



*Bridgwater Markets and Fairs Act, 1857.*

Corn Market in *Bridgwater* are held by the Trustees in their Market House: And whereas the present Market Days in *Bridgwater* are *Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays*, of which *Thursday* is the principal Market Day, and it is expedient that Provision be made for regulating the Days on which the Markets shall be held: And whereas the existing Fairs in *Bridgwater* are held by the Corporation, and commence on the Second *Thursday* in *Lent*, the Twenty-fourth Day of *June*, the Second Day of *October*, and the Twenty-eighth Day of *December* respectively in every Year, and the *October* Fair is held for Three Days, the *December* Fair is held for One Day only, and the other Fairs for Two Days each, and it is expedient that other Days be fixed for holding the Fairs: And whereas it is expedient that further Provision be made for regulating the Markets and Fairs in *Bridgwater*, and that new Tolls in respect thereof be granted: And whereas it is expedient that further Provision be made with respect to the Constitution of the Trustees: And whereas it is expedient that the Trustees be authorized to grant Building and other Leases of Parts of their Market House: And whereas the Limits of the recited Act do not extend beyond the Limits of the ancient Borough of *Bridgwater*, which are less extensive than the Limits of the Parliamentary Borough of *Bridgwater*: And whereas it is expedient that the recited Act be amended: And whereas *Saint John Street* in *Bridgwater*, leading from the Highway there called *Eastover* to the Station there of the *Bristol and Exeter* Railway, was made over Land belonging to the *Sidcot School* Charity Trustees, and is now and for some Years past has been used as the only Carriage Road between *Bridgwater* and the Station, and the Traffic on the Street is very great, and the Street is now greatly in want of repair: And whereas it is expedient that Provision be made for the Repair of such Street, and also for *Polden Street* in *Bridgwater*, and for any future Streets to be made within the Limits of the Parliamentary Borough of *Bridgwater*, and for their being respectively dedicated to the Public as Highways repairable by the Parishes in which such Streets are situate: And whereas the Objects of this Act cannot be attained without the Authority of Parliament: May it therefore please Your Majesty that it may be enacted; and be it enacted by the Queen'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, as follows:

Short Title. I. This Act may be cited for all Purposes as "*Bridgwater Markets and Fairs Act, 1857.*"

Commencement of Act. II. This Act shall commence and have effect on and after the Fourth *Wednesday* next after the passing thereof.

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III. The recited Act, as amended by this Act, and this Act shall for all Purposes thereof respectively extend and be in force with reference to *Saint John Street* and *Polden Street*, and all other Streets now and hereafter laid out and formed within the Limits of the Parliamentary Borough of *Bridgwater*, and the Buildings, Erections, and Lands abutting on or adjoining or near to those Streets respectively, as well as to all Places within the Limits of the ancient Borough of *Bridgwater*; and the Word "*Bridgwater*" in this Act accordingly means and includes all Places within the Limits of the recited Act, as amended by this Act, and this Act.

Limits of Act.

IV. So far as this Act is to be carried into execution by the Corporation, it shall be carried into execution by them, acting by their Council, pursuant to the Powers and Provisions of the Act of the Sixth Year of *William* the Fourth, for the Regulation of Municipal Corporations, and the other Laws from Time to Time in force affecting the Municipal Corporation of the Borough of *Bridgwater*, and those Powers and Provisions shall extend and apply to the Powers and Provisions of this Act accordingly.

Act to be put into execution by Corporation;

V. The several Persons who according to the Provisions of this Act are to be Trustees for carrying the recited Act, as amended by this Act, and this Act into execution (in this Act called the "Trustees,") shall be called the "*Bridgwater* Market Trustees," and by that Name, and as if they were One Body Corporate, but without being incorporated, shall have a Common Seal, and, subject to the Restrictions of this Act, Power to take, purchase, hold, and dispose of Lands, Goods, and Real and Personal Estate, for any of the Purposes of this Act, so far as it is to be executed by the Trustees.

by Bridgwater Market Trustees;

VI. So far as the recited Act, as amended by this Act, and this Act are to be carried into execution by the Trustees, they shall be carried into execution by them according to the Powers and Provisions of the recited Act, as amended by this Act, and this Act.

and by Trustees.

VII. The Mayor, Aldermen, and Councillors of the Borough of *Bridgwater* shall be Trustees under the recited Act, as amended by this Act, and this Act, by virtue of their respective Office, and they, with the Trustees for executing the recited Act, shall be the Trustees.

Ex-officio Trustees.

VIII. "The Lands Clauses Consolidation Act, 1845," is incorporated with this Act: Provided always, that this Act shall not authorize the taking of any Lands otherwise than by Agreement; and the Term "Promoters" in such Act shall for the Purposes of this Act mean the Corporation.

8 &amp; 9 Vict. c. 18. incorporated.

IX. The



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Corporation may purchase Lands by Agreement.

IX. The Corporation from Time to Time (but only by Agreement) may purchase any Lands not exceeding Five Acres.

Lands acquired by Corporation vested in them.

X. All Lands from Time to Time acquired by the Corporation under this Act shall be vested in them as Part of their Corporate Estates for the Purposes of this Act.

Power for Trustees to lease Parts of Market House, &c.

XI. The Trustees may from Time to Time lease to any Persons for Shops or other such Purposes, or for Assembly or Reading Rooms, or a Post Office, or a Literary and Scientific Institution or Association, or for any public Purpose, such Parts as they think fit of their Market House, and their Land adjoining thereto, and the Buildings, Approaches, Works, and Conveniences thereof, by the Year, or for any Terms of Years not exceeding for Shops or other such Purposes Twenty-one Years from the Commencement of this Act, and thenceforth for any Terms of Years not exceeding Seven Years, and not exceeding for Assembly or Reading Rooms, or a Post Office, or a Literary and Scientific Institution or Association, or any public Purpose, Fifty Years from the Commencement of this Act, and may make such Lease for any Building Purposes or otherwise, as may be necessary for the Objects aforesaid; and every such Lease may be made with such Exceptions, Reservations, Covenants, and on such Terms and Conditions, Stipulations, Powers, and Provisoos whatsoever, as the Trustees and the Lessees mutually agree on: Provided always, that the Trustees shall not make any such Lease without leaving unlet such Parts of their Market House, and their Lands adjoining thereto, and the Buildings, Approaches, Works, and Conveniences thereof, as are requisite and sufficient for the Purposes of their Markets.

Power for Corporation to enlarge or remove Cattle Market.

XII. The Corporation from Time to Time may alter, enlarge, and improve or remove the Market Place in which their Cattle Market is now held, and the Works and Conveniences thereof, and for that Purpose may appropriate any Lands from Time to Time vested in the Corporation; and the Powers and Provisions of the recited Act with respect to the Cattle Market and the Place for holding it extend and apply to the Market Place so altered, enlarged, improved, or removed.

Market Days.

XIII. The Corporation and the Trustees respectively shall hold the Markets on *Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday* in every Week, and *Wednesday* shall be the principal Market Day, or shall hold the Markets on such other Days and during such Hours in every Day as the Corporation and the Trustees from Time to Time jointly appoint: Provided always, that the Corporation and Trustees from Time to Time may appoint any other Day to be the principal Market Day, and



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and whatever be from Time to Time the principal Market Day, the like Tolls may be taken on the principal Market Day and the other Market Days respectively as were before the Commencement of this Act taken on the then principal Market Day and the then other Market Days respectively: Provided also, that no Market shall be held on any *Sunday, Christmas Day, or Good Friday*, or on any Day appointed for a Public Fast or Thanksgiving.

XIV. After the Commencement of this Act the Days for holding the Four yearly Fairs in *Bridgwater* respectively shall be altered as follows; to wit, the Fair commencing on the Second *Thursday* in *Lent* shall commence on the last *Wednesday* in *March*, and shall be for One Day only; and the Fair commencing on the Twenty-fourth Day of *June* shall commence on the last *Wednesday* in *June*, and shall be for One Day only; and the Fair commencing on the Second Day of *October* shall commence on the last *Wednesday* in *September*, and shall be for Three Days, and shall be held as heretofore in *Saint Matthews Field*; and the Fair commencing on the Twenty-eighth Day of *December* shall commence on the last *Wednesday* in *January*, and shall be for One Day only: Provided always, that if and when the Corporation and Trustees alter any of the Market Days, the Corporation shall make a corresponding Alteration of the Fair Days, but not so as to extend or lessen the Period during which any Fair may be held.

XV. The Corporation from Time to Time may demand and take from any Person bringing into their Cattle Market any Cattle or other Article specified in Schedule (A.) to this Act annexed, or having charge of the same therein, any Tolls not exceeding the Tolls specified in that Schedule.

XVI. The Corporation may demand and take with respect to the Fairs any Tolls not exceeding the Tolls specified in the Schedule (B.) to this Act annexed.

XVII. The several Tolls, Rents, and Stallages by the recited Act, as amended by this Act, and this Act granted shall be payable and paid for and in respect of the Occupation and User of any Stall, Standing Place, Bench, or other Thing, and of any Compartment or Space of Ground, not only by the original Taker or Occupier thereof for a Part of the Day, but if he does not occupy the same the whole Day, then also by every subsequent Taker or Occupier of the same for any subsequent Part of the same Day.

XVIII. The several Tolls by this Act granted which are to be demanded and taken by the Corporation are by this Act vested in the Corporation as Part of their Corporate Estates.

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Tolls vested  
in Trustees.

XIX. The several Tolls which under the recited Act, as amended by this Act, and this Act are to be demanded and taken by the Trustees are by this Act vested in the Trustees for the Purposes of the recited Act, as amended by this Act, and this Act, which are to be executed by the Trustees.

Owners to  
pave new  
Streets.

XX. Where any new Street is laid out and formed within the Limits of the Parliamentary Borough of *Bridgwater*, the Owners of the Houses, Buildings, and Premises abutting on or adjoining to the Street shall, when and so soon as so many of such Houses, Buildings, and Premises as will form One Half of the Street are built, and in such Manner as the Trustees direct, pave the Footway thereof in front of or adjoining such Houses, Buildings, or Premises, and thenceforth the same shall be maintained and repaired by the Trustees.

Parish to  
repair Saint  
John Street  
and Polden  
Street.

XXI. From and after the Commencement of this Act, *Saint John Street* in *Bridgwater*, situate between the South-eastern End of the Street there called *Eastover* and the Entrance to the Station Yard belonging or adjoining to the Passenger Station at *Bridgwater* of the *Bristol and Exeter* Railway Company in *Bridgwater*, and *Polden Street* situate between *Saint John Street* and the Turnpike Road leading from *Bridgwater* to *Bath*, shall respectively be public Highways, repairable at the Expense of the Parish of *Bridgwater*, and shall be repaired by the Surveyors of the Highways of that Parish accordingly.

Future  
Streets to be  
completed to  
Satisfaction  
of Trustees,  
and to be  
repaired by  
Parish.

XXII. Every other Street, Lane, Road, or public Thoroughfare within the Limits of the Parliamentary Borough of *Bridgwater*, which from Time to Time hereafter shall be laid out, paved, drained, and completed to the Satisfaction of the Trustees (such Satisfaction to be declared by a special Resolution of the Trustees), shall thenceforth be a public Highway repairable at the Expense of the Parishes in which such Street, Road, Lane, or public Thoroughfare may be situate, and shall be repaired by the Surveyors of Highways of those Parishes accordingly.

Rates on  
small Tene-  
ments.

XXIII. After the passing of this Act the Owners of all Tenements, whether occupied or unoccupied, the yearly rateable Value whereof shall not exceed Six Pounds, shall be rated and assessed at One Half of such yearly Value to the Rates made by the Trustees under the recited Act, as amended by this Act, and this Act, in respect of such Tenements, instead of the Occupiers thereof, and the same shall be recoverable in the like Manner as is provided by the Thirteenth and Fourteenth *Victoria*, Chapter Ninety-nine, with respect to Poor Rates on small Tenements; and the Words and Expressions "Tenement" and "Owners," to which by that Act Meanings are assigned, shall in this Act have the same respective Meanings.

XXIV. All



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XXIV. All Tolls, Rates, and Sums of Money due and payable to the Corporation and the Trustees respectively on any Account whatsoever, and all Penalties, Costs, Damages, and Expenses by the recited Act, as amended by this Act, and this Act respectively directed to be paid, may be levied by Distress, and any Justice on the Application of the Corporation and the Trustees respectively may issue his Warrant accordingly.

Recovery of  
Monies by  
Distress.

XXV. Any Justice who under the recited Act, as amended by this Act, and this Act respectively issues any Warrant of Distress may order that the Costs of the Proceedings for the Recovery of the Toll, Rate, or Sum shall be paid by the Person liable to pay such Toll, Rate, or Sum, and such Costs shall be ascertained by the Justice, and shall be included in the Warrant of Distress for the Recovery of such Toll, Rate, or Sum.

Costs of  
Distress.

XXVI. Any Number of Names and Sums may be included in any Warrant or Notice obtained or given by the Corporation and the Trustees respectively, for any of the Purposes of the recited Act, as amended by this Act, and this Act respectively, and may be stated either in the Body of the Warrant or Notice, or in a Schedule thereto.

Several  
Names in  
One War-  
rant.

XXVII. Except as is by this Act expressly provided, this Act or anything therein contained shall not take away, lessen, alter, or prejudice any of the Estates, Rights, Powers, Privileges, or Authorities of the Corporation, or of the Trustees.

Saving  
Rights of  
the Corpo-  
ration.

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## SCHEDULE A.

*Cattle Market Tolls to be taken by the Corporation.*

For every One of the following Articles brought or offered for Sale.	Tolls until new Market Place provided.		Tolls after new Market Place provided.	
	s.	d.	s.	d.
For every Horse, Gelding, or Mare - - -	1	0	2	0
„ Colt, Filly, Foal, Mule, or Ass - - -	0	6	1	0
„ Bull, Ox, Cow, Bullock, Steer, Heifer, or Calf - - - - -	0	1½	0	3
„ Sheep or Lamb - - - - -	0	1	0	2
„ Head of Swine, except Sucking Pig -	0	1	0	2
Sucking Pig - - - - -	0	0½	0	0½
For every other Animal whatever - - -	0	1	0	2
For every Stallion brought or shown - -	5	0	10	0

## SCHEDULE B.

*Tolls to be taken by the Corporation at any of the Fairs.*

	s.	d.
For every Stall, Standing, Table, Block, Tressel, or Station used by any Person for exposing to Sale any Goods, Articles, Commodities, or Things, and for every Show, Caravan, Exhibition, Booth, Tent, Theatre, or Place of Amusement, for every Day - - - - -	5	0
And in addition for every Compartment or Space on the Surface of the Ground used by any Person for any of the like Purposes, according to the Size or Dimensions of the same, that is to say, for every Superficial Square Foot thereof, and so in proportion for every Part of a Foot - - - - -	0	1
For every Basket, Hamper, Barrel, or Barrow, not being more than Two Feet in Length, Fifteen Inches in Breadth, and Twelve Inches in Depth, and containing any Goods, Commodities, and Things, a Day - - - - -	1	6
For every other Basket, Hamper, Barrel, or Barrow of large Size - - - - -	3	0

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