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CAP. XXIV.

An Act for making certain Navigable Cuts from the Towns of *Buckingham*, *Aylesbury*, and *Wendover*, in the County of *Buckingham*, to communicate with the Grand Junction Navigation, authorized to be made by an Act of the last Session of Parliament; and for amending the said Act.

[28th *March* 1794.]

Preamble recites Act 33 Geo. III.

WHEREAS an Act was passed in the last Session of Parliament, *for making and maintaining a Navigable Canal, from the* Oxford *Canal Navigation at* Braunston, *in the County of* Northampton, *to join the River* Thames, *at or near* Brentford, *in the County of* Middlesex, *and also certain Collateral Cuts from the said intended Canal*; and by the said Act several Persons are united and made One Body Politick and Corporate, by the Name and Stile of *The Company of Proprietors of the Grand Junction Canal*, for making the said Canal and Collateral Cuts, and the several other Works necessary for carrying the said Act into Execution: And whereas, by Levels and Surveys lately taken, it appears that the Navigable Cuts herein-after described may be made to join and communicate with the said Grand Junction Navigation; which would be of great Benefit and Advantage to all Persons residing or having Estates near the said Cuts, and of publick Utility: But the same

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cannot be effected without the Authority of Parliament: 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 it ſhall be lawful for the ſaid Company of Proprietors, and they are hereby authorized and impowered, by virtue of the ſaid recited Act and this Act, by themſelves, their Deputies, Agents, Officers, Workmen, and Servants, to make, complete, and maintain, a Navigable Cut from the Town of *Buckingham*, through the Pariſh of *Buckingham*, the Hamlet of *Bourton*, the Pariſhes of *Maids Morton*, *Foſcote*, *Thornborough*, *Leckhampſted*, *Thornton*, *Beachampton*, and *Calverton*, in the County of *Buckingham*, and the Pariſhes of *Wicken*, *Paſſenham*, the Hamlet of *Denſhanger*, in the Pariſh of *Paſſenham*, and *Old Stratford*, in the County of *Northampton*, to join the Collateral Cut authorized to be made by the ſaid Act, from the Grand Junction Canal to *Old Stratford* aforeſaid; and alſo a Navigable Cut from the Town of *Ayleſbury*, in the ſaid County of *Buckingham*, through the Townſhip of *Ayleſbury*, the Hamlet of *Walton*, in the Pariſh of *Ayleſbury*, the Hamlet of *Broughton*, in the Pariſh of *Bierton*, the Pariſhes of *Aſton Clinton*, *Buckland*, and *Drayton Beauchamp*, in the County of *Buckingham*, and the Pariſh of *Puttenham*, and the Hamlet of *Wilſton*, in the Pariſh of *Tring*, in the County of *Hertford*, to join the Grand Junction Canal in the Pariſh of *Marſworth*, in the County of *Buckingham*; and alſo to make navigable the Cut or Feeder now making, or intended to be made, from the Town of *Wendover*, in the County of *Buckingham*, to the Summit Level of the ſaid Grand Junction Canal at *Bulbourne*, in the ſaid Pariſh of *Tring*; and alſo to make, erect, execute, do, and perform, all ſuch Works, Matters, and Things, as ſhall be requiſite and convenient for making, completing, and maintaining, the ſaid ſeveral Cuts, and the Navigation thereof, and for ſupplying the ſame with Water, according to the true Intent and Meaning of this Act; and the ſaid recited Act, and the ſeveral Powers, Authorities, Proviſions, Rates of Tonnage and Wharfage, and other Matters and Things, therein contained, ſo far as the Nature and Circumſtances of the Caſe will admit (ſubject to the ſeveral Alterations and Amendments herein-after made to the ſaid Act) ſhall be uſed and exerciſed by the ſaid Company of Proprietors, their Deputies, Agents, Officers, Workmen, and Servants, and ſhall be applied, enforced, and put in Execution, for making, completing, preſerving, and maintaining, the ſaid ſeveral Cuts, and for ſupplying the ſame from Time to Time with Water, and alſo for making, erecting, doing, and performing, all ſuch other Works, Matters, and Things, as they ſhall think neceſſary or expedient for the Benefit of the Navigation of the ſaid ſeveral Cuts, and alſo for making any other Navigable Cuts, and any Railways or Roads, to or from the Cuts herein-before deſcribed, and for defraying the Expences thereof; and ſhall and may alſo be uſed and exerciſed by the Owners and Proprietors of Lands lying near or adjoining to the ſaid Cuts, or any of them, in ſuch and the like Manner, and as fully and effectually, to all Intents and Purpoſes, as if the ſeveral Powers, Authorities, Proviſions, Rates of Tonnage and Wharfage, and other Matters and Things, contained in the ſaid Act, were repeated and re-enacted in the Body of this preſent Act, and as if the Cuts, and other Works by this Act authorized to be made, compleated, and maintained, had been

Power to make new Cuts.

been deſcribed in the ſaid Act, as Part of the Works to be made and done by virtue of the ſaid Act; and the like Exemptions from the Payment of the ſaid Rates of Tonnage and Wharfage as are allowed by the ſaid recited Act, for or in reſpect of any Articles which ſhall be navigated, carried, or conveyed, upon the Grand Junction Canal and Collateral Cuts thereby authorized to be made, ſhall be allowed for or in reſpect of the like Kind of Articles which ſhall be navigated, carried, or conveyed, upon the ſaid Cuts herein-before deſcribed.

Plans and Books of Reference of the Cuts, depoſited with the Clerks of the Peace, to remain there.

II. And whereas Maps or Plans, deſcribing the Lines of the ſaid Cuts, and the Lands through which the ſame are to be carried, together with Books of Reference, containing Liſts of the Names of the Owners or reputed Owners and Occupiers of ſuch Lands, have been depoſited at the Offices of the Clerks of the Peace for the reſpective Counties through which the ſaid Cuts are reſpectively to be made; be it therefore further enacted, That the ſaid Maps or Plans, and Books of Reference, ſhall remain in the Cuſtody of the reſpective Clerks of the Peace for the ſaid Counties, to the End that all Perſons may at any ſeaſonable Times have Liberty to inſpect and peruſe the ſame, and to take Copies or Extracts thereof at their Will and Pleaſure, paying the Clerk of the Peace the Sum of One Shilling for every ſuch Inſpection, and after the Rate of Sixpence for every Two hundred Words of ſuch Copies or Extracts of the ſaid Book of Reference.

The Lines aſcertained by the Plans, *etc.*

III. And be it further enacted, That the ſaid Company of Proprietors, in making any of the Cuts by this Act authorized to be made, or the Canal, or any of the Cuts authorized to be made by the ſaid recited Act, ſhall not deviate more than One hundred Yards from the Lines or Courſes thereof deſcribed in the Maps or Plans depoſited with the reſpective Clerks of the Peace for the Counties in which the ſame ſhall reſpectively be made, and which Deviation of One hundred Yards the ſaid Company of Proprietors may cauſe to be made, if they judge it expedient, except in ſuch Part of the ſaid Cut from the Town of *Wendover* to the Grand Junction Canal at *Bulbourne*, as leads through the Pariſh of *Halton*, in the County of *Buckingham*, which ſhall be continued in the Courſe the ſame is already made, and no Deviation ſhall be made therefrom without the Conſent of Sir *John Daſhwood* Baronet, the Owner of the Lands within the ſaid Pariſh of *Halton*; and it ſhall be lawful for the ſaid Company of Proprietors to cauſe the ſaid Canal and Cuts, or any of them, to be made and carried through any Lands or Grounds, of any Deſcription whatſoever, lying within the Line thereof, aſcertained and deſcribed in the ſaid Plans and Books of Reference reſpectively, although the ſame may not have been particularly mentioned for that Purpoſe in the ſaid recited Act: Provided always, That no ſuch Deviation as aforeſaid ſhall be made into or carried through the Lands of any Perſon not named in the Books of Reference depoſited with ſuch Plans reſpectively, without the Conſent in Writing of ſuch Perſon, and that no Advantage ſhall be taken of or againſt the ſaid Company of Proprietors, or any Interruption be given to the making of the ſaid Cuts, or any of them, on Account of any Error or Omiſſion whatſoever in the ſaid Books of Reference, in caſe it ſhall appear to any Five or more of the Commiſſioners appointed in or by virtue of the ſaid recited Act, and be certified by Writing under their Hands, that ſuch Error or Omiſſion proceeded from Miſtake; any

Thing herein-before or in the ſaid recited Act contained to the contrary notwithſtanding.

Reſtrictions reſpecting the Manſion Houſe of Mr. *Sheppard.*

IV. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That the ſaid Company of Proprietors ſhall and are hereby required, at all Times, to pen and keep up the Water in the ſaid intended Canal from *Buckingham* to *Old Stratford*, at *Thornton*, in the ſaid County of *Buckingham*, to the Height the preſent Flood Gates can pen and keep up the ſame, and that no Towing Path ſhall be made or uſed on the Side of the ſaid Canal next to the Manſion Houſe of *Thomas Sheppard*, of *Thornton* aforeſaid, Eſquire, or on any Part of the Manor of *Thornton*, on the Side of the ſaid Manſion Houſe, and that the Side of the Bank of any Towing Path which ſhall be made on the other Side of the ſaid Canal, in the Front of the ſaid Manſion Houſe and Gardens, ſhall be regularly formed and ſloped, and the ſaid Towing Path ſhall be covered with Gravel, and kept in good Order and Condition, and that no Stones, Timber, Dung, or Materials whatſoever, ſhall be laid or placed upon ſuch Towing Path, or on the Side of the Bank thereof, or on either of the Banks or Sides of the ſaid Canal, in the Front of the ſaid Manſion Houſe and Gardens, or on any Part of the ſaid Manor of *Thornton*, without the Conſent of the ſaid *Thomas Sheppard*, his Heirs or Aſſigns, and that the ſaid Company of Proprietors ſhall cauſe ſuch Part of the ſaid Canal as ſhall be in Front of the ſaid Manſion Houſe and Gardens to be kept free from Weeds.

Mr. *Sheppard* may uſe Pleaſure Boats.

V. Provided alſo, and be it further enacted, That the ſaid *Thomas Sheppard*, and the Occupier for the Time being of his ſaid Manſion Houſe, ſhall have full and free Liberty to uſe any Pleaſure Boat upon the ſaid Canal, and to paſs and repaſs through the Lock or Locks which may be erected upon the ſaid Canal, at the Head of Water upon which a certain Corn Mill, in the Pariſh of *Thornton* aforeſaid, belonging to the ſaid *Thomas Sheppard*, now ſtands, or within or oppoſite to the ſaid Manor of *Thornton*, without paying any Rate or Tonnage to the ſaid Company of Proprietors for the ſame; any Thing in the ſaid recited Act to the contrary notwithſtanding.

Drains to be made for drawing the Water from Mr. *Sheppard*'s Fiſh Ponds.

VI. And be it further enacted, That the ſaid Company of Proprietors ſhall and are hereby required, at their own proper Coſts and Charges, to make, and for ever ſupport and keep in good Repair, proper and ſufficient Drains, under the Bed of the ſaid intended Canal, ſo as to enable the ſaid *Thomas Sheppard*, his Heirs or Aſſigns, to draw off the Water from the Fiſh Ponds, Stews, and Oſier Beds, belonging to the ſaid *Thomas Sheppard*, in *Thornton* aforeſaid, near the Line of the ſaid intended Canal.

Mr. *Sheppard* may draw off the Water of the Canal at the Lock at *Thornton* Mill Three Times a Year.

VII. And be it further enacted, That it ſhall be lawful for the ſaid *Thomas Sheppard*, his Heirs or Aſſigns, Three Times in every Year (but not oftener), at ſuch Times as he or they ſhall think proper, to draw off the Water of the ſaid Canal at the Lock or Locks to be erected at the Head of Water at *Thornton* Mill as aforeſaid, or within or oppoſite to the Manor of *Thornton*, in order to take the Fiſh within ſuch Part of the ſaid Canal as ſhall lie in the ſaid Pariſh of *Thornton*, without any Hindrance or Interruption of the ſaid Company of Proprietors, or any Perſon acting under their Authority, the ſaid *Thomas Sheppard*, his Heirs or Aſſigns,

Aſſigns, giving Ten Days Notice in Writing to the ſaid Company of Proprietors, by delivering the ſame to the Clerk or Clerks of the ſaid Company of Proprietors, or by leaving the ſame at their principal Office for the Time being, of his Intention of drawing off the ſaid Water for the Purpoſe aforeſaid, and that it ſhall alſo be lawful for the ſaid *Thomas Sheppard*, his Heirs or Aſſigns, to make uſe of the Flood Gates upon the ſaid Canal, within the ſaid Pariſh of *Thornton*, for the Purpoſe of taking or catching of Eels.

No Building or Mill to be erected oppoſite Mr. *Sheppard*'s Manſion Houſe or Gardens.

VIII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That the ſaid Company of Proprietors ſhall not build or erect, or cauſe to be built or erected, any Warehouſe or Building within the ſaid Pariſh or Manor of *Thornton*, or oppoſite to the ſaid Manſion Houſe or Gardens, or any Mill within or oppoſite to the ſaid Pariſh or Manor, without the Conſent of the ſaid *Thomas Sheppard*, his Heirs or Aſſigns; any Thing in this Act to the contrary hereof notwithſtanding.

Company obliged to change the Road in *Aſton* Fields, if required.

IX. And be it further enacted, That the Towing Path to the ſaid Cut, from the Town of *Wendover* to the ſaid Canal at *Bulbourne*, ſhall be carried through the Open and Common Fields of *Aſton Clinton*, on the South Side of the ſaid Cut, as the ſame is already made, and that the Road or Field Way lying between the ſaid Cut and the incloſed Lands and Grounds of Major General *Lake*, in the ſaid Pariſh of *Aſhton Clinton*, ſhall be changed and carried on the South Side of the ſaid Cut, in caſe the Majority of Proprietors of *Sandwell Down* and *Middle Down* Common Fields, in the ſaid Pariſh of *Aſton Clinton*, ſhall be deſirous, for their Convenience, that the ſaid Courſe ſhall be changed; and ſhall, by Writing under their Hands, to be delivered to any of the principal Agents of the ſaid Company of Proprietors, ſo ſignify ſuch Deſire, then the ſaid Company of Proprietors ſhall and are hereby required to permit and ſuffer the Towing Path ſo to be made on the South Side of ſuch Part of the ſaid Cut as ſhall lie between the Bridge to be erected acroſs the ſaid intended Canal, upon the Road leading to *Wendover* from the *Berkhamſtead* Turnpike Road, and the other Bridge to be erected acroſs the ſaid intended Canal, on the Road leading from *Aſton Clinton* aforeſaid towards the publick Road called *Icknall Way*, to be uſed as a publick Highway in lieu of the ſaid preſent Road or Way over the ſaid Fields, and to keep the ſame in good and ſufficient Repair and Condition for that Purpoſe, or elſe to ſet out and make, at their own Expence, a good and ſufficient Road, adjoining to and on the South Side of the ſaid Cut, or of the Towing Path to be made on the South Side thereof, within the Limits aforeſaid, and the ſame ſhall for ever afterwards be uſed as a publick and common Highway; and that as ſoon as ſuch Towing Path or new Road ſhall be made and completed, fit and proper for the Paſſage of Travellers and Carriages, and ſhall be deemed ſo to be by any Five or more of the Commiſſioners appointed by virtue of the ſaid Act, the Land conſtituting the preſent Road or Way through the ſaid Fields called *Sandwell Down* and *Middle Down* Common Fields, lying next the Incloſures of the ſaid Major General *Lake*, in *Aſton Clinton* aforeſaid, ſhall become veſted in the ſaid Company of Proprietors, and may be diſpoſed of as they ſhall think proper.

X. And

Company impowered to sell Lands not used for the Navigation.

X. And whereas the said Company of Proprietors may have already purchased, or may hereafter purchase, Lands or Buildings not necessary to be made use of for the Purposes of the said recited Act, or this Act: Be it therefore further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Company of Proprietors to sell any such Lands or Buildings, and by Writing under their Common Seal, to convey the same to the Purchaser or Purchasers thereof, according to the Form prescribed in the said recited Act for the Conveyance of Lands to the said Company, or to the like Effect, and every such Sale and Conveyance shall be valid and effectual, and the Money arising thereby shall be applied for the Purposes of the said recited Act, and this Act.

Number of Proxies to be delivered by One Proprietor increased.

XI. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for any Proprietor of the said Grand Junction Canal to give and deliver Proxies for the Purpose of voting at any General Assembly of the said Company of Proprietors for any Number of absent Proprietors, not exceeding Ten; any Thing in the said Act to the contrary hereof notwithstanding.

Committees to be appointed annually in *June*, and Vacancies to be filled up at the other Assemblies.

XII. And be it further enacted, That the General Assembly of the said Company of Proprietors, by the said Act directed to be holden upon the First *Tuesday* in the Month of *May*, in every Year, shall for the future, instead of that Day, be held upon the First *Tuesday* in the Month of *June* in every Year, and that every Committee of the said Company of Proprietors to be appointed by virtue of the said Act, for the Purpose of managing the Affairs of the said Company, shall be appointed at a General Assembly of the said Company to be held as aforesaid, upon the First *Tuesday* in the Month of *June* in every Year, and at no other Time; and every such Committee shall continue for One Year from the Time of their Appointment; any Thing in the said Act to the contrary hereof notwithstanding: Provided nevertheless, that it shall be lawful for the said Company of Proprietors, at their other General Assemblies, to appoint any of the Proprietors of the said Navigation, qualified to serve upon Committees, to fill up any Vacancy that may have happened in any such Committee by Death or otherwise, and every Person so appointed shall have the same Power to act as a Committee Man, as if he had been originally appointed of the Committee.

Quorum of Committees (not being General Committees) reduced.

XIII. And be it further enacted, That all the Powers and Authorities by the said Act vested in or directed to be exercised by any Committee of the said Company of Proprietors (other than and except General Committees) may be done and exercised by the major Part of such Committee at their respective Meetings, the whole Number present at any such Meeting not being less than Three, and the same shall be as valid and effectual as if done and exercised by the whole Committee; any Thing in the said Act to the contrary hereof notwithstanding.

Forfeitures of Shares for not answering the Calls repealed.

XIV. And whereas the Proprietors of Shares in the said Navigation, who neglect or refuse to pay their rateable Calls made on them, or the Proportions of the Money due thereon, according to the Directions of the said Act, are by the said Act made liable to forfeit their Shares for such Neglect or Refusal; which Forfeiture might be a great Hardship upon such Persons: Be it therefore further enacted, That so much of the said Act as subjects any of the Proprietors of Shares in the said Naviga-

tion who ſhall refuſe or neglect to pay their rateable Calls, or the Proportions of the Money due thereon, to forfeit their Shares for the Uſe and Benefit of the ſaid Company, ſhall be and is hereby repealed.

So many Shares of Perſons not anſwering Calls, may be ſold as will raiſe the Sum due.

XV. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That in caſe any Proprietor of a Share or Shares in the ſaid Navigation ſhall at any Time neglect or refuſe to anſwer and pay the Calls made upon him or her within the Time and in Manner preſcribed by the ſaid Act for making ſuch Payment, it ſhall be lawful for the ſaid Company of Proprietors to cauſe to be ſold the Share or Shares belonging to ſuch Perſon, or ſo many thereof (if more than One) as will raiſe a ſufficient Sum of Money to make good the Money ſo called for, with lawful Intereſt for ſuch Money from the Time the ſame ſhall have been due, and alſo all Charges and Expences occaſioned by ſuch Neglect or Refuſal, and by Writing under their Common Seal, to convey the ſame to the Purchaſer or Purchaſers thereof, according to the Form and in Manner by the ſaid Act directed with reſpect to the Sale of Shares in the ſaid Navigation; and every ſuch Sale and Conveyance ſhall be as valid and effectual as if made by the former Owner, and out of the Money ariſing by ſuch Sale, the ſaid Company of Proprietors are hereby empowered to deduct and retain the Sum due to them from ſuch Perſon on Account of his or her Share or Shares in the ſaid Navigation, together with Intereſt for the ſame as aforeſaid, and alſo all Expences attending ſuch Neglect or Refuſal, and Sale; and if there ſhall be any Overplus of ſuch Money, the ſame ſhall, by the ſaid Company of Proprietors, be paid, upon Demand, to the Perſon who was the Proprietor of the ſaid Share or Shares before ſuch Sale was made, his or her Executors or Adminiſtrators, the Perſon or Perſons receiving ſuch Money giving to the ſaid Company of Proprietors a proper Receipt or Diſcharge for the ſame.

Company not obliged to admit Land Owners to Shares, but under certain Conditions.

XVI. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That the ſaid Company of Proprietors ſhall not be obliged to admit any Perſon, or Body Politick, Corporate, or Collegiate, to be a Proprietor of any Share in the Navigation authorized to be made by virtue of this Act, on Account of his, her, or their being Owner or Owners, or in the actual Poſſeſſion, or entitled to the Rents and Profits of Lands to be cut through, taken, or uſed for making the ſaid Cuts, or any of them, by virtue of this Act, until the Land belonging to him or them ſo to be cut through, taken, or uſed, ſhall have been actually purchaſed by the ſaid Company of Proprietors, or until the Perſon, or Body Politick, Corporate, or Collegiate, deſiring to be admitted a Proprietor or Proprietors, according to the Directions of the ſaid recited Act, ſhall have paid to the ſaid Company the like Sum of Money upon every Share to which he, ſhe, or they, ſhall claim or deſire to be admitted, as the Sum which ſhall have been paid to the ſaid Company upon any other of the Shares in the ſame Undertaking, and no ſuch Perſon ſhall be entitled to any ſuch Share, who ſhall not give Notice, in Writing, to the Clerk or Clerks of the ſaid Company, within Twelve Months after the paſſing of this Act, of his or her Intention to become a Subſcriber for the ſame, and after ſuch Notice given, he or ſhe ſhall be compellable to become a Subſcriber, in Proportion to the Extent of his or her Land, when the ſame ſhall be cut through as aforeſaid; and the ſaid Company of Proprietors (in caſe of Failure of Payment of the Money due upon ſuch Shares, in Proportion to what may

have been paid by other Proprietors) ſhall have Power to deduct the ſame out of the Purchaſe Money for his or her Land.

Company may allow Intereſt to Proprietors paying up their Subſcriptions before called for.

XVII. And whereas ſome of the Proprietors of the ſaid Grand Junction Canal may be deſirous of paying the Whole of their Subſcriptions, or a greater Part thereof than their proportional Shares, before the ſame ſhall be called for, upon being allowed Intereſt for the ſame; be it therefore further enacted, That if any ſuch Proprietor ſhall, with the Conſent and by the Direction of the General Committee of the ſaid Company, pay to the Treaſurer of the ſaid Company of Proprietors the Whole of their Subſcription, or any greater Sum of Money than would have become payable by the Calls to be made by the ſaid Committee, by virtue of the Powers in the ſaid recited Act, it ſhall be lawful for the ſaid General Committee, and they are hereby required to order and direct Intereſt to be paid to every ſuch Perſon for ſuch Money, after the Rate of Five Pounds *per Centum per Annum*, from the Time of ſuch Payment, until the Time or Times ſuch Perſons would have been obliged to pay ſuch Money in purſuance of the Calls to be made by the ſaid Committee, by virtue of the ſaid Act, and ſuch Intereſt ſhall be paid to him or her accordingly.

Regulation for transferring Shares.

XVIII. And, for the Prevention of Fraud in the transferring of Shares in the ſaid Grand Junction Canal, and for the better regulating the ſame; be it further enacted, That, from and after the Firſt Day of *June* One thouſand ſeven hundred and ninety-four, no Sale or Transfer of any Share in the ſaid Navigation ſhall be valid and effectual, unleſs the Deed of Transfer or Conveyance thereof ſhall be prepared by the Clerk or Clerks to the ſaid Company of Proprietors, and executed by the Party or Parties transferring and the Party or Parties accepting in the Preſence of ſuch Clerk or Clerks, or his or their Deputy or Deputies, conſtituted and appointed by Writing under his or their Hand or Hands; and in caſe the Perſon or Perſons making any ſuch Sale or Transfer, or the Perſon or Perſons to whom the ſame ſhall be made, cannot attend to execute the Deed of Transfer or Conveyance, then the ſame ſhall in like Manner be executed by the Attorney of ſuch Perſon or Perſons lawfully conſtituted; and every ſuch Transfer or Conveyance, when executed, ſhall be duly filed, and a Copy of ſuch Transfer or Conveyance, with a Certificate of ſuch filing and regiſtering, ſigned by the ſaid Clerk or Clerks, or his or their Deputy or Deputies as aforeſaid, ſhall be delivered to the Party to whom any ſuch Share ſhall be ſold and transferred; and the ſaid Clerk or Clerks ſhall not be entitled to receive any more, for his or their Trouble in preparing and attending the Execution of every ſuch Transfer or Conveyance, and the making the Copy thereof, and the Certificate of ſuch filing and regiſtering as aforeſaid, than the Sum of Ten Shillings; and every ſuch Letter of Attorney ſhall in like Manner be prepared by the ſaid Clerk or Clerks to the ſaid Company, and ſhall be executed in the Preſence of Two credible Witneſſes, ſpecifying their reſpective Places of Abode and Profeſſions, or other Additions, and the ſame ſhall be delivered to and filed by the Clerk or Clerks of the ſaid Company, or his or their Deputy or Deputies as aforeſaid, at the Time of the Execution of ſuch Transfer or Conveyance, for the preparing of which ſaid Letter of Attorney, and for the filing thereof, no greater or other Fee than the Sum of Two Shillings and Sixpence ſhall be taken; and that every ſuch Deed

of Transfer or Conveyance as aforeſaid ſhall be executed at the principal Office of the ſaid Company of Proprietors.

Proprietors to be taxed for Lands and Buildings in ſame Proportion as adjoining Lands and Buildings.

XIX. And be it further enacted, That the ſaid Company of Proprietors ſhall from Time to Time be rated to all Parliamentary and Parochial Taxes and Aſſeſſments, for and in reſpect of the Lands and Grounds already purchaſed or taken, or to be purchaſed or taken, and all Warehouſes or other Buildings to be erected by the ſaid Company of Proprietors, in purſuance of the ſaid recited Act and this Act, in the ſame Proportion as other Lands, Grounds, and Buildings, lying near the ſame are or ſhall be rated, and as the ſame Lands, Grounds, and Buildings, ſo purchaſed or taken, or to be purchaſed or taken, and erected, would be rateable in caſe the ſame were the Property of Individuals in their natural Capacity.

Publick Act.

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

FINIS.