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CAP. XXXIII.

An Act for extending the Term of the Tax on Lands, and Tolls on Goods, Wares, and Merchandizes, granted by an Act, paſſed in the Thirty-fifth Year of the Reign of His preſent Majeſty, intituled, *An Act for improving the Drainage of the Middle and South Levels, Part of the Great Level of the Fens called* Bedford Level, *and the Low Lands adjoining or near to the ſaid Levels, as alſo the Lands adjoining or near to the River* Ouze, *in the County of* Norfolk, *draining through the ſame to Sea by the Harbour of* King's Lynn, *in the ſaid County*; *and for altering and improving the Navigation of the ſaid River* Ouze, *from or near a Place called* Eau Brink, *in the Pariſh of* Wiggenhall Saint Mary, *in*

the ſaid County, to the ſaid Harbour of King's Lynn; *and for improving and preſerving the Navigation of the ſeveral Rivers communicating with the ſaid River* Ouze.

[7th *March* 1796.]

Preamble.

35 *Geo.* III, Cap. 77, recited.

WHEREAS an Act was made in the Thirty-fifth Year of the Reign of His preſent Majeſty, intituled, *An Act for improving the Drainage of the Middle and South Levels, Part of the Great Level of the Fens called* Bedford Level, *and the Low Lands adjoining or near to the ſaid Levels, as alſo the Lands adjoining or near to the River* Ouze, *in the County of* Norfolk, *draining through the ſame to Sea by the Harbour of* King's Lynn, *in the ſaid County; and for altering and improving the Navigation of the ſaid River* Ouze, *from or near a Place called* Eau Brink, *in the Pariſh of* Wiggenhall Saint Mary, *in the ſaid County, to the ſaid Harbour of* King's Lynn; *and for improving and preſerving the Navigation of the ſeveral Rivers communicating with the ſaid River* Ouze: And whereas by the ſaid Act a Yearly Tax of Four-pence *per* Acre is rated, taxed, charged, and aſſeſſed upon certain Lands, Grounds, and Commons therein deſcribed; and alſo a Toll of Four-pence *per* Ton is charged upon certain Goods, Wares, and Merchandizes, for the Term of Ten Years: And whereas the Commiſſioners for Drainage under the ſaid Act are empowered to borrow and take up at Intereſt any Sum or Sums of Money they ſhall think proper, not exceeding the Sum of Seventy thouſand Pounds, upon the Credit of the ſaid Tax upon Lands, Grounds, and Commons, and on the Proportion of the ſaid Tolls therein directed to be paid to them by the Commiſſioners for Navigation under the ſaid Act, and alſo upon the bare Sands and Channel thereby veſted in Truſt for the ſaid Commiſſioners for Drainage: And whereas the Commiſſioners for Navigation under the ſaid Act are empowered to borrow and take up at Intereſt any Sum or Sums of Money they ſhall think proper, not exceeding the Sum of Eight thouſand Pounds, upon the Credit of the Proportion of the Tolls by the ſaid Act directed to be retained by them: And whereas, for raiſing and better ſecuring the Re-payment of the Money ſo authorized to be borrowed by the ſaid Act, it is expedient and neceſſary that the Term limited by the ſaid Act for the Payment of the ſaid Tax and Tolls ſhould be extended: 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, for the more expeditious raiſing and better ſecuring the Repayment of all ſuch Monies as may be borrowed under and by virtue of the ſaid recited Act, and for the more effectually providing a ſufficient Fund for the Maintenance and Support of the ſeveral Works thereby directed to be made and executed, it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the ſaid Commiſſioners for Drainage and for Navigation, at any Time previous to the Determination of the Term limited by the ſaid recited Act for collecting the ſaid Tax and Tolls reſpectively, at any publick Meeting to be held

The Term of the Tax and Tolls to be extended.

held for that Purpoſe, of which Notice ſhall be given at leaſt Three Times in the *Norfolk*, *Suffolk*, and *Cambridge* Newſpapers, to order and direct the ſaid Tax of Four-pence *per* Acre, and the ſaid Toll of Four-pence *per* Ton, thereby laid and impoſed, to be continued for any further Term of Years, not exceeding Five Years, to commence and take Effect from the reſpective Determinations of the ſaid Tax and Tolls; and that in caſe the ſaid Tax and Tolls ſhall not, before the Determination of the Term limited by the ſaid recited Act for collecting the ſame, be ordered to be continued in the Manner aforeſaid, and any Monies which may have been borrowed upon the Credit of the ſaid Tax, and on the Proportion of the Tolls directed to be paid to the Commiſſioners for Drainage, or upon the Credit of the Proportion of the ſaid Tolls, which the ſaid Commiſſioners for Navigation are to have the Application of, ſhall remain due and owing at the Expiration of the Term limited for collecting the ſame as aforeſaid, then and in ſuch Caſe the ſaid Commiſſioners for Drainage and for Navigation ſhall, and they are hereby authorized and required, at the next Quarterly Meeting to be held after the Expiration of the ſaid Term, (publick Notice being given of the ſaid Meeting in Manner aforeſaid), to order and direct the ſaid Tax of Four-pence *per* Acre, and the ſaid Toll of Four-pence *per* Ton, to be continued for any further Term of Years, not exceeding Five Years, to commence and take Effect from the reſpective Determinations of the ſaid Tax and Tolls granted by the ſaid recited Act; and that all Monies which ſhall or may be raiſed by the Continuance of the ſaid Tax and Tolls, under and by virtue of the Powers and Authorities hereby given, ſhall be applicable to the ſame Uſes and Purpoſes, and in the ſame Proportions as the Tax and Tolls laid and impoſed by the ſaid recited Act are directed to be applied and apportioned.

The Two-penny Toll on the Navigation not to commence until after the Expiration of the extended Term.

II. And whereas by the ſaid recited Act the Commiſſioners for Navigation are, under particular Circumſtances therein mentioned, authorized, at the Expiration of the ſaid Term of Ten Years, to collect a Toll not exceeding Two-pence *per* Ton for renewing and ſupporting the ſeveral Works neceſſary for the Preſervation and Improvement of the Navigation; be it therefore further enacted, That the Payment of the ſaid Toll of Two-pence *per* Ton ſhall not commence and take Effect until the Expiration of the Term for which the ſaid Toll of Four-pence *per* Ton ſhall be extended.

The Powers of the former Act applicable to this.

III. And be it further enacted, That all and every the Authorities, Powers, Privileges, Proviſions, Exemptions, and Clauſes, contained in the ſaid recited Act, with reſpect to the Tax and Tolls thereby granted, and the Term thereof thereby limited, ſhall be, and the ſame are hereby continued and made applicable from and after the Expiration of the ſaid Term to any further Term to be limited by virtue of this Act for the Payment of the ſaid Tax and Tolls, as fully and effectually, to all Intents and Purpoſes, as if the ſame and every Part thereof were repeated and re-enacted in this Act.

Paying the Expences of the Act.

IV. And be it further enacted, That all the Coſts, Charges, and Expences incident to and attending the obtaining and paſſing of this Act, ſhall be paid by the ſaid Commiſſioners for Drainage, or any Five or more of them, out of any Money already collected or received by virtue

of the ſaid recited Act, or to be collected or received by virtue of the ſaid recited Act and this Act.

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

FINIS.