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An Act to explain and enlarge the Powers contained in the Charter of the *Royal Exchange* Assurance of Houses and Goods from Fire. [7th *March* 1796.]

WHEREAS the Corporation called *The Royal Exchange Assurance of Houses and Goods from Fire*, is, by virtue of a Charter of His late Majesty King *George* the First, under the Great Seal of *Great Britain*, bearing Date at *Westminster* the Twenty-ninth Day of *April*, in the Seventh Year of His said Majesty's Reign, empowered to make any Contract for any Assurance or Assurances of the Life or Lives of any Person or Persons whatsoever, or for any Assurance or Assurances of any Houses, Outhouses, Warehouses, Chambers, or other Edifices or Buildings, or of any Goods, Wares, or Merchandizes whatsoever, in *England*, *Wales*, or the Town of *Berwick upon Tweed*, or within the Kingdom of *Ireland*, or within any other of the King's Dominions beyond the Seas, or of any Goods, Wares, or Merchandizes, whatsoever, from Fire: And whereas Doubts have arisen, and may arise, whether, under the said Charter, the said Corporation hath Power to make Assurance of any Life or Lives whatsoever, or of any Houses, Outhouses, Warehouses, Chambers, or other Edifices or Buildings, or of any Goods, Wares, or Merchandizes, in any Parts or Places, except those recited in the said Charter: For removing of which Doubts, May it please Your Majesty that it may be enacted; and be it enacted by the

Preamble recites Charter of *7 Geo.* I.

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, from and after the paſſing of this Act, it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the *Royal Exchange* Aſſurance of Houſes and Goods from Fire, and the ſaid *Royal Exchange* Aſſurance of Houſes and Goods from Fire, and their Succeſſors, are hereby authorized and empowered to make all and every the ſaid Aſſurances of the Life or Lives of any Perſon or Perſons whatſoever, or of any Houſes, Outhouſes, Warehouſes, Chambers, or other Edifices or Buildings, or of any Goods, Wares, or Merchandizes, from Fire, in all Parts and Places whatſoever, within any of His Majeſty's Dominions, or elſewhere, in like Manner, and to the ſame Extent, as they are reſpectively empowered to do by the ſaid Charter in the Places therein ſpecified.

The Corporation empowered to make Aſſurances within any Part of His Majeſty's Dominions, or elſewhere.

II. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That if any Action or Suit ſhall be commenced, brought, or proſecuted, againſt the ſaid Corporation of the *Royal Exchange* Aſſurance of Houſes and Goods from Fire, by any Perſon or Perſons, Bodies Politick or Corporate, for or concerning any Aſſurance or Aſſurances by the ſaid recited Charter, or hereby authorized to be made, or relating to the Powers hereby granted, or concerning any other Matter or Thing herein, or in the ſaid Charter above recited, contained; the ſaid Corporation and their Succeſſors may, in ſuch Action or Suit, plead the General Iſſue, and give the Special Matter in Evidence.

If any Action be brought againſt the Corporation, they may plead the General Iſſue, and give the ſpecial Matter in Evidence.

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

Publick Act.

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