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GEORGII IV. REGIS.

Cap. xiv.

An Act for extending and amending the several Acts relating to the Docks and Harbour of *Liverpool.* [8th April 1830.]

WHEREAS an Act was passed in the Eighth Year of the Reign of Queen *Anne*, intituled *An Act for making a convenient Dock or Basin at Liverpool, for the Security of all Ships trading to and from the said Port of Liverpool:* And whereas an Act was passed in the Third Year of the Reign of His Majesty King *George* the First, intituled *An Act for enlarging the Time granted by an Act passed in the Eighth Year of the Reign of Her late Majesty Queen Anne, intituled 'An Act for making a convenient Dock or Basin at Liverpool, for the Security of all Ships trading to and from the said Port of Liverpool:'* And whereas an Act was passed in the Eleventh Year of the Reign of His Majesty King *George* the Second, intituled *An Act for enlarging the Time granted by an Act passed in the Eighth Year of the Reign of Her late Majesty Queen Anne, intituled 'An Act for making a convenient Dock or Basin at Liverpool, for the Security of all Ships trading to and from the said Port of Liverpool;'* and for enlarging the same by making an additional Dock and building a Pier in the open Harbour there; and for enlightening the said Dock: And whereas an Act was passed in the Second Year of the Reign of His Majesty King *George* the Third, intituled *An Act to enlarge the Term and Powers granted by an Act passed in the Eleventh Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King* [Local.] 4 F George

8 Anne, c. 12.
3 G. 1. c. 1.
11 G. 2. c. 32.
2 G. 3. c. 86.

- George the Second, for continuing several Acts relating to the Harbour of Liverpool, and for enlarging the same Harbour by making an additional Dock and building a Pier in the open Harbour there, and for enlightening the said Docks; and for making another Dock with proper Piers in the said Harbour, and for erecting Lighthouses and other proper Lights in or near the Port of Liverpool: And whereas an Act was passed in the Twenty-fifth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty
- 25 G. 3. c. 15. King George the Third, intituled *An Act to enlarge the Term and Powers of several Acts relating to the Harbour of Liverpool, and for making Two additional Docks or Piers in or near the Port of Liverpool*: And whereas an Act was passed in the Thirty-ninth Year of
- 39 G. 3. c. 59. His late Majesty King George the Third, intituled *An Act to enlarge the Term and alter and enlarge the Powers of several Acts relating to the Harbour of Liverpool, and for making Two additional Docks and Piers in or near the Port of Liverpool, and for rendering more safe and commodious the said Port and Docks*: And whereas an Act was passed in the Fifty-first Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King George the
- 51 G. 3. c. 143. Third, intituled *An Act for the Improvement of the Port and Town of Liverpool, and amending the several Acts relating to the Docks, Quays, and other Works belonging to the said Port*: And whereas an Act was passed in the Fifty-third Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King
- 53 G. 3. c. 156. George the Third, intituled *An Act to authorize the Advancement of a certain Sum of Money for carrying into effect the several Acts for the Improvement of the Port and Town of Liverpool, and to amend the said Acts*: And whereas an Act was passed in the Fifty-ninth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King George the Third, inti-
- 59 G. 3. c. 30. tuled *An Act for improving the Lighthouse in the Isle of Anglesea, belonging to the Trustees of the Liverpool Docks; and for further amending the Acts relating to the Docks and Harbour of Liverpool*: And whereas an Act was passed in the Sixth Year of the Reign of
- 6 G. 4. c. 187. His present Majesty King George the Fourth, intituled *An Act for the further Improvement of the Port, Harbour, and Town of Liverpool, and for altering, extending, and amending the several Acts relating thereto*: And whereas an Act was passed in the Ninth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty King George the Fourth, intituled
- 9 G. 4. c. 55. *An Act to enable the Trustees of the Liverpool Docks to raise a further Sum of Money*: And whereas by virtue of the Provisions in the said several recited Acts the said Trustees of the *Liverpool Docks* have borrowed and raised the whole of the Monies authorized to be taken up at Interest on Security of the Rates and Duties granted and imposed by the said Acts, and have expended or have become liable to pay the whole Amount thereof, together with the Rates and Duties received by them, in the Purchase of the Site for the new Docks and Works authorized to be constructed by the said Acts, and in and towards the making of the same, and in the Repairs and general Management of the existing Docks and Works: And whereas the said Trustees have made considerable Progress in the Erection of the said new Docks and Works, but the same are not yet completed; and it would be of the greatest Service to the increasing Trade of the said Port, if the said new Docks could be finished in as short a Time as possible; and it would also greatly further the advantageous Use and Management of the said Docks, and the Safety and Accommodation of the Ships and Vessels therein, if further and

additional Powers were given for the Improvement and Regulation of the said Port and Harbour; and if the said several Acts were further altered, extended, and amended; but the same cannot be done 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 all and every the said Acts herein-before mentioned, relative to any of the Docks or intended Docks within the said Town and Port, and all and every the Powers, Provisions, Penalties, and Forfeitures thereby enacted, in anywise relating to all or any of the Docks, or to any of the Basins, Quays, or other Appurtenances thereto belonging, or to the said Port and Harbour of *Liverpool* (except so far as the same or any of them are or is varied, altered, or repealed,) shall be and they are hereby declared to be in full Force and Effect, and shall be applicable to this Act, and to the Provisions of this Act, and to the Penalties hereby imposed, in as full, ample, and beneficial a Manner, to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever, as if the same or any of them had been expressly repeated and re-enacted in the Body of this Act; and the said several recited Acts and this Act shall, as to the Powers, Provisions, Matters, and Things not repealed or altered, be construed together as One Act.

Recited Acts (except where altered) extended to this Act, and to be construed as One Act.

II. And be it further enacted, That in order to make Provision for the more speedy Completion of the Docks and Works now in progress, and for the general Management of the said Trust Estate, it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Trustees, from Time to Time, whenever they shall deem proper, to borrow, raise, and take up at Interest, by Sale by Auction, in the Manner and under the Regulations specified in the said recited Acts, of Assignments of the Rates and Duties by the said former Acts and this Act authorized to be collected and received, or upon Security of the Bonds of the said Trustees, or by granting Annuities, as in the said Act is provided, a further Sum of Money not exceeding Two hundred thousand Pounds, in addition to and exclusive of the Sum of One million two hundred thousand Pounds, which the said Trustees are authorized to raise or take up at Interest, by virtue of the said Acts; which Sum of Two hundred thousand Pounds, together with the said Sum of One million two hundred thousand Pounds, amounting in the whole to One million four hundred thousand Pounds, shall be the Extent of the Debt authorized to be due and owing on the Security of the Rates and Duties at any one and the same Period of Time, except in the event in this Act afterwards mentioned.

Power to raise the further Sum of 200,000*l.*

III. And be it further enacted, That the Assignments, Bonds, and other Securities to be granted or issued by the said Trustees, in pursuance of the Provisions of this Act, for securing the Repayment of the said Sum of Two hundred thousand Pounds, or any Part thereof, shall in respect to Priority of Payment rank after and shall be deemed and taken to be subject to all Assignments, Bonds, or other Securities granted or issued or to be granted or issued for and securing

Former Debt to have Priority of Payments.

securing any Sum or Sums of Money by the said recited former Acts authorized to be raised and taken up at Interest.

Power to Trustees to borrow to Amount of Debt paid off.

IV. Provided always, and be it enacted, That in case any Part of the said Debt of One million four hundred thousand Pounds shall be at any Time called in, paid off, or discharged, it shall and may be lawful for the said Trustees, from Time to Time and at all Times hereafter, to borrow, raise, and take up at Interest, on the Credit of the said Rates and Duties, either upon Security of the Bonds of the said Trustees or by granting Annuities, or by Sale of Assignments of the same as aforesaid, as authorized by the said Acts, any Sum or Sums of Money in lieu or in the stead of such Sum or Sums of Money as shall be so called in, paid off, or discharged.

Application of Money raised by the Act.

V. And be it further enacted, That all the Monies which shall be borrowed and raised under and by virtue of this Act shall be applied in and towards the Completion of the several Docks and other Works by the said Acts and this Act authorized to be erected and built, and in the Manner and for and towards the several Objects and Purposes in the said recited Acts mentioned, in the general Management and conducting the said Trust Estate, and in carrying into execution all the Provisions of the said several recited Acts and this Act.

Authority to defray Expence of Light at the Rock Perch.

VI. And whereas the Mayor, Bailiffs, and Common Council of the Town of *Liverpool* have recently erected, at the Expence of the Corporation of *Liverpool*, a Lighthouse at the Entrance of the River *Mersey*, which Lighthouse is also intended to serve as a Landmark or Beacon, in lieu of the Landmark formerly situate there, and maintained at the Expence of the said Corporation, and called the *Rock Perch*; and it is expedient that the said Trustees should be authorized to defray the Expence of exhibiting the Light in the said Lighthouse, amongst the other Lights of the said Port, when and so long as they shall deem it of Service to the Trade of the said Port so to do; be it therefore enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Trustees (when and so long as they shall deem it expedient so to do) to defray out of the said Rates and Duties the Expences of lighting the said intended Lighthouse, and of such Repairs to the Lanthorns used therein as may from Time to Time be requisite in order to exhibit such Light, after the same shall have been established and set up by and at the Expence of the said Corporation.

Provision for paving the Quays, &c.

VII. And whereas it may become expedient that the paving of the Dock Quays should be under the same Management and Direction as the Streets and other Highways adjacent thereto; be it therefore enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for the said Trustees, and they are hereby authorized and empowered, from Time to Time whenever they may see Occasion, to enter into any Contract or Agreement, or to make such Arrangement relative to the paving and Repairs of the Quays surrounding the said Docks and Basins now erected or to be hereafter erected by the said Trustees, or any Part or Parts thereof, and which are now repaired and repairable
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by the said Trustees, with any Surveyor of the Highways for the Time being, or with any Commissioners or other Person duly authorized to enter into such Contract or Agreement, or to make such Arrangement, upon such Consideration, and in such Manner, and for such Term or Terms of Years, or otherwise, as to them the said Trustees may seem advisable and proper, and to pay the Expences thereof out of the said Rates and Duties; and until such Contract or Agreement, or Arrangement, shall be made and entered into, the said Quays of the said Docks and Basins shall be repaired and repairable in the same Manner and by the same Parties and Persons as the same now are.

VIII. And whereas by the said recited Act of the Fifty-third Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Third it is enacted, that every Vessel arriving at the Port of *Liverpool* from any Part of *Great Britain* or *Ireland*, not having or bringing a Coast Dispatch, should be deemed and charged as a Vessel coming in Ballast as to the Tonnage Rates payable to the said Trustees for such Ship or Vessel: And whereas by the Laws and Regulations made since the passing of the said Act, and now in force, respecting the Collection of His Majesty's Duties of Customs, Ships and Vessels with certain Cargoes or Lading are not required to have or carry such Coast Dispatches; and it is therefore expedient that other Provisions should be made in relation to the Tonnage Rates and Duties payable to the said Trustees on such Vessels; be it therefore enacted, That from and after the passing of this Act, so much of the said recited Act of the Fifty-third Year of the Reign of His late Majesty as directs that all Vessels arriving at the said Port of *Liverpool* from any Part of *Great Britain* or of *Ireland*, not having or bringing a Coast Dispatch, shall be deemed and charged as Vessels coming in Ballast, shall be and the same is hereby repealed.

Repeal of so much of 53G.3.c.156. as directs that Vessels not bringing Coast Dispatches shall be charged as coming in Ballast.

IX. And be it further enacted, That from and after the passing of this Act, every Ship and Vessel arriving at the said Port of *Liverpool*, laden with a Cargo consisting solely of Limestones, Paving-stones, Flint-stones, Gravel, and Chalk, shall to all Intents and Purposes be considered and deemed and taken to be and shall be chargeable with and pay the Tonnage Rates and Duties, to the said Trustees, as Vessels coming in Ballast to the said Port are now charged and chargeable, any thing in the said Acts to the contrary notwithstanding.

Vessels bringing certain Cargoes to be charged as coming in Ballast.

X. And whereas the due Payment of the proper Duties to the said Trustees is frequently contravened by Masters of Vessels and others not producing to the Collector or Receiver of the said Rates and Duties such Books and Documents as by Law such Masters are required to keep and have; for Remedy whereof be it enacted, That from and after the passing of this Act, every Owner or Master or other Person having the Charge or Management of any Ship or Vessel arriving at or departing from the said Port, shall and he is hereby required to produce to the Collector or Receiver, upon Demand, at the Time of making the Entry for the Payment of the Dock Duty for such Vessel, or of any Goods, Wares, and Merchandize

Owners or Masters of Vessels to produce Books, &c, to Collector, before Entry made.

dize to be landed from or taken on board thereof, all Books, Accounts, and Documents in relation to such Ship or Vessel, or which show the particular Weights and Quantities of the Goods, Wares, and Merchandize about to be entered, in order that the Rates and Duties payable to the said Trustees may be correctly ascertained; and the said Collector or Receiver shall not be bound or compellable to admit such Vessel, or Goods, Wares, or Merchandize, to Entry thereof, until the said Books, Accounts, and Documents shall be so produced to him.

Books, &c. to be verified by Oath, if required.

XI. Provided always, and be it enacted, That in case of any Dispute or Difference between the said Owner, Master, or other Person having the Charge or Command of any such Ship or Vessel, and the said Receiver or Collector, touching or relating to the said Books or Accounts, or the Contents thereof, every such Owner, Master, or other Person having the Charge or Command of such Vessel, shall and he is hereby required to produce to the said Collector or Receiver a Statement in Writing, to be verified by the Oath of such Owner, Master, or other Person, (which Oath any Justice of the Peace is hereby authorized to administer,) and showing the actual Weights and Quantities of such Goods, Wares, and Merchandize, or the Accuracy of the said Books, Accounts, and Documents.

No Ballast, &c. to be deposited on the Quays.

XII. And whereas the Deposit of Ballast and Rubbish upon the Dock Quays has of late much increased, and great Inconvenience arises in the landing of Goods, Wares, and Merchandize on the said Quays; for Remedy whereof be it enacted, That no Rubbish, Ballast, Dirt, or other Refuse of any kind (whether the same shall be landed from or intended to be put on board any Ship or Vessel lying or being in any of the Docks or Basins, or in the River *Mersey*, or whether the same shall be or be entered at the Dock Office in the said Town as Part of any Cargo, or otherwise,) shall be deposited or laid down upon any of the Quays of the present or any future Docks or Basins or Piers belonging to the said Trustees, within the Distance of Three Yards from the Margin of such Dock or Basin, or of the said River *Mersey*; and in case the Master or other Person having the Charge or Command of any Ship or Vessel from which such Rubbish, Ballast, Dirt, or other Refuse shall be landed on the said Quays or Piers, or any other Person or Persons causing or procuring such Rubbish, Ballast, Dirt, or other Refuse to be laid on any of the said Quays or Piers, for the Purpose of being put on board any Ship or Vessel, shall permit or suffer the same to be so landed or laid within the said limited Distance of Three Yards from the Margin of such Dock or Basin, or the River *Mersey*, and shall not cause such Rubbish, Ballast, Dirt, and other Refuse to be wholly removed from off such Quays or Piers within Twenty-four Hours after the same shall be so landed or laid, every Person so offending shall for every such Offence forfeit and pay a Sum not exceeding Five Pounds.

Penalty for bringing Gunpowder (exceeding Ten Pounds)

XIII. And whereas great Danger has of late arisen to Ships and Vessels in the said Docks and Basins, from the careless and improper Manner in which Gunpowder has been brought into the said Docks and Basins, and amongst Steam and other Vessels therein; for Remedy whereof

whereof be it enacted, That no Person shall bring Gunpowder exceeding Ten Pounds in Weight (whether in Bulk or in any Package, or in any other Manner,) into any Dock or Basin within the Borough of *Liverpool* or *Toxteth Park*, or any Vessel or Boat lying therein, without the previous Consent in Writing of some one Justice of the Peace of the said Borough of *Liverpool*; nor shall any Vessel or Boat having Gunpowder exceeding Ten Pounds in Weight on board thereof be brought or lie within the Buoys moored off the said Docks or Basins, or in case of the Removal of such Buoys, within Three hundred Yards of any of the said Docks, Basins, or Piers, unless driven by Stress of Weather; and any Owner or Master of any Boat or Vessel, or other Person or Persons, who shall cause or permit or suffer Gunpowder exceeding Ten Pounds in Weight to be brought into any of the said Docks or Basins, or any Vessel or Boat lying therein, without such Consent as aforesaid, or shall cause or permit or suffer any Vessel or Boat having Gunpowder on board exceeding Ten Pounds in Weight to be or remain or lie within the Distance aforesaid, shall for every such Offence forfeit a Sum not exceeding One hundred Pounds, to be recovered and applied as any Penalties may by the said recited Act of the Sixth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty be recovered and applied.

into Dock,
&c. without
Consent of a
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Peace.

XIV. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That nothing herein-before contained shall extend to any of His Majesty's Ships of War, or any other Ship, Transport, or Packet of His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, or any Vessel employed in any of His Majesty's Revenues of Customs or Excise, or in the Service or Employ of the Board of Ordnance, Admiralty, or Navy Board; and if any Person or Persons shall claim and take the Benefit of any such Exemption as aforesaid, without being entitled thereto, every such Person shall for every such Offence forfeit and pay the Sum of Ten Pounds.

Vessels in
His Majesty's
Service ex-
empted.

XV. And whereas by the said recited Act of the Fifty-first Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Third certain Penalties are imposed on Persons laying Timber, Deals, and other Wood on the said Quays, and by the said Act and by the recited Act of the Sixth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty Power is given to compel the Removal of such Timber and other Wood, and it is expedient to extend such Powers to Timber and other Wood laid in the Streets and Avenues adjacent to the said Docks, in order to prevent the Deposit of such Timber and other Wood therein; be it therefore enacted, That from and after the passing of this Act, it shall and may be lawful to and for any Constable or other Officer of the said Trustees, or any Constable of the Borough of *Liverpool*, to seize and detain any Timber, Deals, or other Wood, Part of the Cargo or Loading of any Vessel, which shall be laid or placed in any Street or Avenue adjacent to the said Docks, or to remove the same to some Place of Safety, until Information shall have been laid, and the Complaint shall be heard by some Justice of the Peace, in relation to such Timber being placed in the said Street or Avenue; and every such Constable or other Officer shall and he is hereby authorized and empowered to have, use, and exercise the like Powers for seizing, keeping, removing, detaining, and selling the
Timber,

Power to
seize Timber,
&c. lying in
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Timber, Deals, or other Wood to be hereafter placed or laid in the said Streets or Avenues, as are enacted and given in and by the said Act of the Sixth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, with respect to the Seizure, Detention, and selling of Timber or other Articles or Things remaining on the Quays of the said Docks beyond the Time limited in and by the said recited Act.

Punishing
Persons re-
ceiving Goods
stolen.

XVI. And whereas the Number of Thefts and Depredations from Ships and Vessels in the said Docks and Basins still continues to increase, and the Penalties and Powers in the said recited Acts are not sufficient to prevent the same; and there is Reason to apprehend that such Crimes are encouraged by the Facilities afforded by certain Persons near the said Docks, in the Sale and Disposition of stolen Goods: And whereas by the said recited Act passed in the Fifty-third Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Third, all Persons using and exercising the Trade or Business of a Dealer in Marine Stores are prohibited from following such Business within the Distance of Forty Yards from the Margin or Side of any of the said Docks; and it is expedient to make further Regulations respecting such Trade or Business; be it therefore enacted, That in case it shall at any Time appear, upon due Proof on Oath to the Satisfaction of any Justice of the Peace of the said Borough of *Liverpool* or of the County of *Lancaster*, as the Case may require, that any Dealer Dealers in Marine Stores, or any other Person or Persons carrying on within the said Borough of *Liverpool* or within *Toxteth Park* the Trade or Business of a Dealer or Dealers in Marine Stores, or as a Buyer or Seller or Buyers or Sellers of old Lead, Iron, Copper, Nails, old Ropes, or other Articles or Things usually dealt in by Persons carrying on the Trade or Business of Dealers in Marine Stores, shall have been guilty of receiving stolen Goods, or purchasing, or receiving into his, her, or their House, Warehouse, Cellar, or Place of Business, or Custody or Possession, any Ropes, Cordage, Tackle, Apparel, Furniture, Stores, or Materials, or Goods or Merchandize, stolen or unlawfully obtained from any Ship or Vessel in the said Docks or Harbour of *Liverpool*, or who shall not be able to give a satisfactory Account of the Manner of his, her, or their receiving or being in Possession thereof, every such Person or Persons so offending shall forfeit and pay a Sum not exceeding Twenty Pounds for the First Offence, and a Sum not exceeding Thirty Pounds for the Second Offence; and from and immediately after the Conviction of any such Dealer or Dealers in Marine Stores, or any other Person or Persons, for or in respect of any such Second Offence, no such Dealer or Dealers in Marine Stores, or other Person or Persons, so convicted, shall carry on his, her, or their Trade or Business as such Dealer or Dealers in Marine Stores within the Distance of Two hundred Yards from the Margin or Side of any Dock or Basin now erected or hereafter to be erected by the said Trustees within *Liverpool* or *Toxteth Park*, (exclusive of the limited Distance of Forty Yards, within which such Dealers in Marine Stores are altogether prohibited from carrying on such Trade or Business by the said recited Act,) on pain of forfeiting the Sum of Ten Pounds *per* Day for each and every Day on which he, she, or they shall carry on such Trade or Business, or shall use and occupy any Warehouse,
Cellar,

Cellar, or Building, or any Part thereof, or any inclosed Yard or Land, for the Purpose of carrying on such Trade or Business.

XVII. And whereas by the said recited Act of the Fifty-first Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Third it is enacted, that any Owner or Master of any Vessel, or any other Person or Persons, offering or giving any Sum of Money or other Thing by way of Bribe to any Water Bailiff, Harbourmaster, Dockmaster, Constable, or other Officer of the Trustees, is liable to the Penalty therein mentioned; and by the same Act any such Water Bailiff, Harbourmaster, Dockmaster, Constable, or other Officer is also liable to a like Penalty for taking or receiving such Money or other Thing by way of Bribe; by which Provisions the Prevention of Bribery is rendered difficult and uncertain; be it therefore enacted, That in case any Person or Persons whomsoever, giving or accepting any Money or other Thing by way of Bribe to or from any Water Bailiff, Harbourmaster, Dockmaster, Constable, or other Officer of the said Trustees, shall give Information and Discovery thereof, he, she, or they shall be excused from the Penalty imposed by the said Act for such Offence: Provided always, that no Person shall be excused from such Penalty by any Information or Discovery given in pursuance of this Act, if the same be made or given after any Prosecution or other Proceeding for punishing the said Offence shall have commenced, or any Information laid or exhibited before any Justice of the Peace against such Person in respect of the same.

Persons giving or accepting Bribes excused from Penalty on Discovery thereof.

XVIII. And whereas frequent Disputes arise between Owners and Masters of Vessels, Owners of Boats, Boatmen, Carpenters, Riggers, Workmen, and Labourers, and other Persons, respecting Compensation to be made for the Use of such Boats, and for the Assistance and Services rendered by such Boatmen, Carpenters, Riggers, Workmen, Labourers, and other Persons, to Vessels in the said Docks or Basins, or in the said Port of *Liverpool*; be it therefore enacted, That from and after the passing of this Act any Justice of the Peace acting in and for the County of *Chester*, or in and for the Borough of *Liverpool*, upon Complaint made before him or them, shall have full Power and Authority to summon the Party or Parties against whom such Complaint shall be made to appear before him, and upon such Person or Persons so appearing, or in case of his or their neglecting to appear, upon Proof being made of the Service of the Summons issued by such Justice, to hear and determine the Cause of Complaint upon Oath, (which Oath such Justice is hereby empowered to administer,) and to ascertain and award the Amount of Recompence, if any, which the said Owners of Boats, Boatmen, Carpenters, Riggers, Workmen, Labourers, or other Persons shall be entitled to for the Use thereof, and for any Services rendered by the said Boatmen, Carpenters, Riggers, Workmen, Labourers, or other Persons, to such Vessels, and which Award shall be conclusive on all Parties; and in case of Nonpayment of the Amount awarded at the Time and in Manner directed by such Justice, it shall and may be lawful for the said Justice, and he is hereby authorized and required, to issue his Warrant under his Hand and Seal to levy or cause to be levied the Sum or Sums awarded by the said Justice by Distress and Sale of the

Power to award Compensation to Owners of Boats, Boatmen and others, for Services rendered.

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Goods and Chattels of the Person or Persons in default, or the Tackle, Apparel, or Furniture of the Vessel to which such Assistance or Services may have been rendered, in the same Manner, and under the same Provisions and Regulations, as is in and by the said recited Act of the Sixth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty authorized and directed in relation to the Recovery of the Sums awarded by any Justice of the Peace to be paid for Compensation for Damage done to Vessels in the said Docks and Port; and such Justice and Justices shall use and exercise the like concurrent Jurisdiction as is by the said recited Act given to Justices over Offences committed on the Water within the Limits of the Port of *Liverpool*.

Informations may be laid against a Partnership Firm, or any Member thereof.

XIX. And whereas many of the Penalties imposed by the said recited Acts are incurred by Persons carrying on Trade or Business in a Partnership Firm, and the Provisions in the said Acts are often rendered nugatory or are much delayed by reason of the Difficulty and Inability to discover the separate Names of all the Persons composing such Firms; be it therefore enacted, That from and after the passing of this Act it shall be sufficient, in any Information or Summons to be exhibited before and issued by any Justice of the Peace against any Person or Persons carrying on Trade or Business in a Partnership Firm, or any Conviction to be afterwards made for any Penalty imposed by the said recited Acts or this Act, or any Bye Law to be made in pursuance thereof, to state the Offence, for which the said Information, Summons, or Conviction shall be had or made, to have been committed by such Partnership Firm, without expressing the Name of each individual Partner composing such Firm, and to direct the Summons to the said Partnership Firm or any Member thereof; and Service of the Summons at the usual Place of Business of such Partnership Firm shall be deemed and taken to be a good and sufficient Service thereof; and all such Convictions shall and may be recovered by the Warrant or Warrants of any Justice or Justices of the Peace, to be made out and issued in the Name of and against such Partnership Firm, without expressing the Name of each Individual composing the same, and be levied and recovered by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of the said Partnership Firm.

Power to mitigate Penalties.

XX. And whereas by the said several recited Acts, and by the Bye Laws made by virtue thereof, many specific Penalties are imposed for various Offences, and by the same Acts Justices of the Peace are only authorized to mitigate such Penalties to one Moiety of the Amount thereof; be it therefore enacted, That from and after the passing of this Act it shall and may be lawful for any Justice or Justices of the Peace before whom any Person or Persons shall be convicted of any Offence against the said Acts or this Act, or any of them, or any Bye Law made by virtue thereof, for any Offence, to mitigate or lessen the Amount of any Penalty imposed by the said Acts or this Act, or any Bye Law made in pursuance thereof, to such Sum or Sums as they may deem it expedient to inflict for every such Offence; any thing in the said Acts or this Act contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

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XXI. And be it further enacted, That in all Cases in which by the said Acts or this Act, or any Bye Law made by virtue thereof, any Penalties or Forfeitures are made recoverable by Information before any Justice of the Peace, it shall be lawful for the Justice of the Peace before whom Complaint shall be made for any Offence committed against the said Acts or this Act, or any Bye Law made by virtue thereof, to summon the Party complained against before him, and on such Summons to hear and determine the Matter of such Complaint, and on Proof of the Offence to convict the Offender, and to adjudge him to pay the Penalty or Forfeitures incurred, and to proceed in the Recovery of the same, although no Information in Writing shall have been exhibited or taken before such Justice; and all such Proceedings by Summons without Information in Writing shall be as good, valid, and effectual to all Intents and Purposes as if an Information in Writing were exhibited.

Justices may proceed by Summons in Recovery of Penalties.

XXII. And whereas the Workmen, Labourers, Watchmen, and other Persons in the Service and Employment of the said Trustees are often exposed to various bodily Accidents, and Assistance and Relief is frequently afforded from certain public Charities in *Liverpool*, and it is expedient that the said Trustees should be authorized to contribute towards the Support of such public Charities; be it therefore enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Trustees to subscribe and pay, out of the said Rates and Duties, such Sum or Sums of Money as they may from Time to Time deem reasonable and proper, to such of the public Charities in *Liverpool* as occasionally afford medical and other Relief to the Persons employed by the said Trustees, and to repay out of the said Rates and Duties all Monies which have been heretofore advanced and paid as Subscriptions to Charities, out of a certain Fund called 'The Dock Charitable Fund.'

Trustees may subscribe to public Charities.

XXIII. Provided always, and be it enacted, That nothing in this Act or in the said recited Acts shall extend or be construed to extend to take away, alter, abridge, lessen, or change, or intrude upon any Power, Jurisdiction, or Authority of the Mayor, Bailiffs, and Burgesses of the Borough and Town of *Liverpool*; and also saving and reserving to the King's most Excellent Majesty, and His Heirs and Successors, in right of his Duchy and County Palatine of *Lancaster*, and also the said Mayor, Bailiffs, and Burgesses, and to all Lords and Ladies of Manors, and to the Devisees in Trust of the late Duke of *Bridgewater*, and their Heirs and Assigns, and to the Master, Warden, and Assistants of the Trinity House of *Deptford Strond*, and to the Company of Proprietors of the Canal Navigation from *Leeds* to *Liverpool*, and of the *Mersey* and *Irwell* Navigation, and of the River *Weaver*, and to the Proprietors of the *Sankey Brook* Navigation, and of the *Ellesmere* and *Chester* Canal, and to all Owners of ancient Ferries on the River *Mersey*, and to all other Bodies Politic and Corporate, and other Person and Persons, all their several and respective Rights and Interests, in as full and ample a Manner as they or any of them could or might have held or enjoyed the same as if this Act had not been passed, excepting so far as is by this Act enacted and declared.

Saving of Rights.

XXIV. And

Expences of
Act.

XXIV. And be it further enacted, That the Expence of procuring and passing of this Act shall be paid by the said Trustees out of any Monies arising or to arise by virtue of the said Acts, or any of them, or of this Act.

Public Act.

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

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