Costs shall be payable by the Party or Parties having had such Disagreement or Dispute with the said Commissioners respectively as aforesaid, the Amount thereof, having been first paid by the said Commissioners respectively, may be deducted by them out of the Monies awarded to be paid to such Party or Parties, as so much Money advanced for his, her, or their Use, and the Payment or Tender of the Balance of such Money shall be deemed and taken to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever to be a Payment or Tender of the whole Money awarded and adjudged to such Party or Parties; or otherwise, if such Costs and Charges be not paid upon Demand after being so ascertained as aforesaid, the same may be recovered by the said Commissioners respectively,

By whom  
Expences of  
Juries to be  
paid.

respectively, from the Party or Parties liable to the Payment thereof, by Action of Debt or on the Case in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record; together with full Costs of Suit.

Houses, &c.  
not to be  
taken.

XCII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That nothing herein contained shall authorize or empower the said Commissioners, or any Person or Persons acting by or under their Authority, to take, use, injure, or damage, for the Purposes of this Act, any House or other Building, Garden, Orchard, Yard, Park, Paddock, planted Walk, or Avenue to a House, or any inclosed Ground planted and set apart as a Nursery for Trees, without the Consent in Writing of the Owners or Occupiers thereof, and Persons interested therein respectively, other than and except those specified in the Schedule annexed to this Act.

Errors in  
Schedule not  
to retard the  
Execution of  
the Act.

XCIII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That if any of the Messuages, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments mentioned and described in the Schedule hereunto annexed, or any of the Owners thereof, or of the Persons in whose Possession or Occupation the same or any Part thereof are or is stated or described to be, or any Person or Persons otherwise interested therein, shall happen by Mistake to be misnamed or incorrectly described, such Misnomer or incorrect Description shall not prevent or retard the Execution of this Act, but the same Premises, and every Part thereof, shall and may be purchased, sold, assessed, and valued in manner as in this Act mentioned, and afterwards conveyed, disposed of, and applied for and to the Purposes of this Act, as fully and effectually as if the same was or were properly named and described in the said Schedule hereunto annexed; provided it shall appear to any Two Justices of the Peace for the County, Town, or Place wherein such Messuages, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments shall be situate, and be certified by Writing under their Hands, that such Omission, Misnomer, or inaccurate Description proceeded from Mistake, or that the real Owners or Occupiers of such Messuages, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments had Notice that the same respectively would be wanted for the Purposes of this Act.

XCIV. And be it further enacted, That all Sales, Conveyances, and Assurances of any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, to be made to the said Commissioners respectively, shall be in the Form or to the Effect following; (that is to say),

Form of  
Conveyance.

I of \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ in consideration of the Sum \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ to me paid by the Commissioners for the Improvement of the Borough and Town of *Newbury* [or of the Tithing or Hamlet of *Speenhamland* in the County of *Berks*, as the Case may be], acting by virtue of an Act of Parliament made in the Sixth Year of the Reign of King *George* the Fourth, intituled [*here set forth the Title of this Act*], do hereby grant and convey to the said Commissioners and their Successors, all [*here describe the Premises to be conveyed*], and all my Right, Title, and Interest in and to the same, and every Part thereof; to hold to the said Commissioners and their Successors for ever. In witness whereof, I have hereto set my Hand and Seal this \_\_\_\_\_ Day of \_\_\_\_\_ in the Year of our Lord \_\_\_\_\_

And



And every such Sale, Conveyance, and Assurance so made shall be good, valid, and effectual to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever, any Law, Statute, Usage, or Custom to the contrary notwithstanding.

XCV. And be it further enacted, That every Sum of Money to be agreed for or awarded or assessed as aforesaid, shall, within Three Calendar Months after the same shall have been so agreed for, awarded, or assessed, be paid out of the Monies to be received by virtue of this Act; and upon Payment or Tender thereof to the Party or Persons respectively entitled to such Monies, or their Agents, or depositing the same in the Bank of *England* (as the Case may be) in Manner by this Act directed and required, all the Estate, Right, Title, Interest, Use, Trust, Property, Claim, and Demand, in Law and Equity, of the Person or Persons respectively to whose Credit or Use the same shall have been paid, in, to, and out of such Lands, Buildings, Houses, Tenements, or other Hereditaments, shall vest in the said Commissioners for their respective Jurisdictions, in trust for effecting the Purposes of this Act, and they shall be deemed in Law to be in the actual Seisin and Possession thereof to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever, as fully and effectually as if every Person having any Estate in the Premises had actually conveyed the same by Lease and Release, Bargain and Sale enrolled, Feoffment with Livery of Seisin, Fine, Common Recovery, Surrender, or any other Conveyance or Assurance whatsoever; and such Payments shall not only bar all Right, Title, Interest, Claim, and Demand of the Person or Persons to whose Use or Credit such Payments shall have been made as aforesaid, but also extend to and be deemed and construed to bar the Dower of the Wife and Wives of such Person and Persons, and all Estates Tail and other Estates in Possession, Reversion, Remainder, or Expectancy, and the Issue of such Person, and Persons claiming under them, as effectually as Fines or Common Recoveries would do if levied or suffered by the proper Parties in due Form of Law.

Provision for  
Payment of  
Purchase  
Money.

XCVI. And be it further enacted, That if any Money shall be paid or agreed or awarded to be paid for the Purchase of any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments purchased, taken, or used by virtue of this Act, for the Purposes thereof, which shall belong to any Body Politic, Corporate, or Collegiate, or to any Feoffee in trust, Executor, Administrator, Husband, Guardian, Committee, or other Trustee for or on behalf of any Infant, Lunatic, Idiot, Feme Covert, or other Cestuique Trust, or to any Person whose Lands, Tenements, or other Hereditaments are limited in strict or other Settlement, or to any Person under any other Disability or Incapacity whatsoever, such Money shall, in case the same shall be equal 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 Court of Exchequer, to be placed to his Account there, *ex parte* the Commissioners for executing this Act, according to their respective Jurisdictions, pursuant to the Method prescribed by an Act passed in the First Year of the Reign of His present Majesty King *George* the Fourth, intituled *An Act for the better securing Monies and Effects paid into the Court of Exchequer at Westminster on account of the Suitors of the said Court, and for the Appointment of an Accountant General and Two Masters of the said Court, and for other Purposes*, and the General Orders of the said Court, and without Fee or  
[Local.]

Application  
of Compens-  
ation Money  
if amounting  
to 200l.

1 G. 4. c. 35.

Reward; and shall when so paid in 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 Discharge of any Debt or Debts, or such other Incumbrances, or Part thereof, as the said Court shall authorize to be paid, affecting the same Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, or affecting other Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments standing settled therewith to the same or the like Uses, Intents, or Purposes; or where such Money shall not be so applied, then the same shall be laid out and invested, under the like Direction and Approbation of the said Court, in the Purchase of other 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, or 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, 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 said Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments so hereby directed to be purchased, in case such Purchase or Settlement were made.

Application  
of Compensation when  
less than 200*l.*  
and not less  
than 20*l.*

XCVII. And be it further enacted, That if any Money so agreed or awarded to be paid for any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments to be purchased, taken, or used for the Purposes aforesaid, and belonging to any Corporation, or to any Person or Persons under any Disability or Incapacity as aforesaid, shall be less than the Sum of Two hundred Pounds, and shall amount to or exceed the Sum of Twenty Pounds, then and in all such Cases the same shall, at the Option of the Person or Persons for the Time being entitled to the Rents and Profits of the Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments so purchased, taken, or used, or of his, her, or their Guardian or Guardians, Committee or Committees, in case of Infancy, Idiotcy, or Lunacy, to be signified in Writing under their respective Hands, be paid into the Bank of *England* in the Name and with the Privity of the said Accountant General of the Court of Exchequer, and be placed to his Account as aforesaid, in order to be applied in manner herein-before directed; or otherwise the same shall be paid, at the like Option, to Two Trustees, to be nominated by the Person or Persons making such Option, and approved of by Three or more of the said Commissioners for their respective Jurisdictions 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

manner herein-before directed, so far as the Case may be applicable, without obtaining or being required to obtain the Direction or Approbation of the Court of Exchequer.

XCVIII. And be it further enacted, That where such Money so agreed or awarded to be paid as last before mentioned shall be less than Twenty Pounds, then and in all such Cases the same shall be applied to the Use of the Person or Persons who would for the Time being have been entitled to the Rents and Profits of the Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments so purchased, taken, or used for the Purposes of this Act, in such Manner as the said Commissioners respectively shall think fit; or in case of Infancy, Idiocy, or Lunacy, then such Money shall be paid 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.

Application of Compensation when less than 20/.

XCIX. And be it further enacted, That in case the Person or Persons to whom any Sum or Sums of Money shall be awarded for the Purchase of any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments to be purchased by virtue of this Act, shall refuse to accept the same, or shall not be able to make a good Title to the Premises to the Satisfaction of the said Commissioners respectively, or in case such Person or Persons to whom such Sum or Sums of Money shall be awarded as aforesaid cannot be found, or if the Person or Persons entitled to such Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments be not known or discovered, then and in every such Case it shall be lawful for the said Commissioners respectively, or any Three or more of them, to order the said Sum or Sums of Money so awarded as aforesaid to be paid into the Bank of *England*, in the Name and with the Privity of the Accountant General of the Court of Exchequer, to be placed to his Account to the Credit of the Parties interested in the said Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments (describing them), subject to the Order, Controul, and Disposition of the said Court of Exchequer; which said Court of Exchequer, 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 same Court shall seem meet, to order the same to be laid out and invested in the Public Funds, and to order Distribution thereof, or Payment of the Dividends 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, for such Person or Persons as shall pay any such Sum or Sums of Money into the Bank as aforesaid.

In case of not making out Titles, or if Persons cannot be found, the Purchase Money to be paid into the Bank.

C. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That when 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 Exchequer, in pursuance of this Act, for the Purchase of any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments,

Where any Question shall arise as to the Title to Money.

or

or of any Estate, Right, or Interest in any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments to be purchased in pursuance of this Act, or to any Bank Annuities to be purchased with any such Money, or 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 such Person or Persons, or 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 Exchequer; and the Dividends and Interest of the Bank Annuities to be purchased with such Money, and also the Capital of such Bank Annuities, shall be paid, applied, and disposed of accordingly, unless it shall be made appear to the said Court that such Possession was a wrongful Possession, and that some other Person or Persons was or were lawfully entitled to such Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, or to some Estate or Interest therein.

Court of  
Exchequer  
may order  
Expences  
to be paid.

CI. 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 Court of Exchequer, and to be applied in the Purchase of other Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, to be settled to the like Uses in pursuance of this Act, it shall be lawful for the said Court of Exchequer to order the Expences of all Purchases to be from Time to Time made in pursuance of this Act, or so much of such Expences as the Court shall deem reasonable, to be paid by the said Commissioners for their respective Jurisdictions out of the Monies to be received by virtue of this Act, who shall from Time to Time pay such Sums of Money for such Purposes as the said Court shall direct.

Possession to  
be delivered  
up.

CII. And be it further enacted, That all and every Person and Persons, Body and Bodies Politic, Corporate, and Collegiate, in Possession of any Houses or Buildings, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, which shall be purchased by and vested in the said Commissioners respectively by virtue of this Act, or of any Part thereof, shall at the End of Six Calendar Months next after Notice shall be given to him, her, or them for that Purpose, under the Hands of Five or more of the said Commissioners, respectively peaceably and quietly deliver up the Possession of the said Premises to such Person or Persons as shall be authorized by the said Commissioners respectively to take Possession thereof, they the said Commissioners respectively making such Satisfaction to every such Person or Persons, Bodies Politic, Corporate, or Collegiate, in case he, she, or they shall be required to quit before the Expiration of his, her, or their Term in the Premises, as the said Commissioners respectively shall deem just and reasonable; and in case any Dispute or Difference shall arise touching or concerning the same, such Satisfaction or Compensation shall be settled and ascertained by a Jury in manner herein-before mentioned; and in case any such Person, or Body Politic, Corporate, or Collegiate, shall refuse to give up such Possession as aforesaid, it shall be lawful for the said Commissioners respectively to issue their Precept or Warrant, signed by any Three or more of the said Commissioners respectively, to

the Sergeants at Mace of and for the said Borough and Town of *Newbury*, or the Constable, Bailiff, or Tithingman of the said Tithing or Hamlet of *Speenhamland* (as the Case may require), to deliver Possession of the Premises to such Person or Persons as shall in such Precept or Warrant be nominated to receive the same, and the said Sergeants, Constable, Bailiff, or Tithingman respectively are hereby required to deliver such Possession accordingly, and to levy such Costs as shall accrue upon the Issuing or Execution of such Precept or Warrant on the Person or Persons so refusing to give Possession as aforesaid, by Distress and Sale of his, her, and their Goods, returning the Overplus (if any) to the Owner thereof on Demand.

CIII. And whereas by reason of the Purchases which the said Commissioners for their respective Jurisdictions are hereby empowered to make, they may happen to be possessed of some Building or Buildings, Piece or Pieces of Ground, over and above what may be necessary for effecting the Improvements hereby directed to be made, or for other the Purposes of this Act; be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Commissioners respectively to sell and dispose of such Building or Buildings, Piece or Pieces of Ground, either together or in Parcels, as they shall find most advantageous and convenient, to such Person or Persons as shall be willing to contract for and purchase the same; and the Money to arise by Sale of such Building or Buildings, Piece or Pieces of Ground, shall be applied to the respective Purposes of this Act, but the Purchaser or Purchasers thereof shall not be answerable or accountable for the Misapplication or Nonapplication thereof.

Power for Commissioners to sell such Lands as shall not be wanted by them.

CIV. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That the said Commissioners for their respective Jurisdictions, before they shall sell and dispose of any such Buildings or Grounds, shall first offer the same for Sale to the Person or Persons respectively from whom they shall have purchased such Buildings or Grounds; and in case such Person or Persons shall not then and thereupon agree, or shall refuse to re-purchase the same, then and in every such Case an Affidavit to be made and sworn before a Master Extraordinary in the High Court of Chancery, or before One or more of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the County, Town or Place, by some Person or Persons no way interested in the said Buildings or Grounds, stating that such Offer was made by or on behalf of the said Commissioners respectively, and that such Offer was not then and thereupon agreed to, or was refused by the Person or Persons to whom the same was so offered, shall in all Courts whatsoever be sufficient Evidence and Proof that such Offer was made and was not agreed to, or was refused by the Person or Persons to whom it was made (as the Case may be); but in case such former Owner or Owners shall be desirous of re-purchasing the same, and cannot agree with the said Commissioners respectively in regard to the Price to be paid for the Purchase thereof, then and in such Case the Price or Value thereof shall be settled and ascertained by a Jury in like Manner as the Price or Value of any Hereditaments to be purchased or taken by the said Commissioners respectively for the Purposes of this Act is herein-before directed to be settled and ascertained; and the Costs and Charges of ascertaining and determining the same shall be borne and paid in like Manner as herein-before is directed with respect to Purchases made by the said Commissioners respectively,

Persons from whom such Lands shall have been purchased to have the First Offer thereof.

*mutatis mutandis*; and all Monies to arise by any Sales, which may be made by the said Commissioners respectively of the said Premises, or any Part or Parts thereof, shall be applied to the Purposes of this Act, but the Purchasers thereof, having paid his, her, or their Purchase Monies to the Treasurer or Treasurers of the said Commissioners respectively, and obtained his or their Receipt or Receipts for the same, shall not be liable to see to the Application of the said Monies, or answerable or accountable for the Misapplication or Nonapplication of the same.

Commissioners may contract;

CV. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Commissioners respectively to enter into any Contract or Contracts for lighting, watching, paving, flagging, widening, cleansing, watering, improving, extending, and regulating the several Markets, Squares, Streets, Ways, Lanes, public Passages and Places within the said Borough and Town, or Tithing or Hamlet respectively, or any of them, or for furnishing Materials or other Matters or necessary Things whatsoever, or for any other the Purposes of this Act; but before any such Contract or Contracts shall be entered into, Fourteen Days Notice at least shall be given in some public Newspaper circulated in the said County of *Berks*, and such other public Notice as the said Commissioners respectively shall for that Purpose order or direct, expressing the Purpose or Purposes of such Contract or Contracts, in order that any Person or Persons willing to undertake the same may make Proposals for that Purpose, to be offered to the said Commissioners respectively, at a certain Time and Place in such Notice to be mentioned; and the said Commissioners respectively shall and they are hereby required to take Security from any such Contractors for the due Performance of his or her Contract.

and compound for Breach of Contract.

CVI. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Commissioners respectively from Time to Time, and at all Times hereafter, to compound and agree with any Person or Persons on account of any Breach or Nonperformance of such Contract or Contracts, for such Sum or Sums of Money, or upon such Terms and Conditions, as they the said Commissioners respectively shall think proper.

Contracts to be signed by Commissioners.

CVII. And be it further enacted, That every such Contract or Contracts shall specify the several Works to be done, and the Prices to be received or paid for the same, and the Time or Times when the said Works are to be completed, and the Penalties to be suffered in case of Nonperformance thereof, and shall be signed by the said Commissioners respectively, or any Three or more of them, and also by the Person or Persons contracting to perform such Work respectively; which Contract or Contracts shall be entered in a Book or Books to be kept for that Purpose by the Clerk to the said Commissioners respectively.

Commissioners not answerable in their private Capacity;

CVIII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That no Contract which shall be made by the said Commissioners respectively, for any of the Purposes of this Act, shall be binding upon the said Commissioners respectively as Individuals or in their private Capacity, nor shall any of the said Commissioners respectively personally, or their respective Estates, be answerable for or subject to the Payment of any of the Mortgages or Annuities to be granted in pursuance of this Act; and all Money which shall be expended by or recovered against any of the said Commissioners respectively,

respectively, or any Person or Persons employed by them, by means of any Action, Prosecution, or Appeal to be brought by or against them, or any of them, touching the Execution of this Act, shall be borne and defrayed out of the Money which shall come to the Hands of the Treasurer to the said Commissioners respectively, or any other Person by virtue of this Act; provided nevertheless, that nothing herein contained shall extend to exonerate or discharge any of the said Commissioners, their Houses, Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments, Goods, Chattels; or Effects, from the Payment of the Rates or Assessments to be raised by virtue of this Act.

but to be  
subject to  
Rates.

CIX. And be it further enacted, That if any Person or Persons shall at any Time or Times hereafter obstruct, hinder, or molest any Collector or Collectors, Surveyor or Surveyors, or other Officer or Officers, or any Workmen or other Person or Persons whomsoever, who shall be employed by virtue of this Act, or in any Manner concerned in the Execution thereof, in the Performance or Execution of his or their Duty or Work, every Person so offending shall for every such Offence forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Five Pounds.

Penalty on  
obstructing  
Officers, &c.

CX. And be it further enacted, That all Offences whatsoever which by virtue or under the Authority of this Act are or shall be subject to or punishable with any pecuniary Penalties, Fines, or Forfeitures, for the Recovery of which no express Provision is herein-before made, shall and may in every Case be heard, adjudged, and determined by or before any Justice or Justices of the Peace in and for the County, Town, or Place wherein the Offence shall be committed, in a summary Way, upon Information or Complaint made and exhibited in Writing, (and which shall in every Case be made and exhibited within Three Calendar Months at furthest next after the committing of such Offences respectively and not afterwards); and upon any such Information or Complaint as aforesaid, the said Justice or Justices shall examine into the Matter thereof, and if upon the Confession of the Party or Parties accused, or on the Oath of any One or more credible Witness or Witnesses, the Party or Parties accused shall be convicted of having committed such Offence or Offences, then and in every such Case the Penalty or Penalties, Fine or Fines, Forfeiture or Forfeitures, hereby made payable in respect of such Offence or Offences, together with the Costs of Conviction, to be ascertained by such Justice or Justices, shall be forthwith paid by the Party or Parties so convicted as aforesaid; and in case such Party or Parties so convicted shall refuse or neglect to pay the same forthwith, then, except in Cases otherwise provided by this Act, the same shall and may by Warrant or Warrants under the Hand and Seal or Hands and Seals of any Justice or Justices, (which he and they is and are hereby empowered and required to grant), be levied and recovered, together with the Costs of Conviction and Recovery thereof, to be ascertained by such Justice or Justices, by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of such Offender or Offenders, rendering the Overplus of the Money arising by such Sale (if any) to the Party or Parties whose Goods and Chattels shall be distrained, one Moiety of which Penalties, not herein directed to be otherwise applied, shall be paid to the Informer, and the other Moiety shall be paid to the Overseers of the Poor of the Parish wherein the Offence shall have been committed, and applied towards the Relief of the Poor thereof; and it shall be lawful for the said

Recovery  
and Applica-  
tion of  
Penalties.

Justice

Justice or Justices to order the Offender or Offenders so convicted to be detained in safe Custody until Return can be conveniently made to such Warrant or Warrants of Distress, unless the said Offender or Offenders shall give sufficient Security, to the Satisfaction of such Justice or Justices, for his, her, or their Appearance before the said Justice or Justices, on such Day or Days as shall be appointed for the Return of such Warrant or Warrants 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 or Warrants it shall appear that no sufficient Distress can be had whereupon to levy the said Penalty or Penalties, Fine or Fines, Forfeiture or Forfeitures, and such Costs as aforesaid, and the same shall not be forthwith paid, or in case it shall appear to the Satisfaction of such Justice, either by the Confession of the Offender or Offenders or otherwise, that the Offender or Offenders hath or have not sufficient Goods and Chattels whereon such Penalties, Forfeitures, Fines, Costs, and Charges may be levied were a Warrant of Distress issued, such Justice shall not be required to issue such Warrant of Distress, and thereupon it shall be lawful for the said Justice or Justices, and he and they is and are hereby required and empowered, by Warrant or Warrants under his Hand and Seal or their Hands and Seals, to commit such Offender or Offenders to the Gaol for the County, Town, or Place wherein the Offence shall be committed, there to remain without Bail or Mainprize for any Term not exceeding Three Calendar Months, or until such Offender or Offenders shall have fully paid such Penalty or Penalties, Fine or Fines, Forfeiture or Forfeitures, and all Costs attending such Proceedings as aforesaid, to be ascertained by such Justice or Justices, or shall otherwise be discharged by due Course of Law.

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

Form of  
Conviction.

‘ **BE** it remembered, That on the \_\_\_\_\_ Day of \_\_\_\_\_  
 ‘ in the Year of our Lord \_\_\_\_\_ is convicted  
 ‘ before \_\_\_\_\_ of His Majesty’s Justices of the Peace for the  
 ‘ \_\_\_\_\_ of having [*here state the Offence*]; and I [*or*  
 ‘ we] the said Justice [*or Justices*] do adjudge him, her, or them to forfeit  
 ‘ and pay the Sum of \_\_\_\_\_ Given under my Hand and  
 ‘ Seal [*or our Hands and Seals*] the Day and Year aforesaid.’

Distress not  
unlawful for  
Want of  
Form.

CXII. 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 be deemed a Trespasser or Trespassers, on account of any Defect or Want of Form in the Information, Summons, Conviction, Warrant of Distress, or other Proceeding relating thereto, nor shall the Party or Parties distraining be deemed Trespasser or Trespassers on account of any Irregularity that shall be afterwards done by the Party or Parties distraining, but the Person or Persons aggrieved by such Irregularities



larities may recover Satisfaction for the special Damage in an Action on the Case.

CXIII. And be it further enacted, That if any Person or Persons shall think himself, herself, or themselves aggrieved by any Rate or Assessment which shall be made or demanded in pursuance of this Act, or by any Bye Law, or any other Order, Judgment, or Determination of the said Commissioners for their respective Jurisdictions, or by any Penalty imposed, or by any Conviction made, or by any other Thing done in pursuance of this Act (save and except in such Cases where any Order, Judgment, or Determination is herein directed to be final and conclusive, and save and except in such Cases for which any particular Method of Relief is herein appointed), such Person or Persons may appeal to the Justices of the Peace, at the General Quarter Sessions of the Peace to be holden for the County of *Berks* next after the Cause of Complaint shall have arisen, or at any Adjournment of such Sessions, the Person or Persons appealing first giving or causing to be given to the Person or Persons appealed against, or to the Clerk to the said Commissioners respectively, in case such Appeal shall be made against any Rate or Assessment, Bye Law, Rule, Order, Judgment or Determination, Matter or Thing, made or done by the said Commissioners respectively, Fourteen Days Notice in Writing of his, her, and their Intention to bring such Appeal, and the Cause and Matter thereof, and within Six Days next 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, and abide the Order of and to pay such Costs as shall be awarded by the Justices at such Sessions or Adjournment thereof; and the Justices at such Sessions, upon due Proof of such Notice having been given, and of such Recognizance having been entered into as aforesaid, shall hear and finally determine every such Appeal in a summary Way, and award such Costs to the Party appealing or appealed against as the said Justices shall think proper, and shall and may at their Discretion discharge or mitigate any Fine, Penalty, or Forfeiture, and may order any Money to be returned which shall be levied in pursuance of any such Bye Law, Rule, Order, Judgment, or Determination of the said Commissioners respectively, and may also order and award such further Satisfaction to be made to the Party injured, as they the said Justices shall think reasonable; and the Determination of the said Justices, in their said General Quarter Sessions or Adjournment thereof, shall be final, binding, and conclusive to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever.

CXIV. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That on any Appeal from any Rate or Assessment to be made for the Purposes of this Act, the Justices of the Sessions where such Appeal shall be heard shall and may amend the same in such Manner as may be necessary for giving Relief, without quashing or altering such Rates or Assessments with respect to the other Persons mentioned in the same; but if upon Appeal from the whole Rate or Assessment, it shall be found necessary to set aside the same, then and in such Cases the said Justices shall and may order a new Rate or Assessment to be made in the Manner herein directed.

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CXV. And

Justices may amend the Rates without quashing the same.

Inhabitants  
may be Wit-  
nesses.

CXV. And be it further enacted, That no Person shall in any Action, Prosecution, or other Proceeding whatsoever relating to or concerning the Execution of this Act, be deemed an incompetent Witness on account of his or her being charged with or liable to pay any Rate or Assessment to be raised, levied, and collected by virtue of this Act.

Actions to be  
brought in  
the Name of  
the Clerk.

CXVI. And be it further enacted, That the said Commissioners respectively may sue and be sued in the Name of their Clerk for the Time being, and all Actions and Suits which may be necessary or expedient to be brought for the Recovery of any Penalty or Sum or Sums of Money due or payable by virtue of this Act, or for or in respect of any other Matter or Thing relating to this Act, may be brought in the Name of the said Clerk; and no Action or Suit which may be brought, commenced, or prosecuted by or against the said Commissioners respectively, or any of them, by virtue or on account of this Act, in the Name of their Clerk, shall abate or be discontinued by the Death, Suspension, or Removal of such Clerk; or by any Act or Default of such Clerk done or suffered without the Consent or Direction of the said Commissioners respectively, but the Clerk to the said Commissioners respectively for the Time being shall be always deemed Plaintiff or Defendant in every such Action or Suit (as the Case may be), except in such Action or Actions as shall be prosecuted between the said Commissioners respectively and their Clerk for the Time being, in which Action or Suit any One of the said Commissioners respectively shall or may be Plaintiff or Defendant (as the Case may be): Provided always, that every such Clerk or Commissioner, in whose Name any Action or Suit shall be commenced, prosecuted, or defended in pursuance of this Act, shall always be reimbursed and paid, out of the Monies to arise by virtue of this Act, all such Damages, Costs, Charges, and Expences as such Clerk or Commissioner shall be put to or become chargeable with by reason of his being so made Plaintiff or Defendant therein; and no such Clerk or Commissioner shall be personally answerable or liable for the Payment of the same, or any Part of the same, unless such Action or Suit shall arise in consequence of his own wilful Neglect or Default, or have been brought or commenced without the Order or Direction of the said Commissioners respectively, or any Five or more of them.

For ascer-  
taining and  
compelling  
Payment of  
Costs, Da-  
mages, and  
Expences.

CXVII. And be it further enacted, That in all Cases where any Costs, Charges, Damages, Compensations, or Expences are by this Act directed to be paid or received by the said Commissioners respectively, to or from any Body Corporate or Politic, Commissioners, Trustees, or other Person or Persons, and the Amount of such Costs, Charges, Damages, Compensations, or Expences shall not be agreed on by or between the said Parties, and is not herein or hereby otherwise directed or authorized to be ascertained and recovered, the same shall be settled and determined by any Two or more Justices of the Peace of the County, Town, or Place wherein the Matter in Difference shall arise, who are hereby authorized and required, within Seven Days next after Complaint or Application shall be made to them for that Purpose by the Party aggrieved or entitled to claim Compensation, to inquire into, and upon the Oath or Affirmation of One or more credible Witness or Witnesses, ascertain and determine the same in a summary Way; and in case the Amount of such Costs, Charges, Damages,

Damages, Compensations, and Expences, so to be ascertained and determined as aforesaid, shall not be paid and discharged within Ten Days after the same shall have been so ascertained and determined, and Demand of Payment having been duly made, the Amount thereof, or of so much thereof as shall then remain unpaid, together with any Penalties which may then have been incurred in consequence of such Nonpayment, shall and may, upon Proof by the Oath or Affirmation of One or more credible Witness or Witnesses of such Demand and Neglect of Payment, be levied and recovered by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of the Party or Parties to whom it shall belong to pay the same, together with the Costs of such Distress and Sale, by Warrant under the Hands and Seals of Two or more Justices of the Peace for the said County, Town, or Place, which Warrant they are accordingly hereby authorized and directed to grant; and the Amount which shall be recovered and received under such Warrant shall be paid to the Party or Parties authorized to claim and receive the same under the Provisions herein contained, who, after deducting the necessary Charge of making such Distress and Sale, shall pay over the Surplus thereof (if any) to the Party or Parties so refusing or neglecting, or the Amount may be recovered in any of His Majesty's Courts at *Westminster*, by Action of Debt, wherein no Essoign, Protection, or Wager of Law, nor more than One Imparlanche, shall be allowed.

CXVIII. And be it further enacted, That when and as often as any Sum or Sums of Money shall be directed or ordered to be paid by any Justice or Justices of the Peace in pursuance of this Act, as or by way of Compensation or Satisfaction for any Materials or Costs, or for any Damage, Spoil, or Injury of any Nature or Kind whatsoever, done or committed by the said Commissioners, or any Person or Persons acting by or under their Authority, and such Sum or Sums of Money shall not be paid by the said Commissioners to the Party or Parties entitled to receive the same, within Ten Days after Demand in Writing shall have been made from the said Commissioners, in pursuance of the Direction or Order made by such Justice or Justices, and in which Demand the Order of such Justice or Justices shall be stated, then and in such Case the Amount of such Compensation or Satisfaction shall and may be levied and recovered by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels vested in the said Commissioners by virtue of this Act, or of the Goods and Chattels of their Treasurer for the Time being, under a Warrant to be issued for that Purpose by such Justice or Justices, which Warrant any such Justice or Justices is and are hereby authorized and required to grant under his Hand and Seal, or their Hands and Seals, on Application made to him or them for that Purpose by the Party or Parties entitled to receive such Sum or Sums of Money as or by way of Compensation or Satisfaction for any such Materials, Costs, Damages, Spoil, or Injury as aforesaid; and in case any Overplus shall remain after Payment of such Sum or Sums of Money, and the Costs and Expences of hearing and determining the Matter in dispute, and also the Costs and Expences of such Distress and Sale, then and in such Case such Overplus shall be returned, on Demand, to the said Commissioners, or to their Treasurer for the Time being, as the Case may be: Provided always, that it shall be lawful for such Treasurer to retain, out of any Monies which he shall have received, or shall receive in pursuance of this Act, all such Damages, Costs, Charges, and Expences

In case of Nonpayment of Compensation for Damages, &c. the same to be levied by Distress of the Goods of the Company or their Treasurer.

as he shall have sustained or be put unto by virtue of any such Warrant as aforesaid.

Plaintiff not  
to recover  
after Tender  
of Amends.

CXIX. And be it further enacted, That no Plaintiff or Plaintiffs shall recover in any Action to be commenced against any Person or Persons for any Thing done in pursuance of this Act, unless Notice in Writing shall have been given to the Defendant or Defendants, Twenty-eight Days before such Action shall be commenced, of such intended Action, signed by the Attorney of the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs, specifying the Cause of such Action; nor shall the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs recover in any such Action if Tender of sufficient Amends shall have been made to him, her, or them, or to his, her, or their Attorney, by or on behalf of the Defendant or Defendants, before such Action brought; and in case no such Tender shall be made, it shall be lawful for the Defendant or Defendants in any such Action, by Leave of the Court, at any Time before Issue joined, to pay into Court such Sum of Money as he, she, or they shall think proper, whereupon such Proceeding, Order, and Judgment shall be made and given in and by such Court as in other Actions where the Defendant is allowed to pay Money into Court.

Limitation  
of Actions.

CXX. And be it further enacted, That no Action or Suit shall be brought against any Person or Persons for any thing done in pursuance of this Act, or in relation to the Matters herein contained, after Three Calendar Months from the Fact committed; and every such Action or Suit shall be brought and tried in the County where the Cause of Action shall have arisen, and not elsewhere; and the Defendant and Defendants in every such Action or Suit shall or may, at his or their Election, plead specially or the General Issue, and give this Act and the special Matter in Evidence at any Trial, and that the same was done in pursuance and under the Authority of this Act; and if the same shall appear to have been so done, or if such Action or Suit shall have been brought before the Expiration of Twenty-eight Days after such Notice shall have been given as aforesaid, or after sufficient Satisfaction made or tendered as aforesaid, or after the Time limited for bringing the same, or shall be brought in any other County or Place than as aforesaid, then and in every of the Cases aforesaid the Jury shall find a Verdict for the Defendant or Defendants, and upon such Verdict, or if the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs shall be nonsuited, or discontinue his, her, or their Action or Suit after the Defendant or Defendants shall have appeared, or if upon any Demurrer, Judgment shall be given against the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs, then and in every such Case the Defendant or Defendants shall recover Treble Costs, and have such Remedy for recovering the same as any other Defendant or Defendants hath or have in other Cases by Law.

Commissioners may  
direct Prosecutions for  
Nuisances.

CXXI. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Commissioners respectively from Time to Time to direct any Prosecution or Prosecutions at the Assizes or Quarter Sessions for the County of *Berks*, or for the said Borough and Town, if the Offence be cognizable within the said Borough and Town, for any public Nuisance whatsoever which shall be committed or suffered or permitted within the said Borough and Town, or Tithing or Hamlet respectively, and to direct and order the Expences of such Prosecution or Prosecutions to be paid and

and borne by and out of the respective Funds to be raised and provided for the Purposes of this Act.

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

No Proceedings to be removed by Certiorari.

CXXIII. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Commissioners respectively to reward any Informer or Informers as they shall think proper, so as such Reward shall not exceed the Amount of the Penalty or Forfeiture proved by the Information of such Informer or Informers to have been incurred; any thing herein contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

Commissioners may reward Informers.

CXXIV. And be it further enacted, That all Orders or Notices which are directed or required to be given by this Act, or which are or may be directed and required to be given by any Rules, Orders, or Bye Laws made or to be made in pursuance of this Act, or which shall or may be necessary for carrying into Execution any of the Powers of the same, or any such Rules, Orders, or Bye Laws made or to be made in pursuance of this Act, or which shall or may be necessary for carrying into Execution any of the Powers of the same, of which the Manner of serving the same is not particularly directed by this Act, the Service of any such Order or Notice, either on the Person to whom the same ought to be given, or leaving the same, or a true Copy thereof, signed by the Clerk for the Time being to the said Commissioners respectively, at the Dwelling House or usual or last Place of Abode of such Person, shall be good and sufficient Service of any such Order or Notice.

Directing the Manner of serving Orders, Summonses, and Notices.

CXXV. And be it further enacted, That in all Cases wherein it may be requisite to serve any Notice or Notices upon the said Commissioners respectively, or any Writ or Writs or other legal Proceedings, the Service thereof upon the Clerk or Clerks of the said Commissioners respectively, or at the Office of such Clerk or Clerks, or left at his or their last or usual Place of Abode, or at the Office of the said Commissioners respectively, or upon any one of the said Commissioners, or left at his last or usual Place of Abode, or upon any Agent or other Officer employed by the said Commissioners respectively, or left at his last or usual Place of Abode, shall be deemed good and sufficient Service of the same respectively on the said Commissioners respectively.

Directions as to Service of Notices, Writs, &c.

CXXVI. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall extend or be construed to extend in any way to change, lessen, abridge, impeach, annul, prejudice, or destroy any Rights, Privileges, Jurisdictions, Immunities, Rents, Tolls, Stallage, Dues, Duties, and Customs belonging, due, or anywise appertaining to, or which at the Time of the passing of this Act are received by the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses, either as Lords of the Manor or reputed Manor of

Not to prejudice the Rights of the Corporation of the Borough and Town.

*Newbury* aforesaid, or as Lords or Owners of the said Borough and Town, or of the Fairs and Markets within the same, or in or by any other Right, Title, or Capacity whatsoever, or of the Mayor for the Time being of the said Borough and Town as Clerk of the Markets therein, or in any other lawful Capacity; but all and every such Rights, Privileges, Jurisdictions, Immunities, Rents, Tolls, Stallage, Dues, Duties, and Customs may be exercised, demanded, exacted, received, and enjoyed in as full and ample a Manner, to all Intents and Purposes, as the same are enjoyed, or as the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses are entitled to enjoy at the passing of this Act.

Not to pre-  
judice the  
Rights of the  
Lord of  
Speenham-  
land.

CXXVII. And be it further enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall extend or be construed or deemed or taken to extend to affect, extinguish, defeat, abridge, impeach, annul, prejudice, or destroy the Right, Title, or Interest of the Reverend Doctor *Thomas Penrose*, Lord of the Manor of *Speenhamland*, or the Lord of the Manor for the Time being, of, in, or to the Seignories, Rights, Royalties, Franchises, Jurisdictions, Rents, Services, Liberties, Privileges, Powers, and Authorities appendant, appurtenant, incident, or belonging to the said Manor of *Speenhamland*; but the said Reverend Doctor *Thomas Penrose*, Lord of the said Manor, and the Lord of the said Manor for the Time being, shall have, hold, use, exercise, take and enjoy all and every the Seignories, Rights, Royalties, Franchises, Pre-eminences, Jurisdictions, Rents, Services, Powers, Authorities, Liberties, Privileges, Advantages, and Emoluments whatsoever to the said Manor belonging or incident, appendant, appurtenant, and now or heretofore usually exercised, holden, or enjoyed therewith; and the said Reverend Doctor *Thomas Penrose*, or the Lord of the said Manor of *Speenhamland* for the Time being, shall and may demand, exercise, exact, take, and enjoy all such Rents, Customs, Dues, Duties, Services, Privileges, Rights, Immunities, Profits, and Advantages, with all Powers and Remedies for enforcing the same, in such and the like Manner, and as fully and beneficially to all Intents and Purposes, as if this Act had not been passed; any thing herein contained to the contrary thereof in anywise notwithstanding.

Money ad-  
vanced for  
Expences to  
be repaid  
with Interest.

CXXVIII. And be it further enacted, That if any Person or Persons shall advance and pay any Money in Discharge of the Expences of applying for and obtaining this Act, such Person or Persons shall be repaid the same, with Interest after the Rate of Five Pounds *per Centum per Annum*, out of the Monies which shall be first raised to defray the Expences of this Act.

Rate made  
for Expences  
of Act.

CXXIX. And be it further enacted, That the Costs, Charges, and Expences preparatory to and attending the passing and obtaining this Act, shall be borne and defrayed by the Owners of the Lands, Tenements, Houses, Factories, Shops, Warehouses, Coach Houses, Yards, Gardens, Cellars, Vaults, and other Buildings and Hereditaments within the said Borough and Town and Parish of *Newbury*, and Tithing or Hamlet of *Speenhamland* respectively, for which Purpose the said Commissioners respectively shall levy One or more separate Rate or Rates, Assessment or Assessments, upon such Owners respectively; and such Rate or Rates, Assessment or Assessments, shall in the first Instance be paid by the respective Tenants or Occupiers of such Lands, Tenements, Houses, Fac-  
tories,

ories, Shops, Warehouses, Coach Houses, Yards, Gardens, Stables, Cellars, Vaults, and other Buildings and Hereditaments, who shall and may, and they are hereby empowered to deduct the same from the first Rent which shall become due from them to such Owners respectively next after Payment of such Rate or Rates, Assessment or Assessments.

CXXX. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That this Act, or any thing herein contained, shall not extend or be construed to extend to release or discharge the Trustees or Commissioners named or appointed under or by virtue of any Act or Acts of Parliament for repairing any Highway Road or Turnpike Road within or passing through the Limits of this Act, or any Part thereof, from the Expences of widening, amending, or repairing any of the Streets, Roads, Lanes, Entries, or other public Passages and Places of and within the said Limits, but the said Trustees and Commissioners shall be subject and remain liable to the Expences of widening, amending, and repairing the same, and every of them, in the same Manner and to the same Extent as they were before the passing of this Act, and as they would have been if this Act had not passed.

Commissioners of any Road Act shall continue liable to repair Roads as before the passing of this Act.

CXXXI. 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.

## SCHEDULE to which this Act refers.

Description of Property.	Owners.	Occupiers.
<i>Cheap Street.</i>		
House and Shop	Anthony Morris	Himself.
Ditto	John Gater Marriner	William Rowles.
Ditto	Thomas Smith	Grace King.
Ditto	Richard Patey	John Armstrong.
Ditto	Ann Smith	William Palmer.
Ditto	Sarah White	Thomas Samuels.
Ditto	John Martin	Benjamin Garland.
Ditto	Ann Smith	Edward Griffin.
Ditto	Ditto	William Crosswell.
Ditto	Weavers Company	William Walter.
Ditto	Churchwardens of Thatcham	John Britton.
<i>Bridge Street.</i>		
Part of House	Thomas Stockwell Saxon	Messrs. Slocock & Co.
Ditto	Proctor of Saint Mary's Hill Almshouses in Newbury, and the Representatives of Osmon Vincent.	George Vincent.
Garden Ground, called The Island.	Churchwardens of Newbury	Mrs. Willmott.
<i>Bartholomew Street.</i>		
Part of Court or Yard, called The Litten.	Corporation of Newbury, as Trustees of Saint Bartholomew Hospital in Newbury.	Elizabeth Best.
Outhouse	Ditto	Ditto.
Part of Farm Yard	Ditto	Richard Compton.
The London Apprentice Public House, Yard, Garden, and Stable.	Charles Alderman	John Cotten.
Part of the Cheese-fair Close	George Wright The Corporation of Newbury, as Trustees of Saint Bartholomew's Hospital in Newbury.	George Liddiard. John Palmer.
House	John Trumplett	William Darling.
House and Offices	The Devises of Daniel Fossick.	William Somerset.
Ditto	Ditto	Ann Jones.
Ditto	Ditto	William Hanson.



Description of Property.	Ownes.	Occupiers.
<i>New Line of Road from the Top of Bartholomew Street, leading towards Newtown.</i>		
Part of East Field - - -	Heir or Devisee of Thomas Townsend.	John Cotten and others.
Ditto - - - -	The Corporation of Newbury, as Trustees of Saint Bartholomew's Hospital in Newbury.	Richard Compton.
Ditto. - - - -	James Ebenezer Bicheno -	William Purdue.
Ditto. - - - -	The Corporation of Newbury, as Trustees of Saint Bartholomew's Hospital in Newbury.	Late Edward Smith.
Ditto - - - -	Heir or Devisee of Thomas Burton.	Thomas Smith.
Ditto - - - -	William Budd - - - -	George Liddiard.
Ditto - - - -	The Trustees of the Presbyterian Meeting House in Newbury.	Henry Butler.
Ditto - - - -	The Corporation of Newbury, as Trustees of Saint Bartholomew's Hospital in Newbury.	Richard Compton.
Part of a Meadow - - -	Heir or Devisee of Sarah Baily.	Benjamin Groberty.
<i>New Street from Bartholomew Street to the Market Place.</i>		
Half Moon Public House, and Offices.	Edmund Slocock - - -	Thomas Gore.
Stable, Pigsties, and Yard -	- Ditto - - - -	Ditto.
House and Outbuildings -	Mary Pearce - - - -	Edward Stroud.
The Catherine Wheel Public House, Stables, Yard and Outhouses.	Thomas Smith - - - -	John Knight.
<i>New Street from Bartholomew Street to the Tithing of Greenham.</i>		
Black Boys Public House, Yard, Garden, Stables and Outbuildings.	Churchwardens of Newbury	William Dredge.
Tenement, Outbuildings and Garden.	Ann Lovegrove - - -	Herself.
Ditto - - - -	Ditto - - - -	Sarah Hill.
Ditto - - - -	Ditto - - - -	Benjamin Lovegrove.
Dwelling House, Outbuildings, Yard and Garden.	Manasseh James - - -	William Dredge.
Meadow - - - -	Heir or Devisee of Thomas Glead.	Hannah Harrison.
Part of East Field - - -	Corporation of Newbury -	William Purdue.
Ditto - - - -	Heir or Devisee of Thomas Townsend.	Late Edward Smith.
Ditto - - - -	Corporation of Newbury -	Richard Compton.
Ditto - - - -	Heir or Devisee of Thomas Burton.	Thomas Smith.
Ditto - - - -	William Budd - - - -	Himself.

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Description of Property.	Owners.	Occupiers.
Part of East Field - - -	Heir or Devisee of Thomas Burton.	Thomas Smith.
Ditto - - -	Corporation of Newbury.	—
Part of East Field - - -	The Corporation of Newbury, as Trustees of Saint Bartholomew's Hospital in Newbury.	Richard Compton.
Ditto - - -	Churchwardens of Newbury	Daniel Challis.
Ditto - - -	James Bicheno - - -	James Legge.
Ditto - - -	Heir or Devisee of Thomas Townsend.	James Legge.
Ditto - - -	James Bicheno - - -	James Legge.
Tenement, Outhouses, Yard, and Garden.	Corporation of Newbury - -	Thomas Moss.
A Plot of Garden Ground -	Miss Dobson - - -	Mrs. Collett.
Ditto - - -	John Gater Mariner - - -	William Baggs.
Two Plots of Garden Ground	Frederick Page, Esquire - -	William Liddiard.
<i>Market Place.</i>		
House and Shop - - -	Thomas Stockwell Saxon - -	Himself.
Ditto - - -	Richard Perry - - -	—
Ditto - - -	James Sims - - -	Richard Knight.
Ditto - - -	Charles Tripp - - -	John Trumplett.
House - - -	Thomas Bance - - -	Unoccupied.
Stable, Offices, & Warehouses	Corporation of Newbury - -	Christopher Hunter & others.
Part of Workhouse Garden	Ditto - - -	Churchwardens and Overseers of Newbury.
House, Yard, Malt House, Gardens, and Outhouses.	Richard Compton - - -	John Packer.
House, Yard, and Outhouses	Sarah Bennett - - -	Thomas Record.
Garden - - -	- - -	John Trumplett.
The old Town Hall, Gaol, and Butchers Market.	Corporation of Newbury - -	—
Victualling House - - -	Ditto - - -	Richard Perry.
The new Town House - - -	Ditto - - -	—
<i>Speenhamland.</i>		
House and Shop - - -	William Jaques - - -	Himself.
Ditto - - -	Ditto - - -	James Kitcat.
House - - -	John Grist and Elizabeth his Wife.	Unoccupied.
Part of Meadow and Yard -	John Padbury - - -	Himself and John Henry Padbury.
Cottage and Outhouses - -	The Devisees of Thomas Ward Blgrave deceased.	James James.
Ditto - - -	Ditto - - -	William Self.
Ditto - - -	Ditto - - -	John Williams.
House - - -	Ditto - - -	Unoccupied.
Ditto - - -	Thomas Poor - - -	Himself.
Corner of House - - -	Charles Alderman - - -	Edmund E. W. Gale.