



ANNO QUARTO & QUINTO

GULIELMI IV. REGIS.

Cap. lxxxiii.

An Act for taking down and removing *Old Stratford Bridge* over the *River Ouse* in the Counties of *Buckingham* and *Northampton*, and for erecting a more commodious Bridge in lieu thereof.
[25th July 1834.]

WHEREAS the present Bridge, commonly called *Old Stratford Bridge*, across the *River Ouse*, situate as to Part thereof in the Parishes of *Calverton* and *Wolverton*, or one of them, in the County of *Buckingham*, and as to other Parts thereof in the Parishes of *Passenham*, *Cosgrove*, and *Furtho*, or some or one of them, in the County of *Northampton*, is narrow, incommodious, and in great Decay, and the Embankment or Causeway connecting the said Bridge with the Town of *Stony Stratford* in the County of *Buckingham* is unprotected, and the said Bridge and Causeway are dangerous for Passengers, Cattle, and Carriages passing over the same, and there is a very considerable Traffic and Thoroughfare over the said Bridge and Causeway, the same being situate on the great Road leading from *London* to *Holyhead*, and it would be of great public Utility if the said present Bridge were taken down, and a wider and more commodious Bridge built on or near the Scite thereof, and proper Fences erected on each Side of the said Causeway: And whereas a certain Proportion of the Funds proceeding from a Charity Estate situate at *Loughton* in the said County of *Buckingham*, called the *Stony Stratford Bridge and Street Charity*, is applicable to the Repairs of the said Bridge, but which is wholly insufficient for the Purposes now required, and subject to the Aid of such Proportion of the said Charity Fund the Inhabitants of the said Counties of *Buckingham*

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ingham and *Northampton* respectively are liable in equal Proportions to amend and repair the said Bridge: And whereas the Expences of maintaining Bridges and other public Works in the said Counties of *Buckingham* and *Northampton* have of late Years increased to a great Extent, and the same are extremely burthensome upon the Inhabitants of the said Counties respectively, and it is reasonable that a Toll should be paid by Persons passing over such new Bridge, to defray the Expences which will be incurred in taking down the said present Bridge and building a more commodious Bridge in lieu thereof, and in erecting proper Fences as aforesaid, and that the Monies to be required for such Purposes should be raised on the Credit of such Tolls and of the County Rates of the said several Counties of *Buckingham* and *Northampton*; but inasmuch as these Objects cannot be accomplished 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 it shall and may be lawful to and for the Justices of the Peace acting in and for the said Counties of *Buckingham* and *Northampton* respectively, assembled at their respective General Quarter Sessions of the Peace to be held next after the passing of this Act in and for the said Counties of *Buckingham* and *Northampton* respectively, or at any Adjournment of such Sessions respectively, or at any subsequent General Quarter Session of the Peace for the said Counties respectively, or at any Adjournment of the same, and they are hereby authorized and empowered, to take down and remove the present Bridge, called *Old Stratford Bridge*, over the River *Ouse*, in the said Counties of *Buckingham* and *Northampton*, and to take, sell, and dispose of or otherwise to use and employ the Materials of the same, and to build, erect, and complete, or order and direct to be built, erected, and completed, with Iron, Stone, or other suitable Materials, a good and substantial new Bridge across the River *Ouse* on or near the Scite of the said present Bridge, and to make good and substantial Fences on each Side of the said Causeway from the said Bridge to the said Town of *Stony Stratford*, according to such Designs, Plans, and Specifications, and in such Manner as they the said Justices shall approve and direct, and to do, perform, make, and order all such other Works, Matters, and Things as shall be necessary for completing the said intended new Bridge, and rendering the same safe and convenient for the Public; and the said Justices for the said Counties respectively may and are hereby authorized and empowered to contract for the building, erecting, and completing such intended Bridge, or any of the Works by this Act authorized or directed to be done or performed, first giving public Notice of their Intention so to contract; and such Contract or Contracts shall be made and entered into at the most reasonable Rates; and every Contractor for any of such Works shall give sufficient Security for the due Performance of his Contract to the Clerk of the Peace of the said County of *Buckingham* and the Clerk of the Peace of the said County of *Northampton* respectively, or either of them, as may be thought fit; and all Contracts for all or any of the Purposes aforesaid,

said, when made, and all Orders relating thereto, shall be from Time to Time entered in Books to be kept for that Purpose by the Clerk of the Peace of the said County of *Buckingham* and by the Clerk of the Peace of the said County of *Northampton*, to be inspected at all reasonable Times by any Person contributing to the County Rates of such respective Counties; and the said Justices shall have full Power and Authority from Time to Time to remove or cause to be removed any Shoals or other Obstructions in the said River that may affect the Bridge, and also to dig up and carry away all Beds of Gravel, Sand, Mud, or other Impediments, and to deepen and widen the said River where such new Bridge is intended to be or shall be erected, and also to dig and cut the Banks of the said River, in such Manner as shall be necessary and proper for building and completing the said new Bridge.

II. And be it further enacted, That for the Purpose of carrying this Act into execution (except where otherwise directed) the Justices of the said Counties of *Buckingham* and *Northampton* respectively shall from Time to Time at any General Quarter Session of the Peace, or any Adjournment thereof, in and for their respective Counties, nominate and appoint so many not exceeding Fifteen of the Justices acting for each respective County as they shall think fit to meet with each other, and superintend and manage, as well the taking down the said present Bridge, as also the building, erecting, and completing of the said intended Bridge and Fences to the said Causeway, and other Works connected therewith, according to such Designs, Plans, and Specifications as shall have been approved of and directed by the said Justices in Quarter Session assembled, and it shall also be lawful for such Justices to determine how many of such superintending Justices shall constitute a Quorum and be sufficient to act, and from Time to Time to remove such superintending Justices, and appoint other superintending Justices in their Stead, as they the said Justices in Sessions shall think proper; and the superintending Justices so to be nominated and appointed as aforesaid shall and they are hereby authorized and required, within One Month next after such Nomination and Appointment, to meet and assemble at such Place as shall appear to them most convenient for that Purpose, due Notice thereof having been previously given to all such superintending Justices of each County by the Clerks of the Peace of the said Counties of *Buckingham* and *Northampton* respectively, and also to meet and adjourn from Time to Time, and from Place to Place, as often as they shall think necessary; and in case a sufficient Number of such Justices shall not attend at any such Meeting it shall be lawful for their Clerks or either of them, or any One Justice of the Peace there attending, to adjourn the same, or to appoint and give Notice of some other Day of Meeting for the said Justices; and the superintending Justices shall from Time to Time make their Report to the Justices of each of the said respective Counties in the General Quarter Session of the Peace assembled of the Proceedings of such superintending Justices by virtue of this Act.

Appointing
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Justices.

III. And be it further enacted, That all and every the Powers, Authorities, Acts, Matters, and Things by this Act given, granted, directed,

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directed, and ordered to be done shall and may be executed, done, and performed by the said superintending Justices at their Meetings to be held as aforesaid, in all Cases except where by this Act the same are directed to be executed, done, and performed by the Justices of the Peace of the said Counties of *Buckingham* and *Northampton* in their respective Quarter Session assembled.

Present
Bridge not to
be removed
until a tem-
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built.

IV. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That before the said Justices shall begin to take down and remove the said present Bridge they the said Justices shall and may and they are hereby authorized, empowered, and required to erect and build a good sufficient temporary Bridge over the said River, until such new Bridge shall be constructed and built, and made safe and commodious for Carriages or Passengers.

Powers of
Acts 22 H. 8.,
13 W. 3. &
1 Ann. c. 18.,
12 G. 2. c. 29.,
14 G. 2. c. 33.,
43 G. 3. c. 59.,
and 52 G. 3.
c. 110., re-
lating to
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this Act.

V. And be it further enacted, That all and every the Powers, Authorities, Provisions, Directions, Rules, Penalties, Forfeitures, Clauses, Matters, and Things contained in an Act passed in the Twenty-second Year of the Reign of King *Henry* the Eighth, for Bridges and Highways; and in an Act passed in the First Year of the Reign of Queen *Anne*, intituled *An Act to explain and alter the Act made in the Two-and-twentieth Year of King Henry the Eighth, concerning repairing and amending of Bridges in the Highways, and for repealing an Act made in the Twenty-third Year of Queen Elizabeth, for the re-edifying of Cardiffe Bridge in the County of Glamorgan, and also for changing the Day of Election of the Wardens and Assistants of Rochester Bridge*; and in an Act passed in the Twelfth Year of the Reign of King *George* the Second, intituled *An Act for the more easy assessing, collecting, and levying of County Rates*; and in an Act passed in the Fourteenth Year of the Reign of King *George* the Second, intituled *An Act to supply some Defects in the Laws for repairing and rebuilding County Bridges; for repairing, enlarging, erecting, and providing Houses of Correction, and for passing Rogues and Vagabonds*; and in an Act passed in the Forty-third Year of the Reign of His Majesty King *George* the Third, intituled *An Act for remedying certain Defects in the Laws relative to the building and repairing of County Bridges and other Works maintained at the Expence of the Inhabitants of Counties in England*; and in an Act passed in the Fifty-second Year of His Majesty King *George* the Third, intituled *An Act for amending an Act passed in the Twelfth Year of His late Majesty King George the Second, intituled 'An Act for the more easy assessing, collecting, and levying of County Rates,' and for the remedying certain Defects in the Laws relating to the repairing of County Bridges and other Works maintained at the Expence of the Inhabitants of Counties in England*, so far as the same respectively relate to the repairing or building of County Bridges, and other Buildings or Works repaired, maintained, or built at the Expence of the Inhabitants of Counties in *England*, or to the Purchase of any Lands or Hereditaments for any such Purposes, or to the making, collecting, and levying County Rates, (other than in Cases for which other Powers and Provisions are made and prescribed by this Act,) shall be and are hereby extended to this Act, and shall and may be enforced, practised, used, and put in execution with respect to the
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said intended new Bridge, and the Works connected therewith, and for the Purposes of this Act, as fully and effectually, to all Intents and Purposes, as if such several Powers, Authorities, Provisions, Directions, Rules, Penalties, Forfeitures, Clauses, Matters, and Things were particularly repeated and re-enacted by or in this present Act.

VI. And be it further enacted, That the said Justices of the Peace of the said respective Counties of *Buckingham* and *Northampton*, at any General Quarter Session of the Peace for the same respective Counties, or at any Adjournment of such Session respectively, may and shall from Time to Time cause such Sum or Sums of Money as they shall judge necessary, for all or any of the Purposes of this Act, to be raised in their respective Counties by a special County Rate or Rates, on all Places liable to contribute to the County Rate of the same, in such Manner as Rates are authorized or directed to be raised by the said Act passed in the Twelfth Year of the Reign of King *George* the Second, intituled *An Act for the more easy assessing, collecting, and levying of County Rates*, or by any other existing Law relating to County Rates, or shall, at their Discretion, order and direct the same to be paid out of the ordinary Rates of the said respective Counties of *Buckingham* and *Northampton* in equal Proportions by each County, and to such an Amount as the said Justices shall at their said respective Sessions agree upon, and order and direct.

Expences of re-building to be raised by a special County Rate.

12 G.2. c.29.

Clerks of the Peace to be the Clerks to the Justices.

Treasurer and other Officers to be appointed by the Justices.

Treasurer to give Security.

VII. And be it further enacted, That the Clerks of the Peace for the Time being for the said respective Counties shall be the Clerks to the said superintending Justices; and it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Justices so to be nominated and appointed for superintending and managing the building, erecting, and completing of the said intended Bridge and other Works connected therewith, and they are hereby authorized and empowered, from Time to Time to nominate and appoint a Treasurer and One or more Collector or Collectors of the Tolls by this Act granted and made payable, and a Surveyor of the said Bridge and other Works connected therewith, and such other Officers as they the said Justices shall think necessary for executing the Powers and Authorities hereby given, and from Time to Time to remove any such Officer or Officers, and on the Removal or on the Death of any such Officer or Officers to appoint another or others in his or their Stead; and the said Justices shall and may and are hereby authorized and empowered, by and out of the Monies which shall arise by virtue of this Act, to pay such Salaries and make such Allowances to all Persons employed as aforesaid, for their Services in or about the carrying this Act into execution, as they the said Justices shall think reasonable: Provided always, that no Person shall be capable of holding any Place of Profit under this Act who shall sell any Wine, Cider, Ale, Beer, or Spirituous Liquor by Retail; provided also, that the said Justices shall and they are hereby required to take sufficient Security from every Treasurer to be appointed for the Purposes of this Act for the due and faithful Execution of his Office, and (if they think fit) to take such Security from any other Officer to be appointed under or by virtue of this Act.

Clerk and
Treasurer
not to be the
same Person.

VIII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That it shall not be lawful for the said Justices to appoint the Partner of any such Clerk of the Peace, or the Clerk or any Person in the Service or Employ of such Clerk of the Peace or of his Partner, to be the Treasurer for the Purposes of this Act; 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 shall act as Deputy of the Treasurer, or in any manner officiate for the Treasurer, or if any such Treasurer shall hold or accept any Place or Office of Profit or Trust under the said Justices (other than that of Treasurer), every Person so offending shall for every such Offence forfeit and pay the Sum of One hundred Pounds to any Person 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, Plaint, Suit, or Information, wherein no Essoign, Protection, or Wager of Law, nor more than One Impar lance, shall be allowed.

Officers to
account.

IX. And be it further enacted, That all such Officers and other Persons who shall be appointed under or by virtue of this Act shall from Time to Time, when thereunto required by the said Justices respectively assembled as aforesaid, deliver to such Justices, or to such Person or Persons as they shall for that Purpose appoint, a true and perfect Account in Writing under their respective Hands of all Monies which shall have been by them respectively had, collected, or received by virtue of this Act, and how and to whom and for what Purpose such Monies and every Part thereof have or hath been disposed of, together with proper Vouchers and Receipts for such Payments; and such Officers or other Persons shall and they are hereby respectively required to pay all such Monies as upon the Balance of such Account shall appear to be in his or her Hands to such Person or Persons as the said Justices shall appoint to receive the same; and if any such Officer or other Person shall refuse or neglect to render and give such Account as aforesaid, or to produce and deliver up the Vouchers and Receipts relating to the same, or to pay the Balance remaining in his Hands when thereunto required in manner aforesaid, or shall refuse or neglect to deliver up to such Justices, or to such Person or Persons as they shall appoint, within Ten Days after being thereunto required by such Justices, all Books, Accounts, Papers, and Writings in his Custody or Power, or in any ways relating to the Execution of this Act, it shall be lawful for any Justice of the Peace for the said Counties of *Buckingham* and *Northampton* respectively, and he is hereby authorized, to summon any such Officer or other Person to appear before such Justice; and in case such Officer or other Person shall not appear upon such Summons (the same having been served upon him personally, or left at his usual Place or Places of Abode, and no reasonable Cause or Causes being shown for such Nonappearance) such Justice is hereby authorized to issue his Warrant or Warrants for the Apprehension of such Officer or other Person, and upon his appearing upon such Summons, or being apprehended and brought before such Justice by virtue of such Warrant,

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or having absconded, or not being to be found, it shall be lawful for such Justice to hear and determine the Matter of such Complaint in a summary Way; and if upon the Confession of the Officer or other Person against whom any such Complaint shall be made, or by the Oath or Oaths of any credible Witness or Witnesses, it shall appear to such Justice that any of the Monies which shall have been so collected or received shall be in the Hands of such Officer or other Person, such Justice may and he is hereby authorized and required, upon Nonpayment thereof, by a Warrant or Warrants under his Hand and Seal, to cause such Money to be levied by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of such Officer or other Person; and if no Goods or Chattels shall be found sufficient to answer and satisfy the said Money, and the Charges of levying the same, or if such Officer or other Person appearing or being brought before such Justice in the Manner aforesaid shall refuse or neglect to give and deliver to the said Justice an Account of the Receipts and Payments as aforesaid, or to produce and deliver up to the said Justices as aforesaid the several Vouchers and Receipts relating to such Account, or the Books, Accounts, Papers, and Writings in his Custody or Power relating to the Execution of this Act, then and in either of the Cases aforesaid such Justice before whom such Officer or other Person shall be brought may and he is hereby authorized and required, by Warrant under his Hand and Seal, to commit such Officer or other Person to any House of Correction within the said Counties of *Buckingham* and *Northampton* respectively, there to remain without Bail or Mainprize until he shall have delivered in and settled such his Account, and shall have delivered up the Vouchers and Receipts relating thereto, and shall have paid the Money which shall appear to be in his Hands, and the reasonable Charges of such Distress and Sale as shall in that respect have been made, or until he shall have compounded with the said Justices for the same, and have paid the Composition Money to such Justices, or such Person or Persons as they shall appoint to receive the same (and which Composition the said Justices are hereby empowered to make), or until he shall deliver up such Books, Accounts, Papers, and Writings as aforesaid, or have given Satisfaction in respect thereof to the said Justices; but no such Officer or other Person who shall be committed for Default or Distress only shall be detained in Prison by virtue of this Act for any longer Space of Time than Six Calendar Months.

X. And be it further enacted, That in all Actions, Causes, Suits, Bills, Plaints, Indictments, Prosecutions, Trials, or Proceedings at Law, to be had, brought, prosecuted, or defended in pursuance of this Act, the said Justices of the said Counties of *Buckingham* and *Northampton* respectively may sue and be sued in the Name of the Clerk of the Peace for each of the said Counties respectively for the Time being; and that no Action or Proceeding shall abate or be discontinued by the Death or Removal of any such Clerk of the Peace, but that the Clerk of the Peace for each of the said Counties for the Time being shall always be deemed the Plaintiff, Prosecutor, Informer, Appellant, Defendant, or Respondent in any such Action, Cause, Suit, Bill, Plaint, Indictment, Prosecution, Trial, or other Proceeding (as the Case shall be); and in all such Actions, Causes, Suits,

Actions to be brought in the Name of the Clerk of the Peace.

Suits, Bills, Plaints, Indictments, Prosecutions, Trials, or Proceedings at Law respectively it shall be sufficient to lay, charge, and state generally the Article or Articles, Thing or Things for or in respect of which any such Action, Cause, Suit, Bill, Plaint, Indictment, Prosecution, Trial, or Proceeding shall be brought, preferred, or proceeded in to be the Property of the said Clerk of the Peace for the Time being, under the Style and Description of the Clerk of the Peace for the County of *Buckingham* or *Northampton*, as the Case may be : Provided always, that every such Clerk of the Peace shall be reimbursed all such Damages, Costs, Charges, and Expences as he shall have paid or be subject or liable to on account thereof, out of the Money arising by virtue of this Act ; provided also, that in all Actions, Causes, Suits, Bills, Plaints, Indictments, Prosecutions, Trials, or Proceedings at Law, neither the said Clerk of the Peace nor any other Person or Persons whomsoever shall be deemed incompetent to give Evidence by reason of his, her, or their paying or contributing towards, or being charged with or liable to pay, any of the public Rates of the said County, or any of the Tolls hereby granted and made payable, or by reason of his, her, or their being appointed to or holding any Office, or acting by or under any Authority of this Act.

Toll Gate
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erected.

XI. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Justices and they are hereby authorized and empowered to make, erect, build, or place and continue, or order and direct to be made, erected, built, or placed and continued, at or upon or across the said intended new Bridge or any Road leading thereto, or at or within One hundred Yards from either End of the said Bridge, a Gate or Bar, in such Manner and at such Time as they the said Justices shall think proper, with a Toll House and proper Conveniences thereto, and from Time to Time to alter and remove the same ; and such Gate, Bar, Toll House, and other Erections, Buildings, and Premises shall be and they are hereby vested in the said Justices of the Peace for the said Counties of *Buckingham* and *Northampton* respectively.

Collector
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the Tolls
herein men-
tioned.

XII. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Justices for the Time being, or any Person or Persons to be appointed Collector or Collectors of Tolls by virtue of this Act, and they and he are and is respectively hereby authorized and empowered to demand, take, and receive, or cause to be demanded, taken, and received, at any Gate or Bar which shall or may be erected or used as a Toll Gate or Bar by virtue of this Act, before any Cattle or Carriage shall be permitted to pass through the same, the respective Tolls herein-after mentioned ; (that is to say,)

For every Horse or other Beast drawing any Coach, Stage Coach, Landau, Berlin, Barouche, Sociable, Chariot, Calash, Hearse, Litter, Break, Chaise, Curricule, Gig, or other such like Carriage, the Sum of Three-pence :

For every Horse or other Beast drawing any Waggon, Wain, Cart, Van, Caravan, or other such like Carriage, the Sum of Two-pence :

For

For every Horse or other Beast, laden or unladen, and not drawing, the Sum of One Penny :

For every Score of Oxen, Cows, or Neat Cattle, (Calves excepted,) the Sum of Ten-pence, and so in proportion for any less Number than a Score :

For every Score of Calves, Swine, Sheep, or Lambs, the Sum of Five-pence, and so in proportion for any less Number than a Score :

For every Carriage moved or propelled by Steam or Machinery, or by any other Power than animal Power, the Sum of Five Shillings.

XIII. And be it further enacted, That the said several Tolls hereby granted shall be and the same are hereby vested in the said Justices for the Time being ; and in case any Person or Persons subject or liable to the Payment of any of the Tolls aforesaid shall refuse or neglect to pay the same or any Part thereof, on Demand, as aforesaid, then it shall be lawful for the Person or Persons appointed to collect the said Tolls, by himself or themselves, or taking such Assistance as he or they shall think necessary, to stop and prevent the Passage of the Horse, Beast, Cattle, or Carriage for or in respect of which such Tolls ought to be paid until full Payment thereof, or to seize and distrain for the same any Horse or other Cattle, or the Loading or Gears thereof, or any Carriage, with its Loading, for or in respect whereof any such Toll is by this Act imposed or made payable, or any Part thereof, or any of the Goods and Chattels of the Person liable to the Payment of such Tolls, and to detain and keep the same until such Tolls, with the reasonable Charge of such Distress, and of detaining and keeping the same, shall be fully paid ; and if such Tolls, together with the Costs and Charges of making and keeping such Distress, shall not be paid within Four Days after the making or taking such Distress, it shall be lawful to and for the Person or Persons making such Distress to sell or cause to be sold the same, or so much thereof as he shall think needful, returning the Overplus to arise from such Sale, and what shall remain unsold, upon Demand, to the Owner thereof, after such Toll, and the reasonable Expence of such Distress, and of the keeping and selling the same, shall be deducted.

Tolls vested in Justices.
Recovery of Tolls.

XIV. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That the respective Tolls by this Act granted and made payable shall not be charged more than once in any One Day, to be computed from Twelve of the Clock at Night to Twelve of the Clock in the next succeeding Night, for or in respect of the passing and repassing any Time or Times of the same Carriage, Horse or Horses, Beast or Cattle, the Person attending or having the Care of any such Carriage, Horse or Horses, Beasts or Cattle, producing a Note or Ticket denoting such Payment ; and upon Payment of any of the said Tolls the Collectors shall and are hereby required to deliver *gratis* to the Person paying such Toll a Note or Ticket denoting such Payment.

Tolls payable but once a Day.

XV. And be it further enacted, That if any Dispute shall happen about the Amount of Toll due, or the Charges of keeping and selling any Distress, it shall and may be lawful for the Collector or Person
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Disputes concerning Tolls to be settled by a Justice.

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distraint to retain such Distress, or the Money arising by the Sale thereof (as the Case may happen), until the Amount of such Toll, and the Charges of making such Distress, and of keeping and selling the same, shall be ascertained by some Justice of the Peace for the said County of *Buckingham* or *Northampton* (where the Cause of Complaint shall occur), who, upon Application to him made for that Purpose, shall inquire into and examine the Matter upon Oath of the Parties or other Witness or Witnesses (which Oath such Justice is hereby authorized to administer), and shall determine the Amount of the Toll due, and shall also assess the Charges of such Distress, Keeping, and Sale, and also of the Collector's Attendance for that Purpose, on the said Justice; all which Sums so determined or assessed shall be paid to the said Collector or other Person before he shall be obliged to return the Distress, or the Overplus after the Sale thereof or of any Part thereof.

Exempting
from Tolls
the Royal
Family.

XVI. And be it further enacted, That no Toll shall be demanded or taken for any Horses or Carriages attending His Majesty or any of the Royal Family, or returning therefrom.

Other Ex-
emptions.

XVII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That no Toll shall be demanded or taken for any Horse or Horses, or other Beast or Cattle, or for any Waggon, Wain, Cart, or other Carriage, employed in carrying or conveying, or going empty to fetch, carry, or convey, or returning empty from carrying or conveying, having been employed only in carrying or conveying, on the same Day, any Stones, Bricks, Timber, Wood, Gravel, or other Materials, for building or repairing the said intended Bridge, or the said present Bridge, or for repairing any public Road or Highway, or any Bridge, Tunnel, or Works, in any public Road or Highway, or any Hay, Fodder, or Corn in the Straw only, not sold or disposed of, but passing to be laid up or placed in the Houses, Barns, Outhouses, or Yards, or on the Lands of the Owners thereof; or for any Horse, Beast, or other Cattle or Carriage, employed in carrying or conveying, or going empty to fetch, carry, or convey, or returning empty from carrying or conveying, having been employed only in carrying or conveying, on the same Day, any Ploughs, Harrows, or Implements of Husbandry, to be used in the Cultivation of Lands, or any Mould, Dung, Compost, Lime, or Manure to be employed for manuring and improving Land or Gardens; or for any Horses or other Beasts going to or returning from Plough or Harrow, or to or from Pasture or Watering Place; or for any Horses or Carriages of any Description employed or to be employed in conveying the Mails of Letters and Expresses under the Authority of His Majesty's Postmaster General, either when employed in conveying, fetching, or guarding the same, or in returning back from conveying the same; or for the Horse or Horses of any Officers or Soldiers on their March or on Duty, or for any Horse or Horses or other Beast, or any Cart, Carriage, or Waggon, employed in carrying or conveying, or returning empty from carrying or conveying, having been employed only in carrying or conveying the Arms or Baggage of any such Officers or Soldiers; or for any Waggon, Wain, Cart, or other Carriage whatsoever, or the Horse or Horses or other Cattle drawing the same, employed in conveying
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any Ordnance or Barrack or Commissariat or other public Stores of or belonging to His Majesty or for the Use of His Majesty's Forces, or returning empty from having been so employed ; or for any Horse furnished by or for any Person belonging to any Corps of Yeomanry or Volunteer Cavalry or Infantry, and rode by him in going to or returning from any Place appointed for and on the Days of Exercise, Inspection, or Review, provided that such Person shall be dressed in the Uniform of his Corps, and shall have his Arms, Furniture, and Accoutrements according to the Regulations of such Corps at the Time of claiming the Exemption ; or for Horses, Carts, or Waggon travelling with Vagrants sent by legal Passes, or returning empty after having been so employed ; or for any Horse or Horses, Coaches or other Carriages going to or returning from any Election of a Knight or Knights of the Shire to serve in Parliament for the said Counties of *Buckingham* and *Northampton* respectively, or either of them, on the Day or Days of such Election or Elections ; and if any Person shall claim or take the Benefit of any of the Exemptions aforesaid, not being entitled to the same, every such Person shall forfeit and pay for every such Offence any Sum not exceeding Five Pounds, one Moiety whereof shall be paid to the Informer, and the other Moiety shall be applied for the Purposes of this Act, and in all Cases the Proof of Exemption shall lie on the Person claiming the same.

XVIII. And whereas Carts and Waggon coming to certain Wharfs near to the said Bridge from the Town of *Stony Stratford* and other Parishes, for Coals and other Commodities, must pass through the Toll Gate hereby authorized to be erected : And whereas the same would be highly injurious to the Owners and Occupiers of the said Wharfs, as well as to the Persons resorting thereto ; be it therefore enacted, That in case the Toll hereby imposed shall have been paid for or in respect of any Horse or Beast drawing any Waggon, Cart, or other Carriage going to be laden or unladen at a Wharf in the Occupation of *Edward Johnson*, and usually called or known by the Name of *Old Stratford Wharf*, or a Wharf in the Occupation of *Tagg*, and usually called or known by the Name of the *New Wharf*, such Toll shall, upon a Note or Ticket being produced, signed by the Occupier of one of the said Wharfs, specifying thereon that such Horse or other Beast has been employed on the same Day in drawing a Waggon, Cart, or other Carriage to be laden or unladen at such Wharf, be repaid to the Owner or Driver of such Horse or Beast on repassing over the said Bridge ; and if the Occupier of any such Wharf shall give a false or untrue Note or Ticket every such Occupier shall forfeit and pay Twenty Pounds for every such Offence.

Toll to be repaid on repassing, on Production of a Ticket from Occupier of Old Stratford Wharf, or of the New Wharf, of lading or unloading thereat.

XIX. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That no Person owning or driving, or causing to be driven, any Waggon, Wain, Cart, or other Carriage provided for the Service of His Majesty's Forces, or conveying any Ordnance, Barrack, Commissariat, or other public Stores of or belonging to His Majesty or for the Use of His Majesty's Forces, shall be subject to any Penalty or Forfeiture for Overweight in respect of such Stores ; nor shall such Waggon, Wain, Cart, or other

Carriages for His Majesty's Service not to be stopped for Overweight, &c.

other Carriage be stopped or detained by reason of any Weight in or upon any such Waggon, Wain, Cart, or other Carriage, or of its being drawn by any Number of Horses or Beasts; but it shall be lawful for any Owner or Driver of any such Waggon, Wain, Cart, or other Carriage to put any Number of Horses or Beasts to such Waggon, Wain, Cart, or Carriage for drawing the same; any thing in this Act contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

Power to
lessen Tolls.

XX. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Justices, and they are hereby authorized and empowered, from Time to Time, as they shall think proper, to lessen and reduce all or any Part or Parts of the Tolls hereby granted and made payable, and to raise the same again to any Sum not exceeding the Tolls by this Act granted; and such Tolls so lessened or reduced shall be collected, recovered, and applied in the same Manner as the Tolls hereby granted are directed to be collected and applied: Provided always, that until the Money subscribed or borrowed on the Credit of this Act shall have been paid off and discharged, the Tolls hereby granted shall not be lessened or reduced without the Consent of the Persons to whom Five Sixth Parts of such Money and Interest thereon shall be due.

Tolls may
be let.

XXI. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Justices, at any Meeting to be held for that Purpose, upon Thirty Days Notice being inserted in some Newspaper or Newspapers published or circulated in the said Counties of *Buckingham* and *Northampton*, from Time to Time, by Writing under the Hands and Seals of any Three of them, to let to farm the Tolls to be collected by virtue of this Act, or any Part or Parts thereof, to any Person or Persons who shall be willing to take or farm the same, upon public Bidding, to the highest Bidder, at or for the largest yearly Sum that can be reasonably got for the same: Provided always, that the Leases, Contracts, or Agreements for the same shall be in Writing, and be duly executed by the Person or Persons taking or farming such Tolls, and also by the said Justices or any Three of them, but the same shall not be let for more than Three Years at any one Time, and the Rent which shall be agreed to be paid for the said Tolls shall be made payable and shall be paid to the Treasurer to the said Justices, so as that one monthly Payment of such Rent shall always be in advance, or sufficient Security shall be given for the Payment of such Rent to the Satisfaction of the said Justices, or in default thereof every such Lease, Contract, or Agreement shall be null and void to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever.

Lessees or
Persons ap-
pointed by
them may
collect the
Tolls.

XXII. And be it further enacted, That during such Time as the said Tolls or any Part or Parts thereof shall be leased, demised, or in farm to any Person or Persons whomsoever, it shall be lawful for the Lessee or Lessees, Farmer or Farmers thereof, or such other Person or Persons as he, she, or they shall, by any Writing or Writings under his, her, or their Hand or Hands, authorize or appoint, to demand and take the said Tolls so leased, demised, or farmed, and to use all such Means and Methods for the Recovery thereof, in case of Nonpayment or Evasion, as the Collector or Collectors to be appointed

pointed by the said Justices under or by virtue of this Act is or are by this Act empowered to use; and such Lessee or Lessees, Farmer or Farmers, Collector or Collectors, or other Person or Persons as aforesaid, shall be subject to the Regulations of this Act, and to the like Pains, Penalties, and Forfeitures, and shall be liable to the like Actions and Prosecutions, as any Collector of the said Tolls to be appointed by the said Justices is or shall by virtue of this Act be subject or liable to.

XXIII. And be it further enacted, That in case the Tolls hereby granted or made payable shall at any Time or Times during the Continuance of this Act be demised or let to farm to any Person or Persons whomsoever, and the Lessee or Lessees, Farmer or Farmers thereof shall neglect or refuse to perform the Terms and Conditions on which the same shall be so demised or let; or in case the Rent or Rents agreed to be paid by such Lessee or Lessees, Farmer or Farmers, shall be in arrear by the Space of Seven Days next after any of the Days on which the same ought to be paid pursuant to the Lease, Contract, or Agreement for letting the same, then and in either of those Cases any Three or more of the said Justices, or the Clerk of the Peace of either of the said Counties of *Buckingham* and *Northampton*, or the Treasurer or Surveyor or any other Person authorized by Writing under the Hand of any One or more of the said Justices, may and they and he are and is hereby authorized to enter into and take Possession of the Toll House or Toll Houses, with the Buildings, Gate, or Bar and Appurtenances thereto belonging, so let as aforesaid, and to remove and put out such Lessee or Lessees, Farmer or Farmers, and all other Occupiers from the Possession thereof, and from the Collection of the Tolls there payable; and thereupon it shall be lawful for any Three or more of the said Justices (if they shall think fit) to vacate and determine the Contract or Agreement for leasing or letting the said Tolls to such Lessee or Lessees, Farmer or Farmers, and the same shall be utterly void to all Intents and Purposes (save as to the Covenants or Agreements for Payment of the Rent or Rents thereby reserved) as if such Demise or Agreement had never been made; and it shall be lawful for the said Justices in every such Case to cause the said Tolls to be taken and collected as if no such Lease, Contract, or Agreement had been entered into relative thereto.

Power to obtain the Possession of Toll House when the Lessees fail to fulfil their Contracts.

XXIV. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for any Two or more of the Justices of the Peace of the said Counties of *Buckingham* and *Northampton*, or either of them, upon the Death, Neglect, Refusal, or Incapacity to act of any Collector of the Tolls by this Act granted, by any Writing under their Hands to nominate some other fit Person to be Collector in his or her Place until the next Meeting of the said Justices, which Person so to be nominated and appointed shall have the like Power and Authority, and be accountable in the same Manner in all respects, as the Person in whose Room or Stead he or she shall be so appointed, any thing herein contained to the contrary notwithstanding, but such Appointment shall continue in force no longer than until such next Meeting of the said Justices; and that if any Collector of the said

On the Death of a Gatekeeper Two Justices may nominate another until the next Sessions.

If discharged Gatekeeper refuse to deliver up Toll Houses, &c. any Two Justices may cause him to be put out.

Tolls who shall be discharged from his or her Office by any Two or more such Justices shall refuse to deliver up the Possession of the Toll House, Buildings, and Appurtenances which he or she shall have held, occupied, or enjoyed in right of his or her Appointment to that Office, within Three Days after Notice given to him or her, or left at such Toll House, in Writing under the Hands of any Two or more of the said Justices, or if the Wife or Widow or Family of any such Collector who shall die as aforesaid, or any other Person who shall be in Possession of the Premises by any Means whatsoever, shall refuse to deliver up such House, Building, and Appurtenances, within Three Days after Notice of such new Appointment being made as aforesaid shall have been given to him, her, or them, or left at such Toll House, signed by any Two or more of the said Justices, then and in either of the said Cases it shall be lawful for the same or any Two or more of the said Justices, by Warrant under their Hands and Seals, to order any Constable or other Peace Officer, with such Assistance as shall be necessary, to enter such Toll House and Premises in the Daytime, and to remove the Person or Persons who shall be found therein, together with his, her, or their Goods and Chattels, out of such Toll House and other Premises, and to put the new-appointed Collector in Possession thereof.

To prevent evading the Tolls.

XXV. And be it further enacted, That if any Person or Persons shall pass with or drive any Carriage or Horse or other Cattle through any such Gate as aforesaid without paying the Toll which by virtue of this Act shall be payable for the same, or shall unload or cause to be unloaded any Grain, Goods, Wares, Merchandize, or other Things whatsoever, or take off any Horse or Beast of Draught from any Coach, Waggon, Cart, or other Wheel Carriage at or before the same shall come to any Gate at which Tolls shall be payable by virtue of this Act, and carry or cause to be carried such Grain, Goods, Wares, Merchandize, or other Things so to be taken off and unloaden over the said Bridge, either on Foot or on Horseback, or on any other Waggon, Cart, or other Carriage, or across the said River *Ouse* in any Boat or other Vessel whatsoever within Five hundred Yards of the said Bridge, or having passed through any such Gate shall afterwards add or put any Horse or other Beast to any such Carriage with an Intent to avoid the Payment of any of the said Tolls, or if any Person shall forge, counterfeit, or alter, or shall deliver to or receive of any Person any Note or Ticket with Intent to avoid the Payment of any of the said Tolls, or shall do any other Act in order or with Intent to avoid or evade the Payment of any of the said Tolls, or whereby the Payment of the said Tolls shall be avoided or evaded, any such Person so offending in any of the Cases aforesaid shall for every such Offence forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Forty Shillings.

Punishing Toll Collectors for misbehaving.

XXVI. And be it further enacted, That all and every Toll Collector, being Lessee of the said Tolls, or appointed either by any such Lessee or Lessees or by the said Justices to collect the Tolls by this Act granted, shall and he is hereby required to place his Christian and Surname, painted on a Board in legible Characters, in the Front or some other conspicuous Part of the Toll House or Toll Gate,

Gate, immediately on his coming on Duty, each of the Letters of such Name or Names to be at least Two Inches in Length and of a Breadth in proportion, and painted either in White Letters on a Black Ground or Black Letters on a White Ground, and shall continue the same so placed during the whole Time he shall be upon such Duty; and every such Collector shall place or cause to be placed on the Front of the Toll House or Toll Gate at which such Collector shall be stationed a Board, containing a List of the Tolls payable at such Gate; and if any Collector of the said Tolls shall not place such Boards respectively as aforesaid, and keep the same there during the Time aforesaid, or shall demand or take a greater or less Toll from any Person than he shall be authorized to do by virtue of this Act, or of the Orders and Resolutions of the said Justices made in pursuance thereof, or shall demand and take a Toll from any Person or Persons who shall be exempt from the Payment thereof, and claim such Exemption, or shall refuse to permit or suffer or shall in anywise hinder any Person or Persons from reading such Boards respectively, or shall refuse to tell his Christian or Surname to any Person or Persons who shall demand the same on having paid the said Tolls or any of them, or shall in answer to such Demand give a false Name or Names, or upon the legal Toll being paid or tendered shall unnecessarily detain or wilfully obstruct, hinder, or prevent any Horse, Beast, Cattle, Carriage, or Passenger from passing over the said Bridge or through the said Toll Gate, or shall make use of any scurrilous or abusive Language to any One of such Justices, Treasurer, Clerk, Surveyor, or other Officer, or any Passenger or Passengers, then and in every such Case every such Toll Collector shall forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Five Pounds for every such Offence.

XXVII. And be it further enacted, That the Tolls payable or to be received by virtue of this Act shall not nor shall any of them, or any Part thereof respectively, be rated or assessed for or towards any Parochial Rate, Assessment, or Imposition whatsoever. Tolls not to be rated.

XXVIII. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the Justices of the Peace of the said Counties of *Buckingham* and *Northampton* respectively, at any General Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the said respective Counties, or at any Adjournment thereof, from Time to Time to borrow upon Mortgage of the County Rates of the said Counties respectively, and the Tolls hereby granted and made payable, by any Instrument or Instruments in the Form contained in the Schedule, No. 1. hereunto annexed, or to that or to the like Effect, any Sum or Sums of Money, in Sums of not less than One hundred Pounds each, at legal or lower Interest, as to them the said Justices shall appear necessary and expedient for the Purposes of this Act, and to secure all and every such Sum or Sums of Money so borrowed upon the Credit as well of the Rates to be raised upon the said Counties of *Buckingham* and *Northampton* respectively as of the Tolls hereby granted; and the said Justices so assembled as aforesaid are hereby authorized to treat and agree with any Person or Persons for the Loan of any such Sum or Sums of Power to borrow Money.

of Money, and by their Order to confirm and establish every such Agreement as aforesaid; and every such Agreement so established by such Order, and signed by the Chairman of such Sessions respectively, and Two or more Justices present at the Time of making such Order, shall be and the same is hereby declared to be effectual to secure to the Person or Persons so advancing any Sum or Sums of Money, his, her, or their Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, all and every such Sum or Sums of Money, with Interest for the same, on such Terms as in and by such Agreement shall be for that Purpose stipulated.

Money may
be raised by
Annuities.

XXIX. And be it further enacted, That it shall also be lawful for the said Justices respectively at any General Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the said Counties of *Buckingham* and *Northampton* respectively, or any Adjournment thereof, to raise such Sum or Sums of Money for or towards the Purposes of this Act as they shall think expedient and requisite, by the Grant of any Annuity or Annuities, to be payable out of the said Rates and Tolls of the said respective Counties, subject to the Regulations herein-after mentioned; and that it shall and may be lawful for any Person or Persons to contribute, advance, and pay into the Hands of the said Justices respectively, or their respective Treasurer, for the Purposes of this Act, any Sum or Sums of Money for the absolute Purchase of One or more Annuity or Annuities, to be paid and payable for and during the Life or Lives of such Person or Persons as shall be named by such Contributor or Contributors at the Time of Payment of their respective Contributions; all which Annuities so to be purchased shall be payable and paid by the said Justices or their Treasurer out of the Money to arise by or from the County Rates of the said Counties, and the said Tolls or either of them, subject to such Regulations as aforesaid, by equal half-yearly Payments, the first Payment to be made to the respective Purchasers or their Assigns at the Expiration of the first Six Months next after Payment of their respective Purchase Monies, and a proportionate Part of every such Annuity shall be paid from the last half-yearly Payment to the Day of the Death of the Annuitant or his or her Cestuique Vie; and that all and every the Annuity or Annuities to be granted and secured by virtue of this Act shall be secured by an Instrument or Instruments in Writing in the Form contained in the Schedule, No. 2. hereunto annexed, or to that or the like Effect: Provided always, that no such Annuity shall be granted on any higher Terms than may be prescribed by any Act in force for enabling the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt to grant Life Annuities.

Limiting
Amount to
be raised on
Mortgage
or Annuity.

XXX. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall authorize or empower the Justices of the Peace of the said respective Counties of *Buckingham* and *Northampton* to levy and raise in either of the said Counties, by Mortgage or Annuity, more than One full or equal Half Part of the total Expences to be incurred by the passing this Act and carrying the same into execution.

XXXI. And be it further enacted, That all Securities which shall be granted or made by virtue of this Act in each of the said Counties respectively shall be numbered in the Order of Succession in which they shall be granted, and Copies or Extracts of all such Agreements or Securities shall be kept with the Clerk of the Peace of each respective County amongst the Records of such County; and all and every Person and Persons to whom any such Security or Securities shall be made, or who shall be entitled to the Money or Annuity thereby secured, is and are hereby empowered, by indorsing his, her, or their Name or Names on the Back of such Security or Securities, to transfer and assign the same, and his, her, or their Right to the Principal Money and Interest or Annuity thereby secured, unto any Person or Persons, and every such Assignee may in like Manner transfer the same again, and so *toties quoties*; and the Person or Persons to whom such Security or Securities, or any such Assignment thereof, shall be made, and his, her, or their respective Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, shall be Creditors upon the said Rates and Tolls in an equal Degree one with another, and shall not have any Preference with respect to the Priority of any Monies so advanced.

Securities to be numbered.

XXXII. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for the said Justices or their Treasurer for the Time being, if they or he shall think fit, from Time to Time, on any half-yearly Payment of any Annuity granted by virtue of this Act becoming due, to require the Person or Persons entitled to receive any such Annuity to produce the original Security or Securities for the same, and to cause the Person or Persons for whose Life or Lives the said Annuity was granted to appear personally before any One or more of the said Justices or their Treasurer, before the same shall be paid or recoverable, or in case of Non-appearance to produce the original Security or Securities, and a Certificate of the Life of each Cestuique Vie, signed by the Officiating Minister of the Parish wherein such Vie shall be residing, upon the Day when any such Annuity shall become due, or such other satisfactory Evidence as the said Justices or their said Treasurer shall require, if such Cestuique Vie shall reside within the United Kingdom of *Great Britain and Ireland*, but if such Cestuique Vie shall not be within the said United Kingdom, then such other good and sufficient Proof of his, her, or their living upon the Day of each such Payment becoming due respectively shall be produced to the said Justices as shall be deemed satisfactory by them.

Proofs required on Payment of Annuities.

XXXIII. And be it further enacted, That the said Justices in their respective General Quarter Sessions of the Peace shall and they are hereby authorized and required to raise, by means of the said Rates which they are hereby authorized to make, such Sum and Sums of Money from Time to Time as they shall judge necessary for the Purposes of this Act, until by means of the Tolls hereby authorized to be collected the whole of the Expences incurred and the whole of the Money borrowed, with Interest, and all the Annuities granted by virtue and for the Purposes of this Act, shall be fully paid and discharged, and to keep an exact and regular Account of all the

For charging the Rates and Tolls with Expences, &c. and to reduce the Principal borrowed.

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Receipts

Receipts and Payments under the Authority of this Act in a Book or Books, separate and apart from all other Accounts, and the same to adjust and settle in such Manner that it may readily be seen from Time to Time how much of the Debt, Principal Money, and Interest incurred by virtue and for the Purposes of this Act shall be due and owing, and how much thereof shall have been discharged, and such Book or Books so adjusted and settled to deliver into Court at every Quarter Sessions of the Peace; and the said Justices are required at every such Sessions carefully to inspect all such Accounts, and to make Orders for carrying the several Purposes of this Act into execution, in such Manner as to them shall seem meet, and from Time to Time to cause all the Securities for the Payment of Money borrowed by virtue of this Act to be drawn by Lot, and numbered for Payment according to the Event of such Drawing; and the Securities so drawn and numbered shall be regularly discharged in Succession according to the Priority of the Number drawn; and upon Two Months Notice to the Person or Persons who shall be entitled to the Money due on any Security to be drawn, and Tender or Offer of the Payment of the Money due by virtue thereof, the Interest of the Debt thereby secured shall thenceforth cease.

Money borrowed shall be repaid in Twenty-one Years.

XXXIV. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That the said Justices in their respective General Quarter Session of the Peace shall and they are hereby required to make Provision by means of the Rates which they are hereby authorized to make, and the said superintending Justices are hereby required to make Provision, by means of the Tolls which they are hereby authorized to receive, and by their Orders and Directions which they are hereby authorized to give, in such Manner that the whole Expences of building the said intended Bridge, and of obtaining and incident to the Execution of this Act, and the whole Money to be borrowed on Mortgage under the Authority of this Act, and the Interest thereof, shall be fully paid and discharged within Twenty-one Years to be calculated from the Time of beginning to receive the Tolls hereby granted and made payable.

Application of Rates, Tolls, and Monies borrowed.

XXXV. And be it further enacted, That all Monies which shall arise and be produced by or from the said Rates and Tolls by this Act granted or made payable, and all Monies which shall be borrowed on the Credit thereof, and all other Monies which shall arise and be produced by virtue of this Act, and not herein otherwise appropriated or directed to be applied, shall be and the same are hereby vested in the Justices of the Peace for the said Counties of *Buckingham* and *Northampton* respectively for the Time being, and shall be applied to or for the several Uses, Intents, and Purposes, and in the Order and Manner following; that is to say, in the first place, in the Payment of all the Costs, Charges, and Expences incident to or attending the obtaining and passing this Act; in the next place, in defraying the Expences of constructing, building, completing, repairing, upholding, and keeping in repair the said Bridge and other Works hereby authorized or intended to be built or made, and in building and upholding a temporary Bridge, and afterwards in taking down and removing the same, in building and repairing the Toll House

House and Gate or Bar, to be erected by virtue of this Act; in paying the Interest of the Money to be borrowed and Annuities to be granted, and in executing the other Purposes of this Act; and, in the last place, in reducing, paying off, and discharging the principal Sums to be borrowed by virtue of this Act, and to no other Use or Purpose whatsoever.

XXXVI. And whereas by an Act passed in the Forty-first Year of the Reign of His Majesty King George the Third, intituled *An Act for paving, cleansing, watering, lighting, and otherwise improving the Streets, Lanes, and other public Passages and Places within the Parishes of Saint Giles and Saint Mary Magdalen in Stony Stratford, in the County of Buckingham, and for removing and preventing Encroachments, Obstructions, Nuisances, and Annoyances therein, and also for repairing the Rampart Road or Causeway from the said Town to the Bridge over the River Ouse in or near thereto, and for repairing the said Bridge, and likewise for selling certain Charity Estates situate in the said Town of Stony Stratford, and in the Parishes of Calverton and Wolverton, in the said County of Buckingham, and applying the Money arising by such Sale in the Manner therein mentioned*, certain Estates therein mentioned, and which were held by Trustees in Trust for the Purposes of maintaining and keeping in repair the said Bridge and Causeway, and the Highways on both Sides of the said Town of *Stony Stratford*, were authorized to be sold, and the Money invested in other Estates, the Rents whereof were directed to be applied, among other Purposes, in repairing the said Bridge and Causeway: And whereas the whole of the Rents and Profits of the Estate situate at *Loughton* aforesaid so purchased has from Time to Time been expended by the said Trustees for and towards the Repairs of the said Bridges, Causeways, and Highways on both Sides of the said Town of *Stony Stratford* indiscriminately, without reference to the Proportion of such Rents and Profits exclusively applicable to the Repairs of the Bridge, and of the Causeways and Highways respectively; and in order to put an End to any Questions which may hereafter arise as to the proportionate Part of the Rent of the said Estate at *Loughton* aforesaid applicable to the Repair of the said Bridge, and also to put an End to all Liability of the said Trustees in respect thereof, it hath been proposed and agreed that the Trustees of the *Stony Stratford* Bridge and Street Charity should, by the means herein-before mentioned, levy and raise the full Sum of Seven hundred and thirty-five Pounds, and pay the same to the Treasurer to be appointed under and by virtue of this Act, in full Satisfaction and Discharge of all Liability of the said Trustees as aforesaid; be it enacted, That the Trustees or other Persons in whom the said Estates at *Loughton* aforesaid so purchased by virtue of the said Act shall be vested shall and they are hereby authorized and empowered and required, within Twelve Calendar Months from the passing of this Act, to pay the Sum of Seven hundred and thirty-five Pounds into the Hands of the Treasurer to be appointed by virtue of this Act, or of such Person as the said Justices shall authorize to receive the same; and from and after Payment of the said Sum of Seven hundred and thirty-five Pounds the said Trustees shall be and they are hereby discharged from all future and further Liability to repair

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Trustees of
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repair the said Bridge, and so much of the said Causeway as shall lie within One hundred Yards from the End of the said intended Bridge next *Stony Stratford*; and it shall and may be lawful for the said Trustees to raise the said Sum by Mortgage of the said Estates so vested in them as aforesaid.

In case of Nonpayment of the Sum of 735*l.* by the said Trustees the Justices may enter into Possession of the Charity Estate.

XXXVII. And be it further enacted, That in case the said Trustees shall not pay the said Sum of Seven hundred and thirty-five Pounds within the said Period of Twelve Calendar Months, it shall be lawful for the said Justices, or any Person authorized by them in that Behalf, after Ten Days Notice in Writing given to the said Trustees, to enter into Possession of the said Estates so vested in them as aforesaid, and by Mortgage or otherwise to raise the said Sum of Seven hundred and thirty-five Pounds, which Mortgage so to be made shall be valid and effectual by and against the said Trustees, to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever.

Until such Payment, the Charity Funds applicable to the Repair of the Bridge to be paid over to the Treasurers of the said Counties.

XXXVIII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That until the said Sum of Seven hundred and thirty-five Pounds shall have been raised and paid as herein-before directed, the Trustees for the Time being of the said Charity called the Bridge and Street Charity, in *Stony Stratford* aforesaid, shall and they are hereby required, yearly and every Year, to pay or cause to be paid the Proportion of the said Charity Funds lawfully applicable to the Repair of the said Bridge to the respective Treasurers of the said Counties of *Buckingham* and *Northampton* in manner following; that is to say, one Moiety or equal Half Part thereof to the Treasurer of the said County of *Buckingham*, and the other Moiety or equal Half Part thereof to the Treasurer of the said County of *Northampton*.

Punishing Persons damaging the Bridge or Gate.

XXXIX. And be it further enacted, That if any Person or Persons shall wilfully and maliciously burn or set fire to, blow up, pull down, destroy, or otherwise damage the said present Bridge and Causeway, or the said temporary Bridge, or the said intended Bridge, or the said Causeway or the Fences thereof, or any of them, or destroy, burn, set fire to, and remove, take away, or damage any Materials or Works belonging to or intended for the said respective Bridges or any of them, or break down, destroy, or damage any Gate, Bar, Toll House, or other Building, Post, Pale, Rail, Chain, or Fence, to be erected or placed by virtue of this Act, or shall begin or attempt so to do, or join or assist in any such Offence or Attempt, or shall direct or procure the same to be done, every such Offender or Offenders, being lawfully convicted of any such Offence, shall be adjudged guilty of Felony, and shall be punished accordingly.

Penalty on hauling Timber otherwise than on Wheel Carriages.

XL. And be it further enacted, That if any Person or Persons shall haul or draw, or cause to be hauled or drawn, upon or along the said present Bridge and Causeway, or the said temporary Bridge, or the said intended Bridge or Causeway, any Tree or Trees, Piece or Pieces of Timber, otherwise than upon Wheels or Wheel Carriages, every such Person or Persons for every such Offence shall forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Forty Shillings.

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XLI. And be it further enacted, That if any Person or Persons shall at any Time assault, obstruct, hinder, or molest any Collector, who shall or may be employed by virtue of or in the Execution of this Act, in the Performance of his Duty, every Person so offending shall for every such Offence forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Five Pounds.

Penalty on obstructing Officers.

XLII. And be it further enacted, That if any Person or Persons shall wilfully or negligently injure, destroy, or otherwise damage the said intended Bridge or the Works thereof, or any Part thereof, or shall ride or drive or lead any Horse, Beast, Cattle, or Carriage over or upon any Footpath to be made on the Side or Sides of any Part of the said Bridge, or shall wilfully obstruct the Passage thereof, or shall in any Manner wilfully prevent any other Person from passing him, or any Carriage under his Care; or if any Driver of any Waggon or other Carriage shall wilfully or carelessly break or damage any of the Posts or Stones which may be erected for the Security of the said Footpaths; or if any Person or Persons shall scrape off any Mud, Soil, or other Matter or Thing which shall be or lie upon any Part of the said Bridge, with any Instrument, so as to damage the said Bridge or any Part thereof; or if any Person or Persons shall set fire to or let off or throw any Squib, Rocket, Serpent, or other Firework whatsoever, or play at Football or any other Game upon the said Bridge; or if any Person or Persons shall leave any Waggon, Wain, Cart, or Carriage, without some reasonable Cause, to be allowed by the Justice before whom the Person so offending shall be summoned or conveyed, in, upon, or on the Sides of the said Bridge, either with or without any Horse or Beast harnessed or yoked thereto, or shall lay any Timber, Wood, or Bushes, or any Stones, Bricks, Hay, Straw, Lime, Dung, Manure, Soil, Rubbish, or other Annoyance whatsoever upon any Part of the said Bridge, or on the Side or Sides thereof, to the Prejudice thereof, or to the Annoyance of any Person travelling thereon, every Person so offending shall for every such Offence forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Five Pounds, together with the Expences of any such Damage, Spoil, or Injury, to be ascertained and recovered as herein mentioned.

For preventing Nuisances on the Bridge.

XLIII. And be it further enacted, That in all Cases where any Damages or Charges are by this Act directed to be paid, and the Manner of ascertaining the Amount thereof shall not be specified or provided for, the Amount of such Damages and Charges, in case of Nonpayment or of any Dispute respecting the same, shall be settled, ascertained, and determined by some Justice or Justices of the Peace for the said Counties; and the Justice or Justices aforesaid is and are hereby authorized and required, on Nonpayment of the Amount of such Damages and Charges, to cause the same to be levied by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of the Person or Persons liable to pay the same, in manner directed by this Act for levying any Penalties or Forfeitures.

Damages and Charges in Cases of Disputes to be settled by Justices.

XLIV. And be it further enacted, That in all Cases in which by this Act any Penalty or Forfeiture is imposed and made recoverable by Information before a Justice of the Peace it shall be lawful for
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Justices may proceed by Summons in Recovery of Penalties.

any Justice of the Peace for the said Counties of *Buckingham* or *Northampton* to whom Complaint shall be made of any Offence against this Act 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 Forfeiture incurred, and to proceed to recover the same, although no Information in Writing shall have been exhibited or taken by or before such Justice; and all such Proceedings by Summons without Information shall be as good, valid, and effectual, to all Intents and Purposes, as if an Information in Writing was or had been exhibited.

Recovery of
Penalties
and For-
feitures.

XLV. And be it further enacted, That all Penalties, Forfeitures, and Fines by this Act inflicted or authorized to be imposed (the Manner of levying, recovering, and applying whereof is not otherwise herein directed) shall, upon Proof of the Offences respectively before any Justice of the Peace for either of the said Counties, either by the Confession of the Party offending, or by the Oath or Affirmation of any credible Witness or Witnesses (which Oath or Affirmation such Justice is in every Case hereby fully authorized to administer), be levied, together with the Costs attending the Information and Conviction, by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of the Party or Parties offending, by Warrant under the Hand and Seal of such Justice (which Warrant such Justice is hereby empowered and required to grant); and the Overplus, if any, after such Penalties, Forfeitures, and Fines, and the Charges of such Distress and Sale, are deducted, shall be returned, upon Demand, unto the Owner or Owners of such Goods and Chattels; and in case such Fines, Penalties, and Forfeitures shall not forthwith be paid upon Conviction, then it shall be lawful for such Justice to order the Offender or Offenders so convicted to be detained and kept in safe Custody until Return can be conveniently made to such Warrant of Distress, unless the Offender or Offenders shall give sufficient Security, to the Satisfaction of such Justice, for his or their Appearance before such Justice on such Day or Days as shall be appointed for the Return of such Warrant of Distress, such Day or Days not being more than Seven Days from the Time of taking any such Security, and which Security the said Justice is hereby empowered to take by way of Recognizance or otherwise; but if upon the Return of such Warrant it shall appear that no sufficient Distress can be had thereupon, or in case it shall appear to the Satisfaction of any 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 any Justice of the Peace as aforesaid, and he is hereby authorized and required, by Warrant or Warrants under his Hand and Seal, to cause such Offender or Offenders to be committed to the Common Gaol or House of Correction of the County, Liberty, or Place where the Offender shall be or reside, there to remain without Bail or Mainprize for any Time not exceeding Six Calendar Months, unless such

such Forfeitures, Penalties, and Fines, and all reasonable Charges attending the same, shall be sooner paid and satisfied; and the Monies arising by such Penalties, Forfeitures, and Fines respectively, when paid or levied, if not otherwise directed to be applied by this Act, shall be from Time to Time paid to the Treasurer or Treasurers to the said Justices, and applied and disposed of for the Purposes of this Act.

XLVI. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for any Collector, Surveyor, or other Officer respectively to be appointed by the said Justices, and such Person or Persons as they or any of them shall call to their or his or her Assistance, to seize and detain any Person or Persons guilty of any Offence or Offences against this Act, although such Person or Persons may be a transient Person or Persons, or unknown to such Justices, Collector, Surveyor, or other Officer, and forthwith to convey him, her, or them before any One or more Justice or Justices of the Peace of either of the said Counties, without any further Warrant or Authority than this Act for so doing; and such Justice or Justices shall and is and are hereby required to proceed and act with respect to such Offender or Offenders according to Law or the Provisions of this Act.

Power to Collectors to detain unknown Persons guilty of Offences.

XLVII. And for the more easy and speedy Conviction of Offenders against this Act, be it further enacted, That all and every Justices and Justice of the Peace before whom any Person or Persons shall be convicted of any Offence against this Act shall cause the Conviction to be drawn up in the following Form of Words, or in any other Form of Words to the same Effect, as the Case shall happen; (that is to say,)

Form of Conviction.

‘ to wit. } **BE** it remembered, That on the _____ Day of _____ in the Year of our Lord _____ is convicted before me [or us] _____ of His Majesty’s Justices of the Peace for the County of _____ [specifying the Offence, and the Time and Place when and where the same was committed, as the Case may be.] Given under my Hand and Seal [or our Hands and Seals] the Day and Year first above written.’

XLVIII. And be it further enacted, That no Order, Verdict, Assessment, Judgment, or other Proceeding made or touching or concerning any of the Matters in this Act contained, 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 Certiorari or any other Writ or Process whatsoever into any of His Majesty’s Courts of Record at *Westminster*, any Law or Statute to the contrary thereof in anywise notwithstanding; and that where any Distress shall be made for any Sum 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 a Trespasser or Trespassers *ab initio*

Proceedings not to be quashed for Want of Form or removed by Certiorari.

on account of any Irregularity which shall be afterwards done by the Party or Parties so distraining, but the Person or Persons aggrieved by such Irregularity shall and may recover full Satisfaction for the special Damage (if any) in an Action upon the Case, but no Plaintiff or Plaintiffs shall recover in any such Action for such Irregularity as aforesaid if Tender of sufficient Amends hath been made for or on the Behalf of the Party distraining before such Action brought.

Persons aggrieved may appeal.

XLIX. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That in case any Person shall think himself or herself aggrieved by any thing done in pursuance of this Act, and for which no particular Method of Relief hath been already hereby appointed, such Person may appeal to the Justices of the Peace at any General Quarter Session of the Peace to be held for the County wherein such Conviction shall have taken place within Six Calendar Months after the Cause of such Complaint shall have arisen, such Appellant first giving Ten Days Notice at the least in Writing of his or her Intention to bring such Appeal, and of the Matter thereof, to the Clerk of the Peace of such County, and within Six Days after such Notice entering into a Recognizance, with sufficient Surety, before some Justice of the Peace for such County, conditioned to try such Appeal at, and to abide by the Order of, and to pay such Costs as shall be awarded by the Justices at such Session; and the said Justices of such Session, upon due Proof of such Notice being given, and such Recognizance entered into, shall hear and determine the Causes and Matters of Complaint in a summary Way, and award such Costs to the Party appealing or appealed against as they the said Justices shall think proper; and the said Justices may, if they see Cause, mitigate, at their Discretion, any Penalty, Forfeiture, or Fine, or may vacate or set aside the Conviction, and set the Parties at liberty, or otherwise may ratify and confirm the same, or may order such further Satisfaction to be made to any Party injured as they shall judge reasonable, and make such Orders and Judgments in regard to the Premises as they shall think right and proper; and the Determination of such Justices in Session shall be binding and conclusive on all Parties, to all Intents and Purposes; and the said Justices in such Session may by their Order or Warrant levy the Costs by them awarded by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of the Person or Persons who shall refuse to obey the same, and for Want of sufficient Distress may commit such Person or Persons to any House of Correction within the said County for any Term not exceeding the Term of Six Calendar Months, or until Payment of such Costs.

Limitations of Actions, &c.
24 G. 2. c. 44.

L. And be it further enacted, That the Act made in the Twenty-fourth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George the Second*, intituled *An Act for the rendering Justices of the Peace more safe in the Execution of their Office, and for indemnifying Constables and others acting in obedience to their Warrants*, so far as the said Act relates to rendering Justices of the Peace and others more safe in the Execution of their Office, shall extend and be construed to extend to the said Justices and others respectively acting under the Authority of this Act; and no Action or Suit shall be commenced against any Person or Persons for any thing done in pursuance

suance or under colour of this Act until One Calendar Month's Notice shall be thereof given in Writing, or after sufficient Satisfaction, or Tender thereof, hath been made to the Party or Parties aggrieved, nor after Three Calendar Months next after the Fact committed for which such Action or Suit shall be so brought; and every such Action shall be brought, laid, and tried in either of the said Counties of *Buckingham* or *Northampton*, and not elsewhere; and the Defendant or Defendants in such Action or Suit, and every of them, may plead the General Issue, and give this Act and the special Matter in Evidence at any Trial or Trials which shall be had thereupon, and that the Matter or Thing for which such Action or Suit shall be brought was done in pursuance and by Authority of this Act; and if the said Matter or Thing shall appear to have been so done, or if it shall appear that such Action or Suit was brought before One Calendar Month's Notice as aforesaid, or that a sufficient Satisfaction was made or tendered as aforesaid, or if any such Action or Suit shall not be commenced within the Time before for that Purpose limited, or shall be laid in any other County or Place than as aforesaid, then the Jury or Juries shall find for the Defendant or Defendants therein; and if the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs in such Action or Suit shall become nonsuited, or suffer Discontinuance thereof, or if Judgment shall be given for the Defendant or Defendants therein, then and in any of the Cases aforesaid such Defendant or Defendants shall have Treble Costs, and shall have such Remedy for Recovery of the same as any Defendant or Defendants hath or have for Costs in any other Cases of Law.

LI. Provided also, and be it further enacted, That no Plaintiff or Plaintiffs shall recover in any Action for any Irregularity, Trespass, or wrongful Proceeding, if sufficient Tender of Amends shall have been made by or on the Behalf of the Party or Parties who shall have committed or cause to be committed any such Irregularity, Trespass, or wrongful Proceeding before such Action brought; and in case no such Tender shall have been made it shall be lawful for the Defendant or Defendants in any Action, by Leave of the Court where such Action shall depend, at any Time before Issue joined, to pay into Court such Sum of Money as he or they shall see fit, whereupon such Proceeding or Order and Judgment shall be had, made, or given by such Court and in other Actions where the Defendant is allowed to pay Money into Court.

Plaintiff shall not recover after Tender of sufficient Amends.

LII. And be it further enacted, That in all Cases where Notices or Summonses are directed or required to be given by this Act, or where the same shall or may be necessary for carrying into execution any of the Powers aforesaid (the Manner of serving whereof is not particularly directed by this Act), the Delivery of any such Notice or Summons, or a true Copy thereof, to the Person or Persons to whom the same shall be directed, or to whom Notice ought to be given, or leaving the same, or a true Copy thereof, at his or their Dwelling House or Dwelling Houses, or usual Place or Places of Abode, shall be good and sufficient Service of every such Notice or Summons; and where any such Notice or Summons shall be directed to or ought to be given to Two or more Persons for or in respect of any Offence

Directing the Manner of serving Notices.

or Offences against this Act, or the joint Act, Omission, Offence, or Default of any Persons who shall be in Partnership or jointly concerned in such Act, Omission, Offence, or Default, the like Delivery of any such Notice or Summons, or a Copy thereof, to or leaving the same at the Dwelling House or usual or last Place of Abode of any such Person or Partners, shall be good and sufficient Service thereof on all such Persons or Partners.

For compelling the Attendance of Witnesses.

LIII. And be it further enacted, That if any Person or Persons shall be summoned as a Witness or Witnesses to give Evidence before any Justice or Justices of the Peace touching any Matter or Fact contained in any Information or Complaint for any Offence against this Act, whether on the Part of the Prosecutor or of the Person or Persons complained of, and which Summons the said Justice or Justices is and are hereby authorized to issue where and in such Cases only as such Justice or Justices is or are made competent by this Act to hear and determine the same; or if any Person or Persons shall be summoned as a Witness or Witnesses to give Evidence at any General Quarter Session of the Peace for the said Counties of *Buckingham* or *Northampton* (as the Case may be), or at any Adjournment thereof, upon any Appeal by virtue of this Act, whether upon the Part of the Appellant or of the Respondent, and any such Person or Persons so summoned as aforesaid shall refuse or neglect to appear at the Time and Place to be for that Purpose appointed, without a reasonable Excuse for such, his, her, or their Refusal or Neglect, to be approved of by such Justice or Justices or Session respectively, or appearing shall refuse to be examined on Oath and give Evidence before such Justice or Justices of the Peace aforesaid, or at any such Session or Adjournment thereof, then and in either of the said Cases every such Person shall forfeit for every such Offence any Sum not exceeding Five Pounds.

Penalty on taking false Oaths.

LIV. And be it further enacted, That any Person or Persons who shall be convicted of wilfully taking a false Oath in any of the Cases in which an Oath is by this Act directed or required to be taken, shall be liable to the Pains and Penalties to which such Persons are liable for wilful and corrupt Perjury.

When Tolls to cease.

LV. And be it further enacted, That the Tolls hereby granted shall be payable and have Continuance for the Term of Twenty-one Years from the commencing to receive the same, unless the Expence of building the said intended Bridge, and of obtaining and passing this Act, and incident to the Execution thereof, and the Principal Money to be borrowed, with the Interest thereof, and of the Annuities to be granted by virtue of the Powers hereby given, shall be sooner paid and satisfied; and on Payment and Satisfaction of the same, or on the Expiration of the said Term, which shall first happen, the said Toll shall cease and determine.

Public Act.

LVI. 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.

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SCHEDULE, No. 1.

WE, the Chairman of the Court of Quarter Session of the Peace for the County of holden at in and for the said County on the Day of and and Two other of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace acting for the said County, and assembled in the said Court, in pursuance of the Powers to us given by an Act passed in the Year of the Reign of His Majesty King William the Fourth, intituled 'An Act' [*here set forth the Title of this Act*] do hereby in open Court mortgage and charge all the Rates to be raised within the said County of under the Description of County Rates by the Laws now in being, and also all the Tolls arising by virtue of the said Act, and the Gate and Toll House erected or to be erected for collecting the same, with the Payment of the Sum of which of hath proposed and agreed to lend, and hath now actually advanced and paid, towards defraying the Expences of carrying the said Act into execution; and we do hereby confirm and establish the same County Rates, Tolls, Gate and Toll House as aforesaid, unto the said his Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, for securing the Repayment of the said Sum of and Interest for the same, after the Rate of per Centum per Annum, and do order the Treasurer of the said County of to pay the Interest of the said Sum of half-yearly, as the same shall become due, until the Principal shall be discharged, pursuant to the Directions of the said Act. Given under our Hands and Seals the Day and Year first above mentioned.

SCHEDULE, No. 2.

Form of Grant of Annuity.

WE, the Chairman of the Court of Quarter Session of the Peace for the County of holden at in and for the said County on the Day of and and Two other of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace acting for the said County, and assembled in the said Court in pursuance to the Powers to us given by an Act passed in the Year of the Reign of His Majesty King William the Fourth, intituled 'An Act' [*here insert the Title of this Act*] do hereby in open Court grant, bargain, and sell unto Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, One Annuity or yearly Sum of to be paid to the said his or her Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, for and during the Term of the natural Life of to be issuing and payable out of all the Rates to be raised within the said County of under the Description of County Rates

Rates by the Laws now in being, and all the Tolls arising by virtue of the said Act, and the Gate and Toll House erected or to be erected for collecting the same; and we do hereby confirm and establish the same County Rates, Tolls, Gate and Toll House as aforesaid unto the said Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, for securing the Payment of the said Annuity or yearly Sum, and do order the Treasurer of the said County of _____ to pay the said Annuity or yearly Sum during the natural Life of the said _____ by half-yearly Payments on the _____ Day of _____ and the _____ Day of _____ in every Year, the first Payment to be made on the _____ Day of _____ next ensuing the Date hereof, pursuant to the Directions of the said Act. Given under our Hands and Seals the _____ Day and Year first above written.

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