Anno decimo

Georgii III. Regis.

An Act for continuing the Terms, and enlarging the Powers, of several Acts of Parliament made for repairing the Road from *Ipswich* to *Cleydon*, and several other Roads therein mentioned, in the County of *Suffolk*.

WHEREAS by an Act of Parliament made in the Tenth Year of the Reign of Her late Majesty Queen Anne, intituled, An Act for the better repairing and amending the Road leading from *Ipswich* to *Cleydon*, and the Road called the *Pye Road*, in the County of *Suffolk*; several Tolls and Powers were granted for repairing the said Roads, which were to take Place and have Continuance from the First Day of May One thousand seven hundred and twelve, for and during the Term of Twenty-one Years: And whereas by an Act made in the Sixth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King George, for

Preamble, reciting Acts 10 *Annæ*,

6 *Geo.* II,

for enlarging the Term and Powers of the said recited Act, and for amending the Roads leading from Yaxley Bull, through Eye, to Lanthorn Green, in the said County, the said first-mentioned Act was continued for the Term of Twenty-one Years from the Expiration thereof, and to the End of the then next Session of Parliament; and several further Powers were thereby given for repairing the several Roads described in the said Acts: And whereas by another Act made in the Twenty-sixth Year of the Reign of His said late Majesty, for continuing and making more effectual the said Two Acts, and for repairing the Road from Cleydon aforesaid, to Codenham Beacon, in the said County, the said recited Acts were amended, and further continued from the Expiration of the respective Terms thereby granted, for the further Term of Twenty-one Years, and from thence to the End of the then next Session of Parliament: And whereas a considerable Sum of Money is now due and owing on the Credit of the said recited Acts; which, together with the Tolls collected by virtue thereof, have been duly applied in the Repair of the said Roads; but from the Scarcity of Materials, and the excessive Weights carried in Waggons and other Carriages upon the said Roads, the same cannot be properly amended and kept in good Repair for the future, and the present Debt paid off, unless the Tolls payable for Waggons and other Carriages are increased, and the Terms of the Acts further continued, and the said Acts amended: 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, and by the Authority of the same, That from and after the First Day of June One thousand seven hundred and seventy, the said several recited Acts of the Tenth Year of Her late Majesty Queen Anne, the Sixth and Twenty-sixth Years of the Reign of His late Majesty King George the Second, and all the Clauses, Powers, Authorities, Penalties, Forfeitures, Exemptions, Matters, and Things therein respectively contained (except such Parts thereof as are hereby varied, altered, or repealed) shall respectively have Continuance from and after the Expiration of the Terms thereby respectively granted, and also the additional Term granted by an Act made in the Twenty-eighth Year of His said late Majesty, intituled, An Act to amend an Act made in the Twenty-sixth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled,

and 26 *Geo.* II.

Terms of Acts further continued.

intituled, *An Act for the Amendment and Preſervation of the publick Highways and Turnpike Roads of this Kingdom, and for the more effectual Execution of the Laws relating thereto*, for and during the further Term of Twenty-one Years, and from thence to the End of the then next Seſſion of Parliament; which ſaid ſeveral recited Acts and Terms thereby reſpectively granted, and alſo the additional Term by this preſent Act granted, and all the Tolls which ſhall or may be collected and received by virtue of the ſaid ſeveral recited Acts and this preſent Act, ſhall be ſubject and liable to the Payment of all Monies now due upon the Credit of the ſaid recited Acts, or which ſhall or may hereafter be borrowed upon the Credit of the ſaid recited Acts and this preſent Act, for and during the reſpective Terms by the ſaid recited Acts and this preſent Act granted or continued. Additional Term ſubjected to Debts contracted.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That Nathaniel Lee Acton Eſquire, William Aldrich, Harvey Aſpin, Clerks; Sir Thomas Charles Bunbury, Sir John Blois, Baronets; Henry Bunbury, Patrick Blake, Philip Bowes Broke, Francis Brook, Eſquires; Nicholas Bacon, Robert Baynes, Richard Brome, Clerks; Samuel Bolton Gentleman, Sir John Cullum Baronet, the Honourable and Reverend James Cornwallis, the Honourable William Cornwallis, Richard Colvile, John Curſon, Eſquires; Richard Canning the younger, John Caſborne, Clerks; Edward Coldham Gentleman, Sir Charles Davers Baronet, Henry Daſhwood Eſquire, John Dobſon, George Death, John Freeman, John Fowler, Gentlemen; John Freeman the younger Clerk, Sir Thomas Gage Baronet, Joſhua Grigby the younger Eſquire, William Gee Clerk, Charles Garneys, Edward Griggs, Gentlemen; Thomas Holt, Thomas Heſilrige, James Hatley, Thomas Hallum, Eſquires; Robert Hudſon, Thomas Hutchinſon, Clerks; Thomas Hovell, Edward Haſell, Philip Hawys, Samuel Kilderbee the younger, John Kerridge, John Kettle, James Kettle, William Kirby, John Kirby, Gentlemen; Carteret Leathes, Charles Long, Charles Long the younger, Robert Lawton, Eſquires; Luke Leake Clerk, Edward Leeds Gentleman, Sir John Major Baronet, William Middleton the younger, Hutchinſon Mure, Eſquires; Barnard Mills D. D. John Malyn, Robert Malyn, Clerks; Robert Marriott, John Marriott, John Medows, Thomas More, George Morgan, Gentlemen; Robert Nunn, Francis Colman Negus, Clerks; Charles Norris Gentleman,

Nunn Prettyman Clerk, Robert Prettyman Gentleman, Barham Rushbrooke Esquire, Thomas Latham Revett, John Rudland, Gentlemen; Sir Robert Smith Baronet, Edmund Strudwick, Ezekiel Sparke, Esquires; John Sparke, Thomas Slapp, Joseph Smyth, Charles Squire, Ellis Symonds, Gentlemen; the Honourable Wilbraham Tollemach, Charles Tyrel, Clement Tookie, Philip Toosie, William Tonge Clerks, John Trapnel, Robert Trotman, William Truelove, George Turner, Gentlemen; Edward Venn, M. D. Samuel Uvedale Esquire, Ambrose Uvedale, Frederick Wollaston, Clerks; Samuel Wollaston, Robert Wollaston, Jonathan Worrell, Esquires; Neal Ward Gentleman, and the acting Justices of the Peace for the said County of Suffolk for the Time being, shall be and are hereby added to and joined with the Trustees for the Care of the said several Roads directed to be amended and kept in Repair by virtue of the said recited Acts, and for putting the said recited Acts and this present Act in Execution.

Trustees may take the following

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That from and after the said First Day of June, One thousand seven hundred and seventy, it shall and may be lawful for the Trustees appointed or to be appointed to put the said recited Acts and this Act in Execution, or any Five or more of them, or such Person or Persons as they, or any Five or more of them, shall authorise and appoint, to demand and take the Tolls herein after mentioned (instead of the Tolls granted or made payable by the said recited Acts) before any Horse or other Cattle, or any Coach, Waggon, or other Carriage whatsoever shall be permitted to pass through any Gate or Turnpike erected or to be erected by virtue of the said recited Acts or this present Act; that is to say,

new Tolls.

For every Horse, Mare, Gelding, Mule, or other Beast, laden or unladen, and not drawing, One Penny.

For every Coach, Berlin, Landau, Chariot, Caravan, Hearse, Litter, Calash, Chaise, or Chair, drawn by Six Horses, Mares, Geldings or Mules, the Sum of One Shilling; and drawn by Four Horses, Mares, Geldings, or Mules, the Sum of Nine-pence; and drawn by Two Horses, Mares, Geldings, or Mules, Sixpence.

For every Waggon, Wain, or other Carriage not having the Fellies of the Wheels of the Breadth or Gauge of Nine Inches from Side to Side, drawn by Four Horses, Mares, Geldings, Mules, or other Beasts

going at length, the Sum of One Shilling; and drawn by Three Horses, Mares, Geldings, Mules, or other Beasts going at length, Nine-pence; and drawn by Two Horses, Mares, Geldings, Mules, or other Beasts going at length, Sixpence; and drawn by One Horse, Mare, Gelding, Mule, or other Beast, Three-pence.

For every Waggon, Wain, Cart, or other Carriage (except Coaches, Berlins, Landaus, Chariots, Caravans, Hearses, Litters, Calashes, Chaises, and Chairs) not having the Fellies of the Wheels of the Breadth or Gauge of Nine Inches from Side to Side, drawn by Four or more Horses, Mares, Geldings, Mules, or other Beasts, going all or any Two of them abreast or in Pairs, the Sum of Fifteen Shillings; and drawn by Three Horses, Mares, Geldings, Mules, or other Beasts, any Two of them going abreast or in Pairs, Ten Shillings; and drawn by Two Horses, Mares, Geldings, Mules, or other Beasts going abreast, or in Pairs, the like Sum of Ten Shillings.

For every Waggon, Wain, Cart, or Carriage having the Fellies of the Wheels of the Breadth or Gauge of Nine Inches from Side to Side, drawn by Eight or Seven Horses, Mares, Geldings, Mules, or other Beasts, the Sum of Two Shillings; and drawn by Six or Five Horses, Mares, Geldings, Mules, or other Beasts, the Sum of One Shilling and Sixpence; and drawn by Four, Three, or Two Horses, Mares, Geldings, Mules, or other Beasts, the Sum of One Shilling.

For every Drove of Oxen, Cows, or Neat Cattle, the Sum of Ten-pence per Score; and so in proportion for every greater or lesser Number.

And for every Drove of Calves, Hogs, Sheep, or Lambs, the Sum of Five-pence per Score; and so in proportion for every greater or lesser Number.

And the said several Tolls hereby granted are hereby vested in the Trustees appointed or to be appointed to put the said former Acts and this Act in Execution; and the same and every Part thereof shall be applied, disposed of, and assigned to and for the several Uses, Intents, and Purposes of the said recited Acts and of this Act according to the true Intent and Meaning thereof respectively; and the said Trustees, or any Five or more of them, or such Person or Persons as they, or any Five or more of them, shall authorise and appoint, shall have the same Powers,

Tolls vested in Trustees.

For levying the Tolls.

Powers, Authorities, and Remedies for demanding, collecting, recovering, and levying the Tolls hereby made payable, as were in and by the said recited Acts, or any of them, given and prescribed for demanding, collecting, recovering, and levying the Tolls thereby granted.

Penalty on taking off Horses, &c.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Person or Persons shall take off, or cause to be taken off any Horse or Horses, or other Beast of Draught, from any Waggon or other Carriage travelling upon any of the said Roads; or shall alter the Position of any of the Horses or other Beasts going abreast or in Pairs in any Waggon or other Carriage, by placing them, or any of them, at length, before the same shall come to any of the Turnpike-gates erected by virtue of the said recited Acts, with Intent to evade the Payment of the Tolls hereby granted, or any Part or Parts thereof; or shall drive or turn any Waggon, Cart, or other Carriage out of any of the said Roads into any of the Roads adjacent, in order to avoid, and thereby avoiding the Payment of the Tolls hereby granted; each and every Person so offending, and being convicted thereof before One or more Justice or Justices of the Peace for the said County of Suffolk, or Borough of Ipswich in the said County, upon the Oath of One or more credible Witness or Witnesses, shall for every such Offence forfeit and pay the Sum of Five Pounds.

Penalty on adding Horses, &c. after passing Turnpikes, &c. how adjudged.

Provided always, and it is hereby declared, That every Person who shall drive any Waggon or other Carriage upon any of the said Turnpike Roads with more Horses or Beasts of Draught, or in any other Manner than such Waggon or other Carriage shall, on the same Day, have passed through any of the said Turnpike-gates, shall be deemed and adjudged to haven off or altered the Position of the said Horses or Beasts of Draught, with Intent to avoid paying the Tolls or Duties hereby granted, or some Part or Parts thereof.

So much of former Acts as apply the Tolls for Repair of particular Roads, repealed.

And whereas in the said recited Acts of the Sixth, and also of the Twenty-sixth Years of the Reign of his said late Majesty, Provision is therein made that the Tolls collected at certain Turnpike-gates therein particularly mentioned, should be applied in repairing particular Parts or Branches of the Roads therein described, which Provisions are unnecessary and may be improper to be continued; be it therefore further enacted by the Autho-

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rity aforesaid, That so much of the said recited Acts as direct the Appropriation of any of the Tolls to be collected upon the said Roads, or of any Money which shall have been borrowed on the Credit thereof, for the repairing any particular Part or Branch of Road, shall from and after the said First Day of June, One thousand seven hundred and seventy, be, and the same is hereby repealed; and it shall and may be lawful for the said Trustees, at any General Meeting or Meetings to be held by them, or the major Part of them present, and they are hereby authorised from Time to Time to apply the Tolls which shall have been collected by virtue of the said recited Acts, or which may hereafter be collected by virtue of the said Acts or of this Act, and also all Money which shall hereafter be borrowed on the Credit of the Tolls herein before granted, for and towards repairing such Part and Parts of the said several Roads described in the said recited Acts, as they shall from Time to Time think fit; and for the other Purposes of the said recited Acts and this Act.

Expences of passing this Act to be first paid.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the said Trustees, or any Five or more of them, are hereby authorised and required, in the First Place, to pay and discharge all the Expences of obtaining and passing this Act, out of the Tolls to be collected or Money to be borrowed on the Credit thereof.

Trustees, with Consent of Creditors, may lessen the Tolls,

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That it shall be lawful for the said Trustees, or any Seven or more of them, assembled at a Meeting or Meetings to be held for that Purpose, and they are hereby impowered from Time to Time, with the Consent of such Person or Persons as shall be intitled to Three-fourths or more of the Money which shall have been advanced upon the Credit of the said Tolls, to lessen and reduce all or any of the Tolls herein before granted, and for such Time or Times as the said Trustees, or any Seven or more of them, shall think proper; and may afterwards from Time to Time advance all or any of the Tolls so lessened to any Sum or Sums of Money not exceeding the respective Rates herein before mentioned; and the said Trustees, or any Seven or more of them, may from Time to Time direct the Tolls hereby granted or reduced as aforesaid, to be collected in such Parts and Proportions as they shall think proper; and such reduced Tolls, and also such Parts and Proportions thereof as aforesaid shall and may be collected, le-

and raise them again.

vied, and applied, in such and the same Manner as the Tolls hereby granted are directed to be collected, levied, and applied; but no Meeting shall be held for any of the Purposes aforesaid, unless Fourteen Days previous Notice thereof at the least shall have been given in Writing, affixed upon all the Turnpike-gates erected by virtue of the said recited Acts.

Creditor, on Non-payment, may take Possession of Turnpike, &c.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That in case any Person or Persons who hath or have lent and advanced, or shall lend and advance any Sum or Sums of Money on the Credit of the Tolls or Duties by the said recited Acts, or any of them, or by this Act granted, shall at any Time be desirous to be repaid the Monies due to them, and shall deliver Notice in Writing, signed by him, her, or them, signifying such his, her, or their Desire, to the Clerk or Clerks of the said Trustees, then, and in such Case, unless the Principal and Interest due, and to grow due and payable, on the Security of the said Tolls and Duties, shall be fully paid or tendered to such Creditor or Creditors so signifying and delivering such Notice, within Six Calendar Months next after the Delivery thereof as aforesaid, at some Publick House upon One of the said Roads, to be expressed in such Notice, it shall be lawful to and for such Creditor or Creditors to seize upon, and take Possession of, the Gates, Turnpikes, and Toll-houses, erected by virtue of the said recited Acts, and to receive and collect, or cause to be received and collected, by any and all and every the Ways and Means provided by the said recited Acts, or any of them, or by this Act, the Tolls and Duties hereby granted; and to pay and apply the same in Payment and Satisfaction of the Principal and Interest Money then due and owing to such Creditor or Creditors so taking Possession as aforesaid, together with all reasonable Charges accrued thereby; any Thing in the said recited Act, or this Act, contained to the contrary thereof notwithstanding.

And whereas by the said recited Acts, no Contracts can be made for leasing the Tolls, unless Nine or more Trustees shall be present at the Meeting when the Contract shall be made, which hath been found inconvenient; be it therefore enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That from and after the said First Day of June, One thousand seven hundred and seventy, it shall and may be

Trustees may lease, &c. the Tolls.

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lawful for any Seven or more of the said Trustees, from Time to Time, by any Writing or Writings under their Hands and Seals, without any Stamp thereupon, to assign, lease, demise, let, farm, or set out the Tolls by this Act granted, or any Part of such Tolls, to any Person or Persons who shall be willing to take or farm the same, for such Time and Times, and in such Manner, and for such Prices, and under such Covenants, and taking such Security for the Payment of the Money which shall be agreed to be paid for the same, as are prescribed by the said recited Act of the Twenty-sixth Year of His late Majesty for assigning and leasing the Tolls thereby granted; and all Agreements made by any Seven or more of the said Trustees, shall be as valid to all Intents and Purposes, and the Money contracted to be paid for the same shall and may be recovered by the same Ways and Means, as it could or might have been, in case the Contracts had been entered into by any Nine or more of the said Trustees; and the Money to arise thereby shall be applied to the Purposes of the said recited Acts, and this Act, and to no other Use or Purpose whatsoever.

Trustees may compound for Statute-work; but not for more than One Year.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That it shall not be lawful for the said Trustees for putting the said recited Acts and this Act in Execution, or any of them, to compound with any Parish, Tithing, or Township, or with any Person or Persons whatsoever, for or in lieu of Statute-work to be done upon any of the said Roads by virtue of the said recited Acts, for any longer Term than One Year at any One Time; any Thing contained in the said recited Acts to the contrary: All which Composition-money shall be paid Twelve Months in Advance to the said Trustees, or their Treasurer for the Time being, and in Default thereof, the Composition or Agreement with the Person or Persons making such Default shall be void; and all such Composition-money shall be applied to the several Purposes of the said recited Acts and this Act, and to no other Use or Purpose whatsoever.

Clause in Act 26 *Geo.* II. repealed.

And whereas by a Clause in the said recited Act of the Twenty-sixth Year of the Reign of his late Majesty, the Surveyors of the Highways for the several Parishes through which the said Roads directed to be repaired by the said Acts and this Act do lead, are required to deliver to the Turnpike Surveyors such Lists of all the Inhabitants in the several Parishes and Places, who

are liable to do Statute-work upon the said Roads, as are therein particularly mentioned, upon Pain of forfeiting for any Neglect or Refusal so to do, such Sums as are therein particularly mentioned, to be levied, recovered, and applied, as therein is directed, which Clause hath been found defective for the Purposes thereby intended; be it therefore enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That from and immediately after the said First Day of June, One thousand seven hundred and seventy, the said Clause shall be, and is hereby repealed.

Parish Surveyors to bring in Lists of the Persons obliged to do Statute-work.

And, in order that a just Proportion of the Statute-work may be done by such Persons as ought to do and perform Statute-work upon the said Roads; be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the respective Surveyor or Surveyors of the Highways, for the Time being, of all and every the Parish and Parishes in which the said Roads intended to be repaired by the said recited Acts and this Act do lie, shall yearly, and every Year, during the Continuance thereof, within Fourteen Days after Demand made to him or them in Writing by the Turnpike Surveyor or Surveyors appointed or to be appointed by the said Trustees, or any Five or more of them, give and deliver to the said Turnpike Surveyor or Surveyors, an exact List or Account in Writing, under his or their Hand or Hands, of the Christian and Surnames of all and every Person and Persons in the said respective Parishes and Places, who are obliged by Law to do Statute-work for that Year with Teams, Draughts, or otherwise, in repairing the Roads in any of the said Parishes, and also the Number of Days Work which each Person ought to do; Three Days of which said Statute-work shall be done at such Times, and in such Manner, and on such Parts of the said Roads, by the said former Acts and this present Act directed to be repaired, as the said Turnpike Surveyor or Surveyors shall, from Time to Time, direct and appoint; and the said Parish Surveyor or Surveyors, for the Time being respectively, within Eight Days after Notice shall be given them, or either of them, by the said Turnpike Surveyor or Surveyors, of the Time or Times when and how many of the Persons so liable as aforesaid, he or they would have to do such their respective Statute or Days Work, so directed or appointed as aforesaid, in and upon any Part or Parts of the said Roads, shall summon or give publick Notice thereof to the said Person or Persons so liable as aforesaid: And if any Parish Surveyor or Surveyors aforesaid,

said, shall neglect or refuse to do as they are hereby required and directed to do, he or they, for every such Neglect or Refusal, shall forfeit and pay the Sum of Ten Pounds; and if any Person or Persons keeping a Team or Teams, Draught or Draughts, Cart or Carts, and chargeable towards repairing the said Roads, shall, after such Summons or publick Notice, neglect or refuse to send their respective Teams, Draughts, or Carts, with proper Persons to attend the same, to do and perform such their respective Days Work on the said Roads, he, she, or they, so neglecting or refusing, shall respectively forfeit and pay the Sum of Ten Shillings for every Team, Draught, or Cart, making Default, each of the said respective Days; and if any Labourer, or other Person or Persons liable to perform Statute-work on the said Roads, shall at any Time neglect or refuse after such Summons or publick Notice to do and perform the said appointed Days Work on the said Roads, he, she, or they, shall respectively forfeit and pay the Sum of One Shilling and Sixpence for each of the Days such Labourer or other Person or Persons shall make Default; and if any Person or Persons who shall, according to such Summons or publick Notice as aforesaid, come to work as Labourers, or be sent with any Team, Draught, or Cart, to work on the said Roads, are found idle or negligent by the said Turnpike Surveyor or Surveyors respectively, where the Work is to be done, in such Case the Turnpike Surveyor or Surveyors may, and is and are hereby impowered and required to turn him or them off, who shall be found negligent or idle as aforesaid; and it shall be esteemed as if such Person or Persons had not come or sent any Team, Draught, or Cart, to work on the said Roads; and he, she, or they, shall be subject and liable to the respective Penalties and Forfeitures before-mentioned, in the same Manner as if he, she, or they, had neglected or refused to do or perform the said respective Days Work, so ordered and appointed as aforesaid.

Penalty on Surveyors neglecting to deliver in such Lists;

and on Persons not performing Statute-work.

Labourers found idle, to be turned off.

And be it further enacted, That where any Sum of Money is by the said recited Act of the Twenty-sixth Year of the Reign of his late Majesty, directed to be paid in respect of any Lands or Hereditaments, chargeable towards repairing any of the said Roads, the same for the future shall, from Time to Time, be paid to the Treasurer to the said Trustees, instead of being paid to the Collector of the Tolls, as is directed by the said recited Act; and the Money so received by such Treasurer shall be applied according to the Directions of the said Act.

Money directed by 26 Geo. II, to be paid to Collector,

is now to be paid to Treasurer.

Penalties and Forfeitures how to be recovered and applied.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That all Penalties and Forfeitures by the said recited Acts, or any of them, or by this Act incurred, for the Recovery of which no Provision is therein or herein made, shall be recovered and levied by Distress and Sale of the Offender's Goods and Chattels, by Warrant or Warrants under the Hand and Seal, or Hands and Seals, of One or more of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the said County of Suffolk, or for the Borough of Ipswich within the same County; which Warrant or Warrants the said Justice or Justices is and are hereby impowered and required to issue upon Information of One or more credible Witness or Witnesses upon Oath (which Oath the said Justice or Justices is and are hereby impowered and required to administer); and the Penalties and Forfeitures, when recovered, after tendering the Overplus (if any be) to the Party or Parties whose Goods and Chattels shall be so distrained and sold, the Charges of the said Distress and Sale being first deducted, shall go and be applied and laid out, if not otherwise applied and disposed of, for and towards amending the said Roads.

Trustees not to act where interested.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That no Person shall be capable of acting as a Trustee, in any Case where he shall be personally interested, or of taking any Place of Profit under this Act; and no Person shall act as a Collector of the Tolls who shall keep any Victualling-house, Inn, Alehouse, or other House of publick Entertainment, or who shall sell Wine, Cyder, Beer, Ale, Brandy, or other Spirituous Liquors by Retail.

Victuallers, &c. not to enjoy Places of Profit.

Publick Act.

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

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