ANNO UNDECIMO

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CAP. XXVI.

An Act for further continuing the Tolls upon *London Bridge*, for the Purpoſes therein mentioned; and for impowering the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons of the City of *London*, in Common Council aſſembled, in certain Caſes, to grant Licences to Perſons poſſeſſed of Terms for Years, of and in Houſes deſcribed in an Act of the Seventh Year of his preſent Majeſty, to build upon and incloſe Part of the Ground and Soil of the Streets in the Front of their ſaid Houſes.

Preamble.

Act 7 *Geo.* III. for compleating *Black-friars Bridge.*



WHEREAS by an Act made in the Seventh Year of the Reign of his preſent Majeſty, intituled, An Act for compleating the Bridge croſs the River *Thames*, from *Black-friars* in the City of *London*, to the oppoſite Side, in the County of *Surry*, and the Avenues thereto on the *London* Side; for redeeming the Tolls on the ſaid Bridge, and on *London-bridge*; for rebuilding the Goal of *Newgate*, in the ſaid City; for repairing the *Royal Exchange*, within the ſame; for embanking Part of the North Side of the ſaid River, within certain Limits; and for further continuing, towards thoſe Purpoſes, the Impoſition of Sixpence *per* Chaldron, or Ton, of Coals and Culm, imported into the Port of the ſaid City, eſtabliſhed by an Act of the Fifth and Sixth Years of the Reign of King *William* and Queen *Mary*; and alſo for carrying on the New Pavements in the City and Liberties of *Weſtminſter*, and Pariſhes adjacent, and in the Town and Borough of *Southwark*, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned; the Sum of Thirty thouſand Pounds was granted and directed to be applied to and for the Redemption of the preſcriptive Tolls, to which the Paſſage over London Bridge was then ſubject, and to and for the Purchaſe of the Leaſe thereof; the Reſidue, after ſuch Purchaſe, to be placed out at Intereſt, upon ſuch Government or real Securities, or laid out in the Purchaſe of Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, as to the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons of the ſaid City, in Common Council aſſembled, ſhould ſeem meet, in Truſt, for or towards the Uſes, Intents, and Purpoſes, which the ſaid Tolls, or the Rents and Fines then payable in reſpect thereof, were then applicable: And it was thereby enacted, That the Mayor and Commonalty, and Citizens of the City of London, ſhould pay to the Perſons, and for the Uſes therein mentioned, certain Annuities of Eight

hundred Pounds, and Four hundred and eighty Pounds, redeemable as therein mentioned; And it was thereby further enacted, That all and every the Tolls which then were or should be payable by virtue of any Act of Parliament, or Prescription, for the Passage over the said Bridge, or for the Passage over the then intended Bridge at Blackfriars, should have Continuance, and be paid and payable to the said Mayor and Commonalty, and Citizens, until they should, by and out of the neat Produce thereof, to arise and accrue from and after the Twenty-ninth of September, One thousand seven hundred and seventy (after deducting the Charges of the Collection thereof, and the Charges which would attend the making and executing the Bonds thereby directed to be given for securing the Payment of the said Annuities, and the Charges of obtaining and passing the said Act) receive and be reimbursed all such Sum and Sums of Money as they should have advanced in Payment of the said Annuities, or for the Redemption thereof, together with Interest for the Money so advanced, at and after the Rate of Four Pounds per Centum per Annum; but that, from and immediately after such Reimbursement should have been made and compleated, the said Tolls should cease and determine, and be no longer paid or payable; any Law, Statute, or Prescription to the Contrary thereof in any-wise notwithstanding: And whereas the said Mayor and Commonalty, and Citizens, did, on or about the said Twenty-ninth Day of September, One thousand seven hundred and seventy, treat with the Lessee of the said Tolls upon London Bridge, for the Purchase of his said Lease, wherein there were then Fifteen Years and Three Quarters to come and unexpired, but found his Demand grounded upon the Increase of the said Tolls, since the passing of the said Act, so high, as being deducted out of

the said Sum of Thirty thousand Pounds, would not leave sufficient for the Purchase or Redemption of the Reversion and Inheritance thereof: And whereas it is computed that, in order to reimburse the said Mayor and Commonalty, and Citizens, what they are directed by the said Act to advance in Payment of the said Annuities of Eight hundred Pounds, and Four hundred and eighty Pounds, or for the Redemption thereof, with Interest as aforesaid, and the said Charges, which they are by the said in part recited Act authorised to deduct, the said Tolls upon both the said Bridges must have Continuance until Lady-day, One thousand seven hundred and seventy-nine, or thereabouts; and that the said Tolls upon London Bridge, if continued till Lady-day One thousand seven hundred and eighty-two, would, together with the said Sum of Thirty thousand Pounds, and the Interest or Produce thereof in the mean Time, after making good and compleating such Reimbursement, be a sufficient Fund for purchasing the then remaining Term of the said Lease of the Tolls for the Passage over London Bridge, and the Reversion and Inheritance thereof: May it therefore your Majesty, upon the Petition of the said Mayor, Aldermen and Commons, in Common Council assembled, 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 all and every the Tolls, which are now payable by Prescription, for the Passage over London Bridge, shall, from and after the Time in and by the said in part recited Act limitted for the Continuance thereof, have further Continuance, and be paid and payable to the said Mayor and Commonalty, and Citizens, until the Twenty-fifth Day

Tolls now payable by Prescription to be continued till *March* 25, 1782.

Day of March, One thouſand ſeven hundred and eighty-two, and no longer; any Thing in the ſaid Act contained, or any other Law, Uſage or Preſcription, to the Contrary thereof in any-wiſe notwithſtanding.

The Mayor to cauſe the 30,000 *l.* to be invested in the Publick Funds.

And be it further enacted, That the ſaid Mayor and Commonalty, and Citizens, ſhall, as ſoon as conveniently may be after the paſſing of this Act, cauſe the ſaid Thirty thouſand Pounds to be laid out and inveſted in the Purchaſe of ſome of the Publick Funds, or placed out at Intereſt upon Government or Real Securities; and, from Time to Time, until ſuch Reimburſement to the ſaid Mayor and Commonalty, and Citizens, as aforeſaid, ſhall be compleated, pay and apply the Dividends, Intereſt, and Proceed thereof, to the Purpoſes to which the ſaid Tolls are appropriated by the ſaid in part recited Act.

and, before *March* 25, 1782, purchaſe the remaining Term of the Leaſe of the Tolls.

And be it further enacted, That the ſaid Mayor and Commonalty, and Citizens, ſhall, on or before the ſaid Twenty-fifth Day of March, One thouſand ſeven hundred and eighty-two, by, with, or out of the net Produce of the Funds or Securities in or upon which the ſaid Thirty thouſand Pounds ſhall be then veſted or placed; and the Intereſt, Dividends, or Proceed thereof, which ſhall then have ariſen or accrued, from and after ſuch Reimburſement to the ſaid Mayor and Commonalty, and Citizens, as aforeſaid, purchaſe the then remaining Term of and in the ſaid Leaſe of the Tolls, and keep, place, or lay out the Reſidue thereof at Intereſt upon Government or Real Securities, or in the Purchaſe of the Freehold and Inheritance of ſuch Lands, Tenements or Hereditaments, as to the ſaid Mayor, Aldermen and Commons, in Common Council aſſembled, ſhall ſeem meet, in Truſt, for the Uſes, Intents, and Purpoſes, to which the ſaid Tolls were applicable before the paſſing of the ſaid in part recited Act.

Clause in Act 7 Geo. III.

And whereas, after reciting that it might, for the greater Regularity or Beauty of the Streets, Ways, or Passages, to be improved by virtue of the said Act, as of the Twenty-ninth Year of King George the Second, be proper to build Houses, or Parts of Houses, on some Part of the Ground and Soil of the said Streets, Ways, or Passages, or on some Part of the former Channel of Bridewell Dock, it is by the said Act of the Seventh Year of His present Majesty enacted, That it should and might be lawful to and for the said Mayor, Aldermen and Commons, in Common Council assembled, for and in Consideration of such Sum and Sums of Money, or yearly Rent or Rents, to be paid into the Receipt of the Chamber of the said City of London, as they should think reasonable, to grant to the Owner or Owners of the Freehold and Inheritance of the House or Houses fronting any such Street, Way, or Passage, Licence or Licences, under the Common Seal of the said City, to build upon and inclose so much of the Ground and Soil, in the Front of the said respective House or Houses, as they should think fit to be built upon, for the Reasons aforesaid; and that the Ground and Soil so built upon, in pursuance of such Licence or Licences, should for ever, or for and during the Time or Term to be expressed in such Licence or Licences respectively, be annexed to and enjoyed with the adjoining Freehold; any Law, Usage, or Custom to the Contrary notwithstanding: And whereas it has happened and may happen, that the Owner or Owners of the Freehold and Inheritance of the House or Houses fronting some of the said Streets, Ways, or Passages, cannot be found, or is or are unwilling to build, and the Tenants of such Ground, having Leases thereof for long Term of Years, would be willing to build upon the Ground and Soil in the Front thereof, if they might obtain such Licences, and

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be secured in the free Enjoyment of the said Ground and Soil, during the Term for which they respectively hold their said Houses, whereby the Regularity and Beauty of the said Streets, Ways, and Passages, would be sooner accomplished; be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Mayor, Aldermen and Commons, in Common Council assembled, for such Considerations as aforesaid, to grant such Licence or Licences to the Tenant or Tenants of the House or Houses fronting any of the said Streets, Ways, or Passages, having Leases for long Terms, of which there shall be at least Thirty-five Years then to come and unexpired, and that the Ground and Soil which shall be built upon by Order or in pursuance of such Licence or Licences, together with the Dwellings and Buildings thereon, shall for ever be annexed to and enjoyed with the House or Houses thereunto respectively adjoining, by the several Persons interested therein, according to their several Estates and Interests in the same; any Law, Usage, or Custom to the Contrary thereof in any-wise notwithstanding.

Mayor, &c. may grant Licences to Tenants, on certain Considerations.

Provided always, and be it further enacted, That nothing in this, or in the said former Act contained, shall give to any Person or Persons whomsoever, except the Owner or Owners of the Freehold and Inheritance of the said House or Houses, or the Lessee or Lessees thereof, who shall have such Terms remaining therein as aforesaid, any Right or Power to build on the said Ground, lying before the said Houses respectively; any Thing herein, or in the said former Act contained, to the Contrary thereof in any-wise notwithstanding.

Nothing herein, or in the former Act contained, shall give Right to any Person to build, except Owners.

And be it further enacted, That all and every such Sum and Sums of Money as shall be paid for any Licence or Licences, to be granted by virtue or in pursuance of this Act, shall be, and the same is and are hereby appropriated

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propriated to the Uses, Intents, and Purposes to which the Monies and Rents payable for the Licences mentioned in the said in part recited Act, are thereby appropriated, and to or for no other Use, Intent, or Purpose whatsoever.

And it is hereby further enacted, That if any Action or Suit shall be commenced against any Person or Persons, for any Thing done in pursuance or by virtue of this Act, 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 if the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs, in such Action or Suit, shall become nonsuited, or suffer a Discontinuance of such Action or Actions, or if Judgement 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 recovering the same, as any Defendant or Defendants may have for his, her, or their Costs in any other Cases by Law.

General Issue.

Treble Costs.

And it is hereby 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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