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An Act for enlarging the Term, and amending and altering ſeveral Powers granted by an Act made in the Twentieth Year of His preſent Majeſty's Reign, for opening, cleanſing, repairing, and improving, the Haven of *Southwould*, in the County of *Suffolk*.

WHEREAS by an Act of Parliament made in the Twentieth Year of His preſent Majeſty's Reign, intituled, An Act for opening, cleanſing, repairing, and improving, the Haven of *Southwould*, in the County of *Suffolk*; ſeveral Rates, Duties, and Sums of Money, and ſeveral Powers and Authorities, were granted to the Commiſſioners and Truſtees therein appointed, and to be choſen by virtue thereof, for opening, cleanſing, repairing, improving, and keeping in Repair, the ſaid Haven and Harbour of Southwould, and which were to commence from the Twenty fifth Day of March, One thouſand ſeven Preamble, reciting an Act of 20 *Geo.* II.

seven hundred and forty seven, and to continue for the Space of Twenty one Years, and from thence to the End of the then next Session of Parliament: And whereas the said Commissioners and Trustees were thereby impowered to borrow Money upon the Credit of the Rates, Duties, and Sums of Money, thereby granted, and have accordingly borrowed and taken up at Interest, on the Credit thereof, from several Persons, several Sums of Money, amounting in the Whole to the Sum of Two thousand three hundred Pounds, upon several Mortgages, and which Sum of Two thousand three hundred Pounds now remains unpaid, with an Arrear of Interest due thereupon; and the said Sum of Two thousand three hundred Pounds, together with the said Rates and Duties, have been duly applied in the Execution of the Purposes in the said Act: And whereas the said Rates, Duties, and Sums of Money, by the said Act granted, will not be sufficient to repay the Principal Sum of Two thousand three hundred Pounds, and the Interest thereupon, and to keep the said Haven and Harbour open, clear, and in good Repair; and it is necessary the said Term should be enlarged, and some of the Powers granted by the said Act be altered and made more effectual; be it therefore 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 from and after the Twenty fourth Day of June, in the Year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and fifty seven, there shall be paid unto the Commissioners and Trustees appointed by or in pursuance of the said Act, or unto such Person or Persons as they, or any Eleven or more of them, shall, by Writing under their Hands and Seals, from time to time, order and appoint for that Purpose, the Rates, Duties, and Sums of Money herein after mentioned, for and in lieu of the Rates, Duties, and Sums of Money, granted in and by the said recited Act; that is to say,

Tolls granted to the Trustees.

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For every English Ship or Vessel which shall sail into the said Harbour, and shall neither load nor unload there, the Sum of Two Pence per Ton, according to their Light Bills.

For every Chaldron of Coals, Culm, and Cinders, which shall be exported or imported, laid on Board of, landed, or discharged, out of any English Ship or Vessel,

sel, in the said Port of Southwould, the Sum of One Shilling and Six Pence.

For every Quarter of Wheat, Rye, Barley, Malt, Oats, and other Grain, which shall be exported or imported, laid on Board of, landed, or discharged, out of any English Ship or Vessel, in the said Port, the Sum of Two Pence.

For every Ton of Rock Salt, which shall be exported or imported, laid on Board of, landed, or discharged from or out of any English Ship or Vessel in the said Port, the Sum of One Shilling and Three Pence.

For every Hogshead of Wine, Brandy, Rum, or other Spirituous Liquors, which shall be exported or imported, laid on Board of, landed, or discharged from or out of any English Ship or Vessel, the Sum of One Shilling.

For every Hogshead of other Liquors, the Sum of Six Pence.

For every Ton of Chalk which shall be imported there, to be burnt into Lime, or for any other Purpose than that of manuring and improving of Land, the Sum of Three Pence.

For every Ton of Chalk Rubbish that shall not be made into Lime, the Sum of One Penny.

For every Firkin of Butter, One Penny; and,

For every Weigh of Cheese, Two Pence, which shall be exported or imported, laid on Board of, landed or discharged, from or out of any English Ship or Vessel in the said Port.

For every Ton of Pot-ash which shall be exported or imported, laid on Board of, landed, or discharged, from or out of any English Ship or Vessel in the said Port, the Sum of Two Shillings.

For every Hundred of Grocery Wares, Hops, and other Goods, Wares, and Merchandizes (Fish, Butter, and Cheese, only excepted) which shall be exported or imported, laid on Board of, landed, or discharged, from or out of any English Ship or Vessel in the said Port, the Sum of Two Pence.

For every separate Parcel less than One Hundred Weight, Two Pence.

For every Ton of Lead or unwrought Iron, which shall be exported or imported, laid on Board of, landed or discharged, from or out of any English Ship or Vessel in the said Port, the Sum of One Shilling.

For every Ton of Wool that shall be exported or imported, laid on Board of, landed, or discharged, from

or out of any English Ship or Vessel in the said Port, the Sum of Two Shillings.

For every Hundred of Deals, One Shilling; and for every Load of Timber or Planks, One Shilling, which shall be exported or imported, laid on Board of, landed, or discharged, from or out of any English Ship or Vessel in the said Port.

For every Ton of Provision or Stores (except for the immediate or sole Use of the Ship or Vessel that bring them in) which shall be exported or imported, laid on Board of, or landed, or discharged, from or out of any English Ship or Vessel in the said Port, the Sum of One Shilling and Six Pence.

For every Gross of Glass Bottles which shall be exported or imported, laid on Board of, landed, or discharged, from or out of any English Ship or Vessel in the said Port, the Sum of Six Pence.

For every One Hundred of Foreign Tiles, which shall be imported, laid on Board of, landed, or discharged, from or out of any English Ship or Vessel in the said Port, the Sum of Three Pence.

For every Ton of Skins raw, or otherwise, which shall be exported or imported, laid on Board of, landed, or discharged, from or out of any English Ship or Vessel in the said Port, the Sum of One Shilling and Six Pence.

For every Dozen of Flag-stones which shall be exported or imported, laid on Board of, or landed, or discharged, from or out of any English Ship or Vessel in the said Port, the Sum of Six Pence,

For every greater or lesser Quantity of any of the said Goods, Wares, or Merchandizes last-mentioned, than what are herein before-mentioned, proportionably to the Prices herein before set or imposed.

For every foreign Ship or Vessel which shall sail into the said Harbour, and shall not load or unload there; and for all Goods, Wares, and Merchandizes, which shall be exported or imported, laid on Board of, landed, or discharged, from or out of any foreign Ship or Vessel in the said Port, double the Duties herein before laid and directed to be taken.

Which said several Sums of Money shall be paid at the Time of landing or shipping of the said Commodities, or any of them; and in Default of Payment thereof, it shall and may be lawful to and for the Collector or Collectors of the said Rates, Duties, and Sums of Money, for the time being, from time to time, to go on Board any Ship or Vessel, and to distrain the same,

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together with the Tackle, Apparel, and Furniture, of such Ship or Vessel, or the Goods, Wares, or Merchandizes, on Board such Ship or Vessel, or any Part thereof, for the Recovery of such Rates, Duties, and Sums of Money, or any Part thereof; and the Distress so taken, to appraise and sell, rendering the Surplus, upon Demand (if any) after the Deduction of the Charges, to the Owner or Owners thereof; and it shall not be lawful for the Customer, Comptroller, Surveyor, Searcher, Waiter, or other Officer of the Customs whatsoever, belonging to the said Port of Southwould, to permit any Ship or Vessel to clear at the Custom-house, or to go out of the said Port, until the Master or other Person or Persons, having Rule or Command of such Ship or Vessel, shall produce a Certificate from such Collector or Collectors, that the Duties hereby granted are paid, or secured to be paid, according to the true Intent and Meaning of this Act; which said Certificate the said Collector or Collectors are to give without Fee or Reward. Recovery thereof.

Provided always, and it is hereby enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Commissioners and Trustees, or any Eleven or more of them, assembled at a Meeting to be held in pursuance of the said Act, in the said Borough of Southwould (Notice in Writing of such Meeting being fixed on the Market-place, and on the Door of the Church in the said Borough, at least Nine Days before any such Meeting shall be held) from time to time, to lower all or any of the Rates, Duties, or Sums of Money hereby granted, as they the said Commissioners and Trustees, or any Eleven or more of them, shall think proper and necessary, so that the same be not lowered to less than are mentioned in the said former Act, during such Time as any Principal Money borrowed or to be borrowed on the Credit of the said former Act, or this present Act, or any Interest thereupon, shall be due and owing; and the said Commissioners and Trustees, or any Eleven or more of them, assembled as aforesaid, may, and they are hereby impowered from time to time, to advance and raise all or any such Rates, Duties, and Sums of Money, to any Rate or Rates not exceeding the respective Rates herein before-mentioned; and such reduced or advanced Rates, Duties, and Sums of Money, shall be collected, recovered, and applied, in such and the same Manner as the Rates, Duties, and Sums of Money, herein before-mentioned are directed to be collected, recovered, and applied. Commissioners, &c. have Power to lower the Duties.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Rates, Duties, and Sums of Money hereby granted, or to be collected by virtue hereof, shall, after the Application of the Money borrowed.

Charges

Charges and Expences of obtaining this Act are defrayed, be used and employed according to the true Intent and Meaning of the said recited Act, and the Powers hereby granted.

Monies to be borrowed.

Provided always, and be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the said Commissioners and Trustees, or any Eleven or more of them, may, and they are hereby impowered, by Indenture and Indentures under their Hands and Seals, to engage and mortgage all or any Part of the said Rates, Duties, and Sums of Money, to be collected by virtue of this Act, for any Sum or Sums to be borrowed for the Purposes thereof; so that the same be no Prejudice to any of the Creditors under the said former Act, or be with the Consent of such of the said Creditors as are intitled to above One Moiety of the Principal Sum which shall be then due and owing on the Credit of the said former Act; and the Monies so borrowed shall be applied in such Manner as the Rates, Duties, and Sums of Money hereby granted, are directed to be applied; and that all and every Person and Persons, who is, are, or shall be, possessed of any Security or Mortgage by virtue of the said former Act, or this present Act, may, and he, she, and they, is and are hereby impowered, by any Writing or Writings under his, her, or their Hand and Seal, or Hands and Seals, to be executed in the Presence of Two or more Witnesses, assign over all or any Part of any such Security or Mortgage to any other Person or Persons; and such Person or Persons may in like Manner assign, and so toties quoties; and all such Assignments shall within Thirty Days after the Date thereof respectively be produced and notified to the Treasurer or Clerk to the said Commissioners and Trustees, who shall cause Entry thereof, expressing the Date, Parties, and Sums of Money, thereby and therein mentioned, to be made in a Book belonging to the said Commissioners and Trustees; and after such Entry made, such Assignments shall intitle the Persons to whom the same are made, to the Money thereby secured.

Mortgages to be assigned.

Charges of passing this Act to be first paid.

Provided also, and it is further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That out of the said Rates, Duties, and Sums of Money, to arise by virtue of this Act, the Expences and Charges incurred in and about obtaining this Act, shall be in the first Place fully paid and satisfied.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the said Commissioners and Trustees, or any Eleven or more of them, shall be, and they are hereby impowered,

powered, by Writing under their Hands, to appoint such Person or Persons as they shall think fit, to be Collector or Collectors of the respective Rates, Duties, and Sums of Money, hereby granted or authorized to be taken, and also a Treasurer to receive all Monies arising by virtue of this Act; such Treasurer and Collector or Collectors giving Security, to the Satisfaction of the said Commissioners and Trustees, or any Eleven or more of them, for the due Execution of his and their respective Office or Offices; and shall also administer an Oath to such Collector or Collectors for the due Execution of his or their Office or Offices; which Oath any One or more of such Commissioners and Trustees, is and are hereby impowered to administer; and the said Collector or Collectors shall as often as he or they shall, from time to time, be required by the said Commissioners and Trustees, or any Seven or more of them, pay or cause to be paid, unto the Hands of the said Treasurer, or such other Person or Persons as the said Commissioners or Trustees shall order and appoint, all and every the Sum and Sums of Money, which the said Collector or Collectors shall have collected or received by virtue of this Act; and the said Commissioners and Trustees, or any Eleven or more of them, may also appoint a Clerk and such other Officers as they shall think fit to employ in the Execution of this Act; and may allow to such Treasurer, Collectors, Clerk, and other Officers, such Salary or Recompence, out of the Monies to be raised by virtue of this Act, as they the said Commissioners and Trustees, or any Eleven or more of them, shall think reasonable, not exceeding One Shilling in the Pound; and all and every such Officers shall be, from time to time, removeable at the Will and Pleasures of any Eleven or more of the said Commissioners and Trustees.

Officers to be appointed.

And it is hereby further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That in an Office or publick Place in the Borough of Southwould aforesaid, there shall be provided and kept a Book or Books, in which shall be regularly and fairly entered and stated a true and just Account of all the Rates, Duties, and Sum or Sums of Money received or collected by the Collector or Collectors, or other Person or Persons employed by the said Commissioners and Trustees, in Pursuance of this or the said former Act; and of all Payments, Disbursements, or Allowances thereout and on Account thereof; and all Mortgages, Assignments, Contracts, Proceedings, Orders, and Agreements, made and entered into by the said Commissioners and Trustees, relating to the Execution of this Act, shall also be fairly

Books to be kept.

entered in such Book or Books, to which Book or Books it shall and may be lawful for the said respective Mortgagees and Proprietors, their Executors, Administrators, or Assigns, or other Person or Persons interested therein, from time to time, at all seasonable Times, to have Resort, and to inspect the same, or to take Copies thereof, or of any Part thereof, without any Fee or Charge; and such Entries being signed by any Seven or more of the said Commissioners or Trustees, shall be deemed Originals, and shall be admitted to be read in Evidence in all Courts whatsoever.

Account of Loadings to be delivered.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That every Master, Commander, or other Person, having the chief Rule or Command on Board of every Ship or Vessel, or other Person, who shall at any Time carry or convey any Goods, Wares, or Merchandizes whatsoever, into, or out of, the said Harbour or Haven, shall, upon Demand, give a just and true Account, in Writing under his Hand, according to the best of his Knowledge and Belief, to the Collector or Collectors of the said Rates and Duties, of the Quantity or Quality of all such Goods, Wares, and Merchandizes, on Board of his Ship or Vessel, and of all separate or small Parcels thereof, and the Name or Names of the respective Owner or Owners thereof; and if such Master, Commander, or other Person, shall refuse so to do, or shall deliver in a false and untrue Account, he shall, for every such Refusal or untrue Account so by him delivered in, forfeit such Sum of Money, as any Seven or more of the said Commissioners and Trustees shall order and direct, not exceeding Five Pounds, or under Forty Shillings, over and above the Rates and Duties payable for such Goods, Wares, and Merchandizes, and separate and small Parcels aforesaid; and if the said Collector or Collectors shall at any Time suspect that the said Account given is not a full and true Account, that then it shall be lawful for such Collector or Collectors, or other Person appointed by the said Commissioners and Trustees, or any Seven or more of them, to measure, weigh, or take Tale of the same respectively, at such Place or Places where the same shall be landed; and if the Master or Commander of such Ship or Vessel, or the Owner or Owners of such Goods, Wares, or Merchandizes, or any other Person or Persons shall refuse to permit such Collector or Collectors to measure, weigh, or otherwise take an Account of, the said Goods, Wares, or Merchandizes, every such Master, Commander, or other Person, shall, for every such Offence, forfeit the Sum of Forty Shillings

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lings, over and above the Rates and Duties payable for such Goods, Wares, and Merchandizes; which said several Forfeitures shall be recovered by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattles on Board the said Ship, or of the Person so offending, by Warrant under the Hand and Seal of any Three or more of the said Commissioners and Trustees.

Officers to account.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the said Commissioners and Trustees, or any Seven or more of them, may, at such Times as they shall think proper, summon before them, and, if they think fit, examine upon Oath (which Oath any One of the Commissioners is hereby impowered to administer) the Collector or Collectors, Clerk, and all other Officers and Persons employed in, or intrusted with, the Receipt or Expenditure of all or any of the Monies to be collected or raised by virtue of this Act, such Collector or Collectors, Clerk, and other Officers and Persons employed in, or intrusted as aforesaid, are hereby required to render to the said Commissioners and Trustees, or any Seven or more of them, a true, exact, and perfect Account, in Writing, of all and every Sum and Sums of Money so by them respectively received or expended as aforesaid; and in case any Collector, Clerk, or other Officer or Person employed or intrusted as aforesaid, shall be found in Arrear, or refuse to account or to pay the Money due upon Balance of such Account, according to the Orders and Directions of such Commissioners and Trustees, or any Seven or more of them, it shall be lawful for the said Commissioners and Trustees, or any Seven or more of them, by Warrant or Warrants under their Hands and Seals, to levy by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattles of the Person or Persons so found in Arrear, or refusing to account or to pay the Money due upon the Balance of such Account, such Sum or Sums of Money as he or they shall be required to account for, or shall be found due upon the Balance of his or their Account; and for want of a sufficient Distress, it shall be lawful for such Commissioners and Trustees, or any Seven or more of them, by like Warrant or Warrants under their Hands and Seals, to commit such Person or Persons to the County Gaol, there to remain without Bail or Mainprize until such Officer or Person shall have delivered in a true and perfect Account, and paid such Monies, or shall have compounded for the same, and paid such Composition; which Composition any Seven or more of the said Trustees are hereby impowered to make.

And

Power to make By-laws.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the said Commissioners and Trustees, or any Seven or more of them, shall, from time to time, have full Power and Authority to make By-laws, Orders, and Constitutions, for the good and orderly repairing and keeping open the Harbour or Haven, and for the well governing the Masters or Commanders of all Ships and Vessels sailing into, or out of, the said Haven or Harbour; and to impose and inflict such reasonable Fines, Forfeitures, or Punishments, upon all Persons offending against such By-laws, Orders, or Constitutions, or any of them, as to the said Commissioners and Trustees, or any Seven or more of them, shall appear fit; such Fine, Forfeiture, or Punishment, to be levied or inflicted by such Ways and Means as the said Commissioners or Trustees, or any Seven or more of them, shall direct; which By-laws, Orders, and Constitutions, being put into Writing, under the Hands and Seals of the said Commissioners and Trustees, or any Eleven or more of them, shall be binding to, and observed by, all Parties; and shall be sufficient in any Court of Law or Equity to justify all Persons who shall act under the same, either in punishing such Persons who shall disobey, or in levying any Penalty or Forfeiture thereby incurred; but any Person thinking himself aggrieved by any Order or Judgement made or given in pursuance of such Constitution, Order, or By-law, may, within Six Months after such Order or Judgement shall be made or given, complain to the Justices of the Peace at their next General or Quarter Sessions for the said County of Suffolk, or where the Cause of Complaint shall arise, who shall, in a summary Way, either hear and determine the said Complaint at such General or Quarter Session, or, if they think proper, may adjourn the Hearing thereof to the next General or Quarter Sessions; and, if they see Cause, may abridge, moderate, or alter, such Forfeiture or Punishment, and order any Money to be returned, which shall have been levied in pursuance of such Constitution, Order, or By-law; and also to order such further Satisfaction to be made to the Party injured, as they shall judge reasonable; but no Justice of the Peace shall act or vote in the hearing or determining of any such Complaint, whose Hand and Seal, as a Commissioner and Trustee, shall appear to have been set to the said Constitution, Order, or By-law, which occasioned such Complaint; or who is particularly interested in the Rates and Duties arising by the said Harbour and Haven.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That any of the said Commissioners and Trustees, who shall be in the Commission of the Peace for the County of Suffolk, shall and may, and is hereby impowered to act as a Justice of the Peace, in any Case where he is not particularly interested, in the Execution of this Act, notwithstanding his being a Commissioner and Trustee. Trustees in the Commission of the Peace may act as Justices.

And, for the better preventing any Damage to the Piles, Piers, or other Works, of or in the said Haven or Harbour, by any Ship or Vessel lying against the same, be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That from and after the Twenty fourth Day of June, in the Year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and fifty seven, the Master or Commander of every Ship or Vessel, which shall lie against or at any of the Piers, Piles, or Works, more than Three Tides, and shall not, after Notice being given to him, by either of the Bailiffs of the Borough of Southwould for the time being, remove his Ship or Vessel from lying against any of such Piers, Piles, or Works, the very next Tide after such Notice shall be given, shall forfeit and pay the Sum of Twenty Shillings for the First Offence, and Forty Shillings for the Second Offence, and Three Pounds for the Third Offence, which the said Commissioners and Trustees, or any Three or more of them, are impowered to assess or levy upon the Master or Commander of every Ship or Vessel offending, or by Distress and Sale of any Goods, Wares, and Merchandizes, on Board such Ship or Vessel, by Warrant under the Hand and Seal of any Three or more of the said Commissioners and Trustees; all which Sums of Money, when recovered and levied, shall be applied towards repairing the Haven or Harbour, and keeping the same in Repair, Vessels not to lie against the Piers, &c.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the said former Act, and all the Provisoes, Powers, Penalties, Clauses, and Matters, therein contained, shall (except where the same are hereby altered) be deemed and taken as Part of this Act, and be executed in relation thereto, in as full and ample Manner as if the same were with such Alterations herein particularly enacted and set forth; and that the said former Act, with such Alterations, and also this present Act, and also all the Powers, Provisoes, Penalties, Clauses, and Matters, hereby enacted, shall be executed during the Remainder of the Term granted by the said recited Act, and, after the Expiration thereof, for the further Term of Twenty one Years, and from thence to the End of the then next Session of Parliament. Further Term.

Recovery of Monies lent to the Commissioners.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That in every Action or Suit already commenced or brought, or which shall or may at any Time hereafter be commenced or brought in any of His Majesty's Courts at Law or in Equity, for the Recovery of any Sum or Sums of Money already advanced and lent, or hereafter to be advanced and lent, upon a Security of the Duties hereby or by the said former Act granted, it shall be sufficient and effectual for the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs in every such Action or Suit to have made and brought, and hereafter to make and bring, a major Part of the Commissioners and Trustees for the time being, before the Court in which such Action or Suit shall have been or hereafter may be commenced and prosecuted, as Defendants thereto, without making the Representative or Representatives of any of them already dead, or who shall or may at any Time hereafter, pending such Actions or Suits, happen to die, a Party or Parties to such Actions or Suits; and that no such Plaintiff or Plaintiffs shall become Nonsuited in any such Action, or have his, her, or their Bill dismissed, or sustain or be put to any Inconvenience, for or by reason or Means of his, her, or their not having made all or more of the said Commissioners and Trustees Parties Defendants thereto; any thing herein before or in the said former Act contained to the contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding.

Parties necessary to Actions to be made, as before the passing the Act.

Provided always, That nothing herein contained shall extend, or be deemed or construed to extend, to the making any other Party or Parties unnecessary to such Actions or Suits, who, before the making and passing of this Act, would have been necessary, in case the same had not been made and passed.

Limitation of Actions.

And be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Person or Persons shall think proper to commence or prosecute any Action or Suit against any Person or Persons, for any Thing that shall be done in pursuance of this Act, in every such Case such Action or Suit shall be commenced within Six Months after the Fact committed, and not afterwards; and shall be laid or brought in the County of Suffolk, and not elsewhere; and the Defendant or Defendants in such Action or Suits, may plead

General Issue.

the General Issue, and give this Act, and the Special Matter, in Evidence, at any Trial to be had thereupon, and that the same was done in pursuance of, and by the Authority of, this Act; and if the same shall appear to have been so done, or if any such Action or Suit shall be brought after the Time before limited for bringing the same, or shall be brought in any other County or Place,

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then the Jury shall find for the Defendant or Defendants; or if the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs shall become Nonsuited, or suffer a Discontinuance of his, her, or their Action or Actions; or if a Verdict shall pass against a Plaintiff or Plaintiffs; the Defendant or Defendants shall have Treble Costs, and shall have such Remedy for the same, as any Defendant or Defendants hath or have for Costs of Suit in other Cases of Law. Treble Costs.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That this Act shall be deemed, adjudged, and taken to be, a Publick Act; and be judicially taken Notice of as such, by all Judges, Justices, and other Persons whatsoever, without specially pleading the same. Publick Act.

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