Anno secundo

Georgii III. Regis.

CAP. XXX.

An Act for enlarging and improving the North East Avenue of *London Bridge*.

WHEREAS by an Act made in the Twenty ninth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King George the Second, intituled, An Act to improve, widen, and enlarge, the Passage over and through *London Bridge*, the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons, of the City of London, in Common Council assembled, were impowered to make such Purchases, and take down such Houses, Edifices, and Buildings, standing or being on the said Bridge, or contiguous or adjoining thereto, as they should judge necessary, for the Enlargement and Improvement of the Passage over, and the Avenues leading to and from, the said Bridge: And whereas the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons, of the said City, have proceeded in the Execution of the Powers granted by the said Act, and the Passage over the said Bridge is already, on the Eastern Side thereof, secured by a proper and uniform Balustrade, which, in order to avoid the Waterworks of London Bridge, and preserve, with Regularity, the Connexion of the Passage of the said Bridge with Fishstreet Hill, ranges Northward upon the Parish Church of the United Parishes of Saint Magnus and Saint Margaret New Fishstreet, London, at the North East Avenue

Preamble, reciting Clause in Act 29 *Geo.* II.

of the ſaid Bridge, almoſt in a Line with the Arch of the Tower or Steeple of the ſaid Church, which forms a ſpacious Paſſage through the ſaid Tower from North to South: And whereas the good Ends and Purpoſes of the ſaid Act cannot be anſwered, unleſs the Site or Ground of the ſaid Pariſh Church, on the North and South Sides of the ſaid Tower, is, with the ſaid Paſſage through the ſame, laid into the North Eaſt Avenue of the ſaid Bridge: But in regard the Alteration aforeſaid cannot be made without the Authority of Parliament, May it 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 the Site or Ground of the ſaid Pariſh Church of the United Pariſhes of Saint Magnus and Saint Margaret New Fiſhſtreet, London, on the North and South Sides of the ſaid Tower or Steeple of the ſame Church, together with the ſaid Paſſage through the ſaid Tower, from North to South, ſhall be, and the ſame are hereby veſted in the Mayor, and Commonalty, and Citizens, of the City of London, and their Succeſſors, for the Enlargement and Improvement of the North Eaſt Avenue of London Bridge, as well for the Benefit of all Perſons paſſing on Foot over the ſaid Bridge, as for the ſafe and commodious Paſſage of Carriages, at the North Weſt Angle of the ſaid Church; and for effecting the Purpoſes aforeſaid, the ſaid Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons, of the ſaid City, in Common Council aſſembled, ſhall, and they are hereby authorized and required, with all convenient Speed after the paſſing of this preſent Act, to cauſe ſo much of the Fabric of the ſaid Pariſh Church to be taken down and removed, as ſhall be neceſſary for laying the Site or Ground aforeſaid, with the ſaid Paſſage, into the ſaid North Eaſt Avenue of the ſaid Bridge.

The Ground on the North and South Sides of the Tower of *St. Magnus'* Church *New Fiſh Street*, with a Paſſage through the Tower from North to South, is veſted in the City of *London*, for the Enlargement of the North Eaſt Avenue of *London Bridge*;

and ſo much of the Fabric of the ſaid Church is to be taken down and removed, as ſhal. be neceſſary for that Purpoſe:

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That the ſaid Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons, of the ſaid City, in Common Council aſſembled, ſhall, with all convenient Speed, after ſo much of the Fabric as aforeſaid ſhall be taken down and removed in Manner aforeſaid, cauſe the Weſtern Walls of the ſaid Church to be rebuilt in a Line with the Eaſt Side of the ſaid Tower or Steeple, and united thereto, and to the North and South Sides of the ſaid Fabric, in the moſt proper and effectual Manner, as well in point of Ornament as Safety; and ſhall alſo cauſe, not only ſuch new Works to be ſuita-

and the City is thereupon to rebuild, in a ſuitable Manner, the Weſtern Walls of the Church, in a Line with the Eaſt Side of the ſaid Tower;

bly and ſubſtantially perfoꝛmed and compleatly finiſhed, in all Reſpects, as well within the Body of the ſaid Church as without, but alſo all ſuch other Woꝛks as ſhall be neceſſary foꝛ the Safety and Ornament of the ſaid Tower oꝛ Steeple of the ſaid Church: And if, in the Execution of the Woꝛks afoꝛeſaid, any Injury oꝛ Injuries ſhall be done, either by Accident oꝛ otherwiſe, to the ſaid Tower oꝛ Steeple, oꝛ to the Fabꝛic oꝛ Body of the ſaid Church, either within-ſide oꝛ without, oꝛ to any of the other Woꝛks oꝛ Ornaments thereof; then, and in ſuch Caſe, the ſaid Mayoꝛ, Aldermen, and Commons, in Common Council aſſembled, ſhall, with all convenient Speed, cauſe ſuch Injury oꝛ Injuries to be repaired and made good, in all Reſpects, and in the moſt pꝛoper and effectual Manner.

and alſo all other Works within the Body of the Church, and without, neceſſary to the Safety and Ornament of the Tower;

and all Injuries occaſioned thereby, are to be repaired and made good.

And be it further enacted by the Authoꝛity afoꝛeſaid, That the great Weſtern Dooꝛs of the ſaid Church, now placed on the Weſt Side of the ſaid Tower, within the Arch thereof, which foꝛms a Paſſage thꝛough the ſame from Eaſt to Weſt, ſhall be removed and placed in the moſt ſuitable and commodious Manner on the Eaſt Side of the ſaid Tower; and that the ſame Paſſage ſhall be pꝛeſerved, in all Times to come, foꝛ the public Weſtern Entrance into the ſaid Church, foꝛ the Benefit of all Perſons reſoꝛting thereto, and returning from the ſame.

The great Weſtern Doors of the Church are to be removed, and placed on the Eaſt Side of the Tower;

and the ſame Paſſage to be preſerved for the public Weſtern Entrance into the Church;

Pꝛovided always, and it is hereby enacted by the Authoꝛity afoꝛeſaid, That the ſaid Site oꝛ Gꝛound ſo to be laid into the ſaid Noꝛth Eaſt Avenue of the ſaid Bꝛidge as afoꝛeſaid, ſhall be conſidered, and may, in all Times to come, be uſed, as Part of the Cemetery of the ſaid Church; any thing herein befoꝛe contained to the contraꝛy thereof in any wiſe notwithſtanding: But if the Pavement there ſhall be bꝛoke up on account of the burying any Perſons, the ſame ſhall be laid down, repaired, and made good, from time to time, by the Churchwardens foꝛ the time being of the ſaid United Pariſhes.

and the Ground laid into the North Eaſt Avenue of the Bridge may be uſed as a Cemetery;

but the Pavement broke up on that Account is to be relaid by the Churchwardens.

And it is hereby further enacted by the Authoꝛity afoꝛeſaid, That the ſaid Mayoꝛ, Aldermen, and Commons, in Common Council aſſembled, ſhall, with all convenient Speed, cauſe to be erected, built, and finiſhed, in a ſuitable and ſubſtantial Manner, in the Church Yard of the ſaid Church, on the South Side thereof, near the South Weſt Angle of the ſame Church, a pꝛoper and commodious Veſtry Room foꝛ the Service of the ſaid Church, with Two Dooꝛs, One opening into the Church, and the other into the Church Yard; and alſo a pꝛoper Engine Houſe to adjoin to the ſaid Veſtry Room foꝛ the Reception and Pꝛeſervation of the Fire Engine of the ſaid United

The City is alſo to build a commodious Veſtry Room,

and Engine Houſe, in the Church Yard.

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Pariſhes, and the Utenſils belonging thereto; and ſuch Veſtry Room and Engine Houſe, ſhall be conſidered as Part of the public Works of the ſaid Church.

and the Materials of ſuch Part of the Fabric as ſhall be taken down are veſted in the City;

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That all the Stone, Timber, Lead, Iron, Glaſs, and other Materials of ſuch Part of the Fabric of the ſaid Church, as ſhall be taken down by virtue and in purſuance of this Act, ſhall be, and the ſame are hereby, veſted in the ſaid Mayor and Commonalty, and Citizens of the ſaid City, and their Succeſſors; and ſuch of the ſaid Materials as ſhall be found proper or ſerviceable for that Purpoſe, ſhall be uſed or employed in the Works directed by this Act, and the Reſidue thereof the ſaid Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons, in Common Council aſſembled, ſhall forthwith cauſe to be ſold, for the beſt Price or Prices that can be gotten for the ſame; and the Monies to ariſe by ſuch Sale ſhall be paid over to the Churchwardens for the time being of the ſaid United Pariſhes, for the better Suſtentation of the ſaid Works and Ornaments of the ſaid Church.

and what ſhall be found proper, may be employed in the Works; and the reſt is to be ſold;

and the Money paid over to the Churchwardens for the Suſtentation of the ſaid Works, &c.

And it is hereby further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That the clear yearly Sum of Thirteen Pounds ſhall, in Compenſation for any Loſſes which may hereafter be ſuſtained by the Rector and Pariſhioners for the time being of the ſaid United Pariſhes reſpectively, in conſequence of this Act, be, and the ſame is hereby, charged and chargeable for ever upon all and ſingular the Manors, Meſſuages, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, of the City of London, commonly called The Bridge-houſe Eſtates, and ſhall be payable and paid half-yearly out of the Rents, Iſſues, and Profits thereof, by equal Payments, on Lady-day and Michaelmas-day in every Year, in Manner following; that is to ſay, The Sum of Five Pounds, Part of the ſaid yearly Sum of Thirteen Pounds, to the Rector of the ſaid United Pariſhes for the time being, for his own proper Uſe and Benefit; and the Sum of Eight Pounds, Reſidue of the ſaid yearly Sum of Thirteen Pounds, to the Churchwardens for the time being of the ſaid United Pariſhes, for the better Suſtentation of the Works and Ornaments of the ſaid Church: the Firſt of which ſaid half-yearly Payments ſhall begin and be made on Michaelmas-day One thouſand ſeven hundred and ſixty two.

and the City is to pay, by way of Compenſation, 13*l.* *per Annum*, chargeable on the *Bridge-houſe Eſtates*;

to be paid half yearly, *viz.*

5*l.* thereof to the Rector;

and 8*l.* to the Churchwardens for the Suſtentation of the ſaid Works, &c.

to commence on 29 *Sept.* 1762.

Charges of this Act to be paid out of the Money granted by Parliament for improving the Bridge.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That the Charges and Expences of obtaining and paſſing this preſent Act, and of carrying the ſame into Execution, ſhall be paid out of the Monies already granted, or to be granted, by Authority of Parliament, for improving, widening,

widening, and enlarging the Paſſage over and through London Bridge.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That all and every the Powers, Clauſes, Proviſoes, Matters, and Things, contained in the ſaid recited Act of the Twenty ninth Year of His ſaid late Majeſty, and alſo in another Act made in the Thirty firſt Year of His ſaid late Majeſty, intituled, 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, ſhall, ſo far as they, or any of them, are applicable to this preſent Act, be extended to, and be in full Force and executed, as well for the Purpoſes of this Act as of the ſaid former Acts, 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. Powers, &c. in the recited Act of 29 *Geo.* II. and 31 *Geo.* II. extended in all applicable Caſes to this Act.

And be it further 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 Calendar Months next after the Fact done, and ſhall be laid or brought in the City of London, 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 the 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 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 Nonſuit, or ſuffer a Diſcontinuance of his, her, or their Action or Actions, or if a Verdict ſhall paſs 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. Limitation of Actions. General Iſſue. Treble Coſts.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, 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. Publick Act.

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