Anno tricesimo primo

Georgii II. Regis.

An Act for enlarging the Terms and Powers granted and continued by several Acts of Parliament, for repairing the Harbour of *Dover* in the County of *Kent*.

WHEREAS by an Act of Parliament made and passed in the Eleventh and Twelfth Years of the Reign of His late Majesty King William the Third, intituled, An Act for the Repair of *Dover* Harbour, several Rates and Duties were charged upon Coals, and upon Ships and Vessels, in order to raise a Sum, not exceeding Thirty thousand one hundred Pounds, to be applied for repairing and perfecting the said Harbour of Dover, under such Rates and Directions, and with such Penalties and other Provisions for the levying and recovering the same, as are therein mentioned, inserted, and contained; and which Rates, Duties, and Provisions, were to take Place and commence from the First Day of May, One thousand seven hundred, and to continue and be in Force, until the First Day of May, One thousand seven hundred and nine; and by Two subsequent Acts, One of them made in the Second Year of the Reign of Her late Majesty Queen

Preamble, reciting Clauses in Act 11 & 12 *Will.* III.

2 *Annæ.*

4 *Geo.* I. Queen Anne, and the other of them in the Fourth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King George the First, were continued, and declared to be in Force, until the First Day of May, One thousand seven hundred and twenty seven: And whereas by an Act made and passed 9 *Geo.* I. in the Ninth Year of His late Majesty King George the First, intituled, An Act for compleating the Repairs of the Harbour of *Dover* in the County of *Kent*; and for restoring the Harbour of *Rye* in the County of *Sussex* to its ancient Goodness; after taking Notice of the said former Acts relating to the Harbour of Dover, and that it was found that the said Sum of Thirty thousand one hundred Pounds was not sufficient for the Purposes of the said former Acts; and that unless a further Sum was raised, the said Harbour could not be effectually repaired and secured, according to the Intent of the said former Acts; but that the useful Works then begun and carried on for the Benefit of the Publick, would be wholly lost, and the said Harbour again fall to Decay, and the Town itself be in Danger of being utterly lost and destroyed; and also reciting, that the ancient Harbour of Rye was formerly of great Use and Benefit to Trade and Navigation, but the same was then choaked up, and that it was necessary to open the same in such Manner as should be found most proper and expedient to restore the said Harbour; it was therefore enacted, That the said Acts respectively made in the Eleventh and Twelfth Years of the Reign of King William the Third, and the Second Year of the Reign of Queen Anne, for the Repair of Dover Harbour, and every Clause, Matter, or Thing, in them, or either of them, contained, and not altered by the said Act of the Ninth Year of King George the First, should continue, and be in full Force and Virtue; till the First Day of May, One thousand seven hundred and forty four, for the Purposes in that and the said former Acts mentioned; and that the Duty of Three Pence per Ton, granted by the said Act of the Eleventh and Twelfth Years of King William the Third, for the Repair of Dover Harbour, upon all Ships and Vessels therein described, should, from the First Day of May, One thousand seven hundred and twenty three, be collected and received, in such Manner, and by such Officers and Persons respectively, as in and by the said Act of the Eleventh and Twelfth of King William the Third, was directed and appointed; and should be appropriated, divided, and paid, for the Benefit of the said Harbour of Dover and Rye respectively, in Manner following; that is to say, One Third there-

of to the Treasurer for Dover Harbour for the time being, to be applied to such Uses and Purposes as in and by the said former Acts are directed; and the other Two Thirds to the Treasurer for the Harbour of Rye, to be appointed as therein after is directed: And whereas by an Act made in the Eleventh Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, the said recited Acts, and all the Clauses, Powers, Penalties, and Forfeitures, Authorities, Articles, Rules, and Directions, therein contained and prescribed, and then in Force, should continue and be in full Force, and executed, from and after the Expiration of the Term continued and granted by the said Act of the Ninth Year of the Reign of His said late Majesty King George the First, for and during the further Term of Twenty one Years, which Term will expire the First Day of May One thousand seven hundred and sixty five, Old Stile: And whereas the Commissioners or Trustees acting under the Authority of the former Acts for the Harbour of Dover, did borrow upon the Credit of the same Acts the Sum of Three thousand Pounds, which hath been applied pursuant to the Directions and for the Purposes of the said former Acts, and for the Repayment thereof with Interest, the Rates and Duties so granted were charged and made a Security to the Person and Persons who advanced and lent the said Sum, and the same doth still remain due, and owing, and unsatisfied: And whereas great Progress hath been made in the Works intended for the Preservation and Improvement of the Harbour of Dover, but the Works proposed and directed to be done for that Purpose have not been perfected and compleated: And whereas it would tend greatly to the Preservation of His Majesty's Ships of War, and the Protection and Encouragement of the Trade of this Kingdom, that the said Harbour of Dover should be effectually repaired, and put in good Order and Condition, but the Money arising by the Rates and Duties granted and appropriated by the said former Act of the Ninth Year of the Reign of King George the First, for the Repair of Dover Harbour, will not be sufficient for that Purpose, and for discharging the said Sum of Three thousand Pounds borrowed upon the Credit of the former Acts as aforesaid, unless the Terms for which the said Rates and Duties are granted by the said former Acts be enlarged, or some other Provision be made in that Behalf: 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 Con- 11 Geo. II.

sent 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 Expiration of the Terms continued and granted by the said Act passed in the Ninth Year of the Reign of his late Majesty, and by the said Act of the Eleventh Year of His present Majesty, One Moiety of the Rates and Duties granted and continued by the said former Acts, shall be granted and continued for the Term of Twenty one Years, and shall be collected and received in such Manner, and by such Officers and Persons respectively, as was directed by the said Act of King William the Third, with respect to the Duties thereby granted; and shall be applied for the Benefit and Support of the Harbour of Dover, and for the discharging the said Sum of Three thousand Pounds, and such other Money as shall hereafter be borrowed and taken up upon any Mortgage for Security to be made of the Duties applicable for the Benefit of the same Harbour; and that all the Provisions, Powers, Penalties and Forfeitures contained in the said former Acts of King William the Third, King George the First, and His present Majesty, so far as they relate to the Harbour of Dover (excepting only what concerns the Rate of the Duties to be collected, and the Division of them into Two Parts, which is herein before otherwise provided for) shall be and continue in as full Force as they now are, by virtue of the said Acts, for and during the said Term of Twenty one Years, to commence from the Expiration of the said former Terms granted and continued by the said Acts.

A Moiety of the Rates granted by former Acts, continued for 21 Years.

Application thereof.

The Powers and Regulations of the former Acts, continued and extended for the Purposes of this Act.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That this present 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.

FINIS.