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Cap. lxxiv.

An Act for extending the Jurisdiction of the *Hatfield* Court of Requests to certain Places in the West Riding of the County of *York* and in the Counties of *Lincoln* and *Nottingham*.

[21st June 1841.]

WHEREAS an Act was passed in the Second and Third Year of the Reign of Her present Majesty, intituled *An Act for the more speedy Recovery of Small Debts within the Manor of Hatfield and other Places in the West Riding of the County of York*: And whereas by the said Act the Judge and his Successors, to be appointed as therein mentioned, were constituted a Court of Justice for the Recovery of Small Debts within the several Towns, Townships, or Places therein specified, by the Name of "The *Hatfield* Court of Requests:" And whereas a Judge of the said Court has been appointed by the Lord Chancellor, according to the Provisions of the said Act, and such Judge has proceeded to carry the Purposes of the said Act into execution: And whereas the Towns of *Crowle* and *Epworth*, and the several Parishes, Townships, and Extra-parochial Places of *Wroot*, *Haxey*, *Owston*, *Kelfield*, *West Kinneld Ferry*, *Gunthorpe*, *West Butterwick*, *Althorpe*, *Derrythorpe*, *Amcotts*, *Keadby*, *Luddington*, *Garthorpe*, *Crowle*, *Eastoft*, *Belton*, and *Epworth*, all in the County of *Lincoln*, and also the several Parishes, Townships, and Places of *Fockerby*, *Eastoft*, *Haldenby*,

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Kirk Bramwith, Adwick-in-the-Street, Sutton, Arksey, Brodsworth, Marr, Bentley, Cantley, Branton, Auckley, Rossington, Blaxton, Finningley, and Austerfield, all in the West Riding of the County of *York*, and also the several Parishes, Townships, and Places of *Finningley* and *Auckley*, in the County of *Nottingham*, are populous, and considerable Trade and Traffic is carried on therein, and in some of the said Townships and Places there are Mills and Manufactories employing great Numbers of Persons, in other of the said Townships and Places the greater Number of Persons are engaged in various Branches of Trade, including considerable Numbers employed in navigating Vessels on the Rivers *Ouse* and *Trent*, and in the said Towns of *Crowle* and *Epworth*, and other of the said Townships and Places, there are several Retail Shopkeepers and Dealers, who, along with divers other Persons residing, trading, and dealing in the said Towns, Townships, and Places, contract Small Debts, which in the whole amount yearly to a very large Sum of Money, and although many of such Debtors are well able to pay their respective Debts, refuse or avoid Payment of the same, knowing that such Debts cannot be recovered by the Creditors thereof without incurring an Expence often disproportionate to and sometimes far exceeding the Amount of Debts due, whereby such Creditors are frequently obliged to forego their Debts, and sustain very great Loss: And whereas such Debts might be more easily and speedily recovered if the Jurisdiction of the said *Hatfield* Court of Requests, and the Powers and Provisions of the said recited Act, were extended to the Towns, Townships, and Places aforesaid, and such Act amended: 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, That from and after the passing of this Act the Court constituted under the said recited Act a Court of Justice for the Recovery of Small Debts within the Towns, Townships, and Places therein mentioned, by the Name of "The *Hatfield* Court of Requests," shall have Jurisdiction within the said Towns of *Crowle* and *Epworth*, and the several Townships and Places herein-before named, in the same Manner as if the said Towns, Townships, and Places had been included in the said recited Act.

Jurisdiction of the *Hatfield* Court of Requests extended to Towns &c. in this Act.

Extending Powers of recited Act to this Act.

II. And be it enacted, That all Provisions, Matters, and Things contained in the said recited Act, so far as the same are now unrepealed, and except so far as any of them are by this Act repealed, altered, or otherwise provided for, shall extend to this Act, and to the several Purposes and Things hereby authorized to be effected and done, and shall, so far as the same may be applicable, operate and be in force, in respect to the Objects and Purposes of this Act, in the same Manner as if such Provisions, Matters, and Things were repealed and re-enacted in this Act in reference to the said Objects and Purposes.

Where Courts are to be held.

III. And be it enacted, That it shall be lawful to hold the said Court at some convenient Place within the Towns of *Crowle* and *Epworth*, as well as in the Town of *Hatfield*; and it shall be lawful for

for the Judge of the said Court to appoint such Time or Times for holding any such Court as he shall think proper, and such Courts may be held at such Times accordingly, but so as that the Interval between the holding of any Two Courts shall in no Case be more than Two Months.

IV. And be it enacted, That for the Purpose of facilitating the Entry of Plaints and the issuing of Summonses it shall be lawful for the Clerk of the said Court to provide Books, to be kept by the said Clerk or his Assistants in the Towns herein-before mentioned, and at such other Place or Places as the said Clerk, with the Approbation of the said Judge, shall think fit.

Clerk to keep Books for entering Plaints, &c.

V. Provided always, and be it enacted, That in all Actions and Causes in the said Court where a Jury shall be required to be summoned to try the Action or Cause, no Person, although otherwise duly qualified, shall be liable to be summoned as a Juror for the Trial of any such Action or Cause unless such Person shall reside within some of the said Towns, Townships, or Places within Seven Miles of the Place appointed for the Trial of the Action or Cause on which he shall be so summoned.

Jurors shall not be liable to travel more than Seven Miles.

VI. And be it enacted, That the Costs and Expences of preparing and passing this Act, and incident thereto, shall be paid and discharged out of the Monies forming the Fund called the General Fund of the *Hatfield* Court of Requests, and in preference to providing Court Houses or Offices, or other such general Purposes.

For paying Expences of this Act.

VII. Provided always, and be it enacted, That at the Expiration of Six Calendar Months next after any general Act shall be passed for the Recovery of Small Debts, and the Operation of which general Act shall be inconsistent with the Powers given by this Act as to the said several Towns, Townships, and Places in this Act mentioned, every thing in this Act which shall give to the said Court or Judge any local or separate Jurisdiction shall cease and determine, and no Judge or Officer of the said Court hereafter to be appointed shall be deemed to be entitled to any Compensation for the Loss of his Office by reason of the passing of such general Act.

This Act to cease on the passing of any general Act.

VIII. And be it enacted, That this Act may be altered or repealed during the present Session of Parliament, either by an Act passed for the express Purpose of altering or repealing the same, or by an Act of which the Provisions shall be inconsistent with the Provisions herein contained.

Act may be altered during the present Session.

IX. And be it enacted, That this Act shall be deemed and taken to be a Public Act, and shall be judicially taken notice of as such.

Public Act.

