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An Act to enable the Justices of the County of *Lancaster* to erect a new Bridge over the River *Irwell* in the Townships of *Kearsley* and *Pilkington* in the Hundred of *Salford*, in lieu of an old Bridge there called *Ringley Bridge*; and for other Purposes. [16th July 1866.]

**W**HEREAS the existing Bridge over the River *Irwell* in the Townships of *Kearsley* and *Pilkington* in the Hundred of *Salford* in the County Palatine of *Lancaster*, called *Ringley Bridge*, is very narrow, and the Approaches thereto are very precipitous and circuitous, so as to be inconvenient and dangerous, and insufficient for the greatly increased Traffic passing over the same: And whereas the said Bridge and its Approaches are by ancient Custom repairable by the Inhabitants of the said Hundred of *Salford*: And whereas by "The *Moses Gate and Ringley Road Act, 1865*," the Trustees of the Roads therein described were, amongst other things, authorized to make, complete, and maintain a new Road; (that is to say,)

A new Road, No. 1, on the deposited Plans described as No. 6, situate wholly in the Township of *Pilkington* in the Parish of  
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*Prestwich-cum-Oldham*, commencing at a Point on the Towing-path of the *Manchester, Bolton, and Bury Canal* One hundred and sixty-five Yards or thereabouts to the South-westward of the Bridge carrying the *Ringley Road* over that Canal, and terminating by a Junction with the same Road at *Cinder Hill*, opposite a House now in the Occupation of *Stephen Rothwell* :

And whereas it is desirable that a new Bridge with Approaches thereto, forming a Junction with such new Road No. 1, should be erected, in lieu of the said existing Bridge, of greater Width and Elevation, and in a more suitable and convenient Situation, and that such Approaches should be wider, more direct, and of improved Gradients; but inasmuch as the most approved Position for such new Bridge is at a greater Distance from the existing Bridge than Two hundred Yards, the necessary Works cannot be carried into effect without the Authority of Parliament: And whereas a Plan and Section of the proposed Works showing the Lines and Levels thereof, and the Lands in which those Works are intended to be made, and a Book of Reference to that Plan containing the Names of the Owners or reputed Owners, Lessees or reputed Lessees, and Occupiers of the Lands, have been deposited with the Clerk of the Peace for the County Palatine of *Lancaster*, and that Plan, Section, and Book of Reference are in this Act referred to as the deposited Plan, Section, and Book of Reference: 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.

1. This Act may be cited for all Purposes as "*The Ringley Bridge Act, 1866.*"

Power to Justices to build new Bridge.

2. Subject to the Provisions of this Act and the Acts wholly or partially incorporated herewith, the Justices of the Peace for the County Palatine of *Lancaster* (herein-after called "the Justices"), assembled at any Quarter or General Session holden originally or by Adjournment within the Hundred of *Salford*, are hereby empowered to make, erect, and maintain in the Line and according to the Levels shown on the deposited Plans and Sections a new Bridge (herein-after called "the new Bridge") for Carriages, Carts, Horses, and Passengers over and across the River *Irwell*, in lieu of the existing Bridge over the said River called *Ringley Bridge*, with Road Approaches thereto on both Sides, and with all convenient and necessary Abutments, Piers, and Works, to commence by a Junction with the *Moses Gate and Ringley Turnpike Road* in the Township of *Kearsley* in the Parish of *Dean* in the said County of *Lancaster* at a Point distant One hundred Yards or thereabouts to the Westward of the Milestone on that Road denoting Four Miles from *Bolton*, and to terminate at

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the Westerly Side of the Towing-path of the *Manchester, Bolton, and Bury* Canal in the Township of *Pilkington* in the Parish of *Prestwich-cum-Oldham* in the said County by a Junction with a new Road intended to be made by the Trustees of the said *Moses Gate and Ringley Road* under the Powers contained in "The *Moses Gate and Ringley Road* Act, 1865," and in the said Act described as Road No. 1, One hundred and sixty-five Yards or thereabouts to the North-westward of the present Bridge carrying the said *Moses Gate and Ringley Road* over that Canal.

3. Subject to the Provisions of this Act, the Justices assembled at any Quarter or General Session holden originally or by Adjournment within the Hundred of *Salford* may from Time to Time purchase, take, enter upon, and use, for the Purposes of the Works by this Act authorized, such of the Lands shown on the deposited Plan, and specified in the deposited Book of Reference, as they may think requisite.

Power to take Lands.

4. "The Lands Clauses Consolidation Act, 1845," and "The Lands Clauses Consolidation Amendment Act, 1860," shall not apply to the Lands authorized by this Act to be taken, nor are they incorporated with this Act.

8 & 9 Vict. c. 18. and 23 & 24 Vict. c. 106. not to apply.

5. All the Clauses and Provisions of the Public General Acts now in force relating to County or Hundred Bridges in *England* with respect to the purchasing, selling, taking, and using of Land for the Purpose of erecting, widening, improving, and making commodious for the Public of County or Hundred Bridges and the Roads at the Ends thereof, the assessing, the Compensation, and Satisfaction for such Land, the Application of such Compensation, the making out the Title thereto, and the Conveyance thereof (except where such Clauses and Provisions are inconsistent with this Act), shall extend and apply to the Land to be purchased for the Purposes of this Act.

As to the Construction of certain Provisions of the Statutes relating to County Bridges.

6. The Powers by this Act given to the Justices for the compulsory Purchase of Lands for the Purposes of this Act shall not be exercised after the Expiration of Two Years after the Commencement of this Act.

Powers for compulsory Purchases limited.

7. The Works by this Act authorized and shown on the deposited Plans may be completed within Four Years after the Commencement of this Act, and on the Expiration of that Period the Powers by this Act given for executing the same shall cease to be exercised.

Period for Completion of Works.

8. Any Lands or Buildings required by the Justices under this Act may be conveyed, assigned, or demised to the Clerk of the Peace for

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for the County Palatine of *Lancaster* for the Time being and his Successors, and such Clerk of the Peace and his Successors is and are hereby empowered to take and hold, in the Nature of a Corporation Sole in trust for the Purposes of this Act, the Lands or Buildings so conveyed, assigned, or demised to him or them.

Justices empowered to deviate.

9. It shall be lawful for the Justices in the Execution of the Works by this Act authorized to deviate from the respective Lines delineated on the said Plan: Provided always, that no such Deviation shall extend to a greater Distance than the Limits of Deviation delineated on the said Plan without the Consent in Writing of the Party in or through whose Lands any such Deviation shall be proposed to be made; and it shall also be lawful for the Justices to deviate from the Levels of the said Works as marked on the Sections so deposited as aforesaid to any Extent not exceeding Ten Feet.

New Bridge to be a Hundred Bridge.

10. When and so soon as the new Bridge by this Act authorized is completed and opened for public Traffic the same shall be held to be substituted for the said existing Bridge over the River *Irwell* at *Ringley*, and shall be called *Ringley Bridge*, and shall be deemed to be a Hundred Bridge, and such Bridge and the Approaches thereto shall be repairable and maintainable by the Inhabitants of the said Hundred of *Salford*; and such Inhabitants and the Justices shall have and exercise such and the like Powers, Jurisdictions, Rights, and Privileges, and shall be subject to such and the like Liabilities, Remedies, Proceedings, and Penalties, in respect of such new Bridge and Approaches as are created, conferred, imposed, provided, or directed by all or any of the Statutes now in force relating to County or Hundred Bridges; provided that the Length of Roadway at each End of the said new Bridge which the Inhabitants of the Hundred of *Salford* shall repair and amend shall be the Portions respectively by this Act authorized to be made, and no more.

Existing Bridge to cease to be a Hundred Bridge.

11. When and so soon as the new Bridge is completed and opened for public Traffic the existing Bridge over the River *Irwell* at *Ringley*, for which the said new Bridge will be substituted, shall cease to be a Hundred Bridge, and the said existing Bridge and the Approaches thereto, and the Roadway over the same, shall cease to be repairable and maintainable by the Inhabitants of the Hundred of *Salford*, and from thenceforth the said existing Bridge, and the Road over the same, shall be repaired and maintained by the Inhabitants of the said Townships of *Kearsley* and *Pilkington* jointly, and the Approaches thereto shall be repaired and maintained in like Manner as the public Highways in the Townships in which the same are respectively situate are now by Law liable to be repaired and maintained.

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12. The Justices assembled at any Quarter or General Session holden originally or by Adjournment within the Hundred of *Salford* may from Time to Time, for the Purpose of the said new Bridge and Approaches, borrow any Sums of Money not exceeding in the whole Ten thousand Pounds on Mortgage of the Rates which are by Law applicable to the Maintenance of the common public Bridges of the said Hundred of *Salford*.

Power to Justices to borrow on Mortgage of Rates.

13. For the Purposes of any Mortgages made in pursuance of this Act the Clauses of "The Commissioners Clauses Act, 1847," with respect to Mortgages to be executed by and the Indemnification of the Commissioners, shall be incorporated with this Act, and in the Construction of the incorporated Clauses the Justices shall be deemed to be the Commissioners, and the Clerk of the Peace for the said County Palatine of *Lancaster* to be the Clerk of the Commissioners.

Mortgages by Justices how to be made.

14. The Receipts of the Treasurer of the County Palatine of *Lancaster* for any Monies received by or on account of the Justices for the Purposes of this Act shall be effectual Discharges for the Monies expressed in such Receipts to have been received.

Receipt of Treasurer effectual Discharges.

15. The Period within which any Money to be borrowed by the Justices under the Authority of this Act is to be paid off by means of a Sinking Fund shall be Twenty-five Years from the First Day of *January* One thousand eight hundred and sixty-seven.

Period for paying off Money borrowed by Justices.

16. The Mortgagees of the Justices from Time to Time may enforce the Payment of the Arrears of Interest, or of Principal and Interest, due on their respective Mortgages, by the Appointment of a Receiver, and the Amount to authorize a Requisition for a Receiver is One thousand five hundred Pounds.

Arrears may be enforced by Appointment of a Receiver.

17. All Acts and Contracts (except Conveyances and Mortgages) which the Justices aforesaid are expressly or impliedly authorized to do or make for the Purposes of this Act may be done or made in the Name and on behalf of the Justices by any Two or more of their Number for the Time being appointed by Order of the Justices in Quarter or General Session assembled as aforesaid to act on their Behalf, subject to this Restriction that no Act done or Contract made by such Appointees shall be valid unless it be sanctioned by some Order of the Justices in Quarter or General Session assembled as aforesaid.

Contracts by Justices how to be entered into.

18. The Justices assembled as aforesaid shall from Time to Time (and they are hereby required), within Ten Years after the Works  
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by this Act authorized to be erected or provided shall have been completed and opened for Use, dispose of and sell any Lands and Premises acquired under and for the Purposes of this Act, and found unfit or no longer wanted for such Purposes; the Considerations for such Disposal or Sale shall be received by the Treasurer of the said County, and the Conveyance or Assignment may be made and executed by the Clerk of the Peace for the said County for the Time being, and the Considerations so to be received by the County Treasurer shall be applied in the first instance in Payment of any Monies borrowed under the Authority of this Act which shall then remain unpaid, and subject thereto the same shall be applied to the Purposes of this Act.

Expenses of Act.

19. All Expenses of and incidental to the passing of this Act shall be paid by the Treasurer of the said County out of any Monies in his Hands applicable to the Repairs of the common public Bridges of the said Hundred of *Salford*.

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