ANNO UNDECIMO

Georgii III. Regis.

An Act to continue and render more effectual an Act passed in the Ninth Year of His present Majesty, *for repairing the Roads leading from the Turnpike Road in* Tring, *in the County of* Hertford, *through* Dunstable, Hitchin, Baldock, *and* Royston, *to the Turnpike Road at or near* Bournbridge; *and from the West End of* Wellbury Lane *to the Turnpike Road at the South End of* Barton, *in the Counties of* Hertford, Bucks, Bedford, *and* Cambridge; so far as the same relates to the Repairing the Roads in the *Royston* District of Roads, in the said Act particularly mentioned.

WHEREAS by an Act, passed in the Ninth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, for repairing the Roads from the Turnpike Road in *Tring*, in the County of *Hertford*, through *Dunstable*, *Hitchin*, *Baldock*, and *Royston*, to the Turnpike Road at or near *Bournbridge*; and from the West End

Preamble. Act, 9 Geo. III.

End of *Wellbury Lane* to the Turnpike Road at the South End of *Barton*, in the Counties of *Hertford, Bucks, Bedford,* and *Cambridge*, several Tolls, Duties, and Powers, were granted for repairing the said Roads: And whereas the Trustees appointed in and by the said Act, for the Care and Management of the Royston District of Roads, therein particularly mentioned, have made some Progress in the Execution of the said Act, but find the same cannot be carried into effectual Execution, unless the Term thereby granted is further continued, and the Powers thereof are altered and enlarged; 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 assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That the said recited Act, and all and every the Tolls, Duties, Authorities, Powers, Privileges, Provisions, and Clauses therein contained, as the same are now in Force, so far as the same relate to the said Royston District of Roads, (except such of them as are hereby varied, altered, or repealed) shall be and continue in full Force, for and during all the Residue and Remainder of the Term now to come, and unexpired of the said Act; and from and after the Expiration thereof, then for and during the further Term of Twenty-one Years, and from thence to the End of the then next Session of Parliament, as fully as if the same were herein again repeated and re-enacted in the Body of this present Act; and the said Terms by the said recited Act granted, and by this Act continued, shall extend to this Act.

further continued.

And be it further enacted, That the Trustees named and appointed in and by virtue of the said recited Act for the said District, shall and they are hereby appointed Trustees for putting the said recited Act and this Act in Execution, so far as they relate to the repairing the Roads within the said District: And whereas by the said recited Act it is enacted, That any Toll-gate or Side-gate to be erected between Baldock and Royston shall be erected as near a certain Place called Sandon Cat as conveniently may be; and that any Toll-gate to be erected between Royston

Trustees may erect Toll-gates, &c.

and the Turnpike Road at or near Bournbridge shall be erected as near a Place called Whittlesford Bridge as conveniently may be.

And whereas the said Trustees being confined to erect Toll-gates and Side-gates within the Descriptions aforesaid, the said Act cannot be carried into Execution so as to answer the Purposes thereby intended; be it therefore further enacted, That the said Trustees, or any Seven or more of them, shall and may erect, or cause to be erected, One or more Toll-gate or Toll-gates, in, upon, or across, or on the Side or Sides of any Part or Parts of the said Roads within the said Royston District of Roads; and shall and may erect and provide a Toll-house to each of the said Toll-gates, with suitable Buildings thereto; and shall and may inclose any adjoining Part of the said Roads, to be used as a Garden for the Accommodation of the Collector of the Tolls or Duties; and shall and may demand and take at each of the said Toll-gates or Side-gates the same Tolls or Duties as are in the said Act granted; which Tolls and Duties shall be collected, recovered, and applied in the same Manner as in the said Act prescribed. And Demand Tolls thereat.

Provided always, and be it further enacted, That no more than One Toll-gate shall be erected at or near unto the respective Towns of Royston and Baldock, unless the same be done with the Consent, and by the Direction, of Two Thirds in Number of the Trustees who shall be present at a Meeting to be held for that Purpose (such Meeting to consist of not less than Thirty Trustees) and Ten Days Notice at least of such Meeting shall have been given by the Clerk to the Trustees in the Cambridge Chronicle and General Evening Post, if such Papers shall be then printed and published, and also fixed on each of the Turnpike Gates then erected on the said District of Roads, and also given or sent to the Trustees by Letter, signifying the Business of the Day. Only One Gate to be erected near the Towns of *Royston* or *Baldock*.

Provided also, and be it further enacted, That no Person or Persons who shall have paid Toll at any Toll-gate erected at or near Dunsbridge, commonly called Dunsbridge Turnpike, and producing a Ticket of the Day, denoting such Payment, nor any Person going Tolls how to be paid.

from Royston to Dunsbridge Turnpike, nor any Inhabitant of Melborne, travelling no further upon the said Roads than the Town of Royston, nor any Farmer or Occupier of Land adjoining to or near the said Road, in going to or returning from the said Land so occupied by them respectively, shall be obliged to pay any Toll by the said recited Act and this Act granted, at any Toll-gate erected by virtue of the said recited Act or this Act.

Penalty for undue Exemptions 10 *l.*

And be it further enacted, That if any Person shall claim, and take the Benefit, of any Exemption from the Payment of the said Tolls granted and continued by the said Act and this Act, not being intitled to the same, such Person shall for every such Offence forfeit and pay the Sum of Ten Pounds, One Moiety whereof shall be paid to the Informer, and the other Moiety shall be applied in repairing the Roads in the said District.

Defrauders of the Tolls, to forfeit 10 *l.*

And be it further enacted, That if any Person who shall have paid any of the Tolls by the said recited Act and this Act granted and made payable, and having a Note or Ticket of the Day, denoting the Payment of such Toll, shall give or dispose of the same to any other Person, in order to avoid the Payment of any of the said Tolls, every such Person giving or disposing of such Note or Ticket, and the Person receiving the same, being thereof convicted upon Oath before any One or more Justice or Justices of the Peace for the County where such Offence shall be committed (which Oath the said Justice or Justices is and are hereby impowered to administer) shall respectively forfeit and pay the Sum of Ten Pounds for every such Offence, to be levied, recovered, and applied as any other Penalty or Forfeiture is by the said recited Act or this Act, directed to be levied, recovered, and applied.

Offenders taking off Cattle, &c. to forfeit 10 *l.*

And be it further enacted, That if any Person or Persons shall with any Horse, Mare, Gelding, Ox, Mule, Ass, Cattle, Coach, Berlin, Landau, Chariot, Chaise, Calash, Caravan, Hearse, Waggon, Wain, Cart, Dray, or other Carriage, go out of the Turnpike Road, or pass through any Ground, Parcel of Land, or other Place adjoining to or lying near any or either of the Gates or Turnpikes to be erected by virtue of the said recited

recited Act or this Act, the same not being a common Road, in order to avoid the Payment of the Tolls thereby and hereby granted and continued; or if any Person or Persons occupying any Land near to any Toll-gate erected on the said District of Roads in pursuance of the said recited Act or this Act, shall permit or suffer any Person or Persons to pass through any Gate, Passage, or private Way with any Carriage or Cattle; or if any Person shall, with any Carriage or Cattle, pass through any such Gate, Passage, or private Way; or if any Person shall take off, or cause to be taken off, any Horse or Beast from any Carriage on either Side of any Toll-gate erected by virtue of the said recited Act or this Act, in order to avoid the Payment of any of the Tolls thereby and hereby granted and continued; or if any Person shall forcibly pass through any such Toll-gate with any Carriage or Cattle, whereby the Payment of any of the said Tolls shall be avoided, every Person so offending in each of the Cases aforesaid shall for every such Offence forfeit and pay the Sum of Ten Pounds; which Penalty or Forfeiture shall be recovered and applied in the same Manner as any other Penalty or Forfeiture is in and by the said recited Act or this Act directed to be recovered and applied.

Parish Surveyors to give in Lists of Persons liable to do Statute-work.

And be it further enacted, That the Surveyor or Surveyors of the Highways, of and for all and every of the Towns, Parishes, Hamlets, and Places through which the Roads mentioned in the said District lead, shall, and they are hereby required at the First Meeting of the said Trustees, after the Twenty-first Day of October in every Year, instead of the Twenty-fifth Day of March, as by the said recited Act is required, or at any other Meeting of the said Trustees, if thereunto required by the said Trustees, or any Seven or more of them, during the Continuance of the said recited Act and this Act, Ten Days Notice of such Meeting being affixed on all the Toll-gates erected by virtue of the said recited Act or this Act within the said District, and also given to the respective Surveyors of each Town, Parish, Hamlet, and Place wherein the Roads lie, to deliver in to the said Trustees true and perfect Lists in Writing, under their respective

respective Hands, of the Names of all the Inhabitants of, and Occupiers of, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, in such Towns, Parishes, Hamlets, and Places respectively, who are liable to do their Statute Duties in and upon the said Highways, and shall in such Lists, and every of them, distinguish and set forth which of such Inhabitants and Occupiers shall by the said recited Act or this Act be deemed to keep a Team or Teams, and which of them are Labourers only, or do not, or by the said recited Act or this Act are not deemed to keep a Team or Teams: Which said Surveyors of the Highways, and Inhabitants and Occupiers, shall be subject and liable to the like Penalties on neglecting to give in such Lists, or not performing the said Statute-work, as are mentioned and contained in the said recited Act.

The Road through the Lands of *George Jennings* Esquire; how to be fenced.

And be it further enacted, That in case the said Trustees shall cause any Part of the Road between the Town of Baldock and the Town of Royston to be turned through or over the Lands of George Jennings Esquire; and shall not cause a sufficient Fence to be made on each Side thereof, so as to prevent the adjoining Lands of the said George Jennings from being prejudiced thereby, that then the said Trustees, or any Seven or more of them, shall, and they are hereby required, at the Request of the said George Jennings, his Heirs or Assigns, to cause a Ditch, Three Feet wide and Three Feet deep, to be made on each Side such Road; and shall also plant a Double Row of Quicksets on the Bank of such Ditches; and from thenceforth the said George Jennings, his Heirs and Assigns, shall repair and maintain such Ditches and Quicksets.

Meeting of Trustees.

And be it further enacted, That the said Trustees for the said District, or any Five or more of them, shall meet at the House of Robert Littlemore, known by the Sign of the Red Lion, in the Town of Royston, on the Fourth Monday next after the Day of the Passing of this Act, and shall proceed to the Execution of the said recited Act and this Act, in as full a Manner as if no Adjournment had been made by the said Trustees to a future Day.

And

And be it further enacted, That the Charges and Expences of obtaining and passing this Act shall be paid, as soon as conveniently may be after the passing hereof, out of the Tolls or Duties granted and continued by the said recited Act and this Act, or any Money borrowed or to be borrowed upon the Credit thereof. Charges to be paid out of Tolls.

And be it further enacted, That if any Action or Actions, Suit or Suits, shall be brought against any Person or Persons for any Thing done or to be done by virtue or in pursuance of the said recited Act or this Act, or in relation to the Matters therein or herein contained, such Actions and Suits, and every of them, shall be commenced within Six Calendar Months next after the doing the Matter or Thing for which such Action or Actions, Suit or Suits, shall be so brought, and not afterwards; and shall be brought, laid, and tried in the County or Place where such Matters and Things respectively shall be committed or done, and not in any other County or Place; and that the Defendant or Defendants, in such Actions and Suits, and every of them, may plead the General Issue, and give the said recited Act, or this Act, and the Special Matter in Evidence on any Trial or Trials which shall be had thereupon, and that the Matter or Thing for which such Action or Actions, Suit or Suits, shall be so brought, was done in pursuance and by the Authority of the said recited Act, or this Act; and if the said Matter or Thing shall appear to have been so done; or if any such Action or Suit shall not be commenced within the Time before for that Purpose limited, or shall be laid in any other County or Place than as aforesaid, the Jury or Juries shall find for the Defendant or Defendants therein; and if a Verdict or Verdicts shall be found for such Defendant or Defendants, or if the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs, in such Action or Actions, Suit or Suits, shall become nonsuited, or suffer a Discontinuance of such Action or Actions, or if upon any Demurrer or Demurrers, in such Action or Actions, Judgement shall be given for the Defendant or Defendants therein, then, and in either of the Cases aforesaid, such Defendant or Defendants shall have Treble Costs, and shall have such Remedy Limitation of Actions. General Issue. Treble Costs.

medy for recovering the same, as any Defendant or Defendants may have for his, her, or their Costs in any other Cases by Law.

Publick Act. And be it further enacted, 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 whomsoever, without specially pleading the same.

FINIS.