Anno tricesimo primo

Georgii II. Regis.

An Act for applying a Sum of Money granted in this Session of Parliament, for rebuilding *London Bridge*; and for rendering more effectual an Act passed in the Twenty ninth Year of His present Majesty's Reign, intituled, *An Act to improve, widen, and enlarge the Passage over and through* London Bridge.



Whereas by an Act passed in the Twenty ninth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled, An Act to improve, widen, and enlarge the Passage over and through *London Bridge*; certain Tolls and Sums of Money, from and after the Twenty fourth Day of June, One thousand seven hundred and fifty six, were thereby reserved and made payable, for or upon Account of every Horse, Coach, Chariot, Hearse, Berlin, Landau, Calash, Chaise, or Chair, passing over the said Bridge, and

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and also by the Owner or Owners of every Hoy, Barge, Vessel, Lighter, or other Craft, having any Goods on Board, except as therein is excepted, every Time such Hoy, Barge, Vessel, Lighter, or other Craft, should pass through any of the Arches of the said Bridge, and such Tolls or Sums of Money were vested in the Mayor and Commonalty, and Citizens of the City of London, for the Purposes of the said Act: And whereas in pursuance of the Powers given by the said Act a considerable Progress hath been made in taking down the Houses on the said Bridge, and Two of the Arches under the same, in order to lay them into One; and also a Temporary Wooden Bridge was at a great Expence erected to preserve a Public Passage to and from the said City, which said Wooden Bridge hath been entirely consumed by Fire, and must necessarily be re-built, at a further considerable Expence: And whereas it hath been found by Experience that the said Tolls, or Sums of Money, will not be sufficient for effecting the Ends and Purposes for which the same were granted and made payable: And whereas a Sum not exceeding Fifteen thousand Pounds hath been granted to his Majesty this Session of Parliament, to be applied for rebuilding of London Bridge: May it therefore please your most Excellent 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 out of all or any of the Aids or Supplies granted to his Majesty for the Service of the Year One thousand seven hundred and fifty eight, there may and shall be applied and paid into the Chamber of the City of London, the Sum of Fifteen thousand Pounds, without Account, to be applied for rebuilding the said Bridge.

15,000 *l.* to be paid out of the Supplies granted for the Year 1758, into the Chamber of *London*.

Provided always, That all and every the said Tolls or Sums of Money made payable by the said recited Act, shall continue and be in Force until the Twenty fourth Day of June, One thousand seven hundred and fifty eight, and no longer; any thing in the said recited Act contained to the contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding.

Tolls granted by the former Act to continue to 24 *June* next, and no longer.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Charges and Expences of obtaining and passing this present Act, shall be paid out of any Money which has been or shall be raised and received by virtue of the said former and this Act.

Charges of passing this Act how to be paid.

And it is hereby further enacted, That all and every the Powers, Clauses, Provisoes, Matters, and Things, contained in the said former Act, except such as are hereby discontinued or altered, shall remain, continue, and be in full Force, and be executed, as well for the Purposes of this Act, as of the said former Act, as amply and effectually as if the same were in and by this Act, expressly re-enacted and declared to take Effect and be in Force. Continuation of such Powers, &c. of the former Act, as are not hereby discontinued or altered.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That this Act and all the Powers and Authorities herein contained, shall commence from and after the Twenty first Day of April, One thousand seven hundred and fifty eight. Commencement of this Act.

And for the more effectually preventing any Person or Persons, from burning or destroying the said Bridge; be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Person or Persons shall unlawfully, wilfully, and maliciously set Fire to, burn, blow up, pull down, or destroy the said Bridge, or any Part thereof, or any Works or Buildings which now do or shall belong thereto, or in any wise direct or procure the same to be done, every such Offender or Offenders being lawfully convicted, shall be deemed guilty of Felony, and shall suffer Death as a Felon, without Benefit of Clergy. Penalty of wilfully damaging or destroying the Bridge, or any of the Works thereof, Death.

And be it also enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Chamberlain of the City of London, shall lay an Account of the Application, as well of the said Sum of Fifteen thousand Pounds, as of all other Monies received by virtue of this and the said former Act, before both Houses of Parliament, within Twenty Days next after the opening of every Session of Parliament, in the same Manner as is directed by the said former Act. Account of the Application of the Monies received to be laid annually before Parliament.

And be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Action shall be brought, or Suit commenced, against any Person or Persons for any thing done in pursuance of this Act, or in relation to the Premisses, or any of them, such Action or Suit shall be laid or brought within Six Months next after the Fact done, and shall be laid or brought in the City of London or County Surry, and not elsewhere; and the Defendant or Defendants in such Action, may plead 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 and by Authority of this Act; and if the same shall appear to have been so done, or if any such Action or Suit shall not be brought within the Time before limited, or Limitation of Actions. General Issue.

shall be brought in any other County or Place than as aforesaid, 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 the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs; or if upon Demurrer, Judgement shall be given against the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs, the said Defendant or Defendants shall have Treble Costs, and shall have such Remedy for recovering the same, as any Defendant or Defendants hath or have for Costs in other Cases by Law.

Treble Costs.

Publick Act.

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

FINIS.