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An Act for enlarging and improving the Harbour of *Aberdeen*, for building new Quays, Wharfs, and Docks, and for making new Roads and Paſſages, and widening others leading to and from the ſaid Harbour.

[4th *July* 1797.]

WHEREAS by an Act made in the Thirteenth Year of the Reign of His preſent Majeſty, intituled, *An Act for deepening, cleanſing, and making more commodious the Harbour of* Aberdeen, *for erecting new Piers and Quays therein, and for regulating Ships and Veſſels trading into and going out of the ſaid Harbour*, and by another Act paſſed in the Thirty-fifth Year of His ſaid Majeſty's Reign, for continuing and enlarging the Term and Powers of the ſaid Act, the Magiſtrates and City Council of *Aberdeen* were empowered to deepen, cleanſe, ſcour, and preſerve the ſaid Harbour, and to build and erect Piers, Quays, Jettees, Docks, Locks, and other neceſſary Works, for the Improvement of the ſaid Harbour; and certain Rates, Duties, Powers, and Authorities were thereby given and granted for carrying into Execution the Purpoſes of both the ſaid Acts: And whereas conſiderable Progreſs has been made in making and erecting ſundry of the Works by the ſaid Acts directed, and in executing the Powers thereby granted, but the increaſing Trade and Commerce of the ſaid City requires that the ſaid Harbour ſhould

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ſhould be farther extended and improved, by making, erecting, and building of Wet and Dry Docks and Locks for the Accommodation and Careening of Ships and Veſſels reſorting thereto, and of additional Quays, Piers, and other neceſſary Works connected with the foreſaid intended Improvements, and which cannot be properly executed without obtaining a Right to the Property of certain Grounds, Areas, Tenements, Houſes, and other Hereditaments adjacent to the preſent Harbour: 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 Magiſtrates and City Council of *Aberdeen*, and their Succeſſors in Office, or any Five or more of them, and ſuch Perſon or Perſons as they from Time to Time ſhall appoint, ſhall have full Power and Authority, in Terms of the before-recited Acts, not only to enlarge and extend the preſent Quays, Piers, Jettees, and other Works belonging to the ſaid Harbour of *Aberdeen*, but alſo to make, conſtruct, and erect ſuch new Piers, Quays, Docks, Locks, Breaſts, Bridges, Sluices, and other Works, for building, repairing, laying up, lading, and unlading of Ships and Veſſels reſorting thereto, as they from Time to Time ſhall deem neceſſary for rendering the ſaid Harbour more commodious, and for the general Benefit of the Shipping reſorting thereto, and the Trade and Commerce of the ſaid City; and alſo to widen and enlarge the preſent Roads and Paſſages, and to make new Roads, Lanes, or Paſſages to and from the ſaid Harbour, Quays, Piers, Docks, Locks, and other Works aforeſaid.

Magiſtrates and City Council of Aberdeen empowered to erect new Piers, &c.;

II. And be it enacted, That the ſaid Magiſtrates and City Council, and their Succeſſors in Office, or any Five of them, ſhall have full Power and Authority, and they are hereby authorized and empowered, to treat and agree with the Owner or Owners, Leſſee or Leſſees, and Occupiers of the Grounds, Areas, Tenements, Houſes, and other Hereditaments adjacent to that Part of the preſent Harbour, extending from the Mouth or Entry thereof Weſtward, to the South Side of the High Road leading from the Town's Quay through the Shore Lands towards *Garvock's Wynd* and the Common Links, and not farther diſtant than One Hundred and Fifty Yards from the Flood Mark within the foreſaid Limits at High-Water, which they may judge neceſſary for the making, erecting, building, and completing of the ſaid intended new Quays, Piers, Docks, Locks, Roads, Lanes, and Paſſages, and other Works aforeſaid, and to pay ſuch Prices and Value for the ſame as ſhall be ſettled and agreed upon between them and the reſpective Owners, Leſſees, and Occupiers thereof; (that is to ſay,) *Alexander Marr*, Ship Carpenter in *Footdee*; *Peter Dun* of the ſame Place, Vintner; *John Gill* of the ſame Place, Ship Carpenter; *George Auldgo* of *Portlethen*, Merchant in *Aberdeen*; *Hall*, *Buchan*, and Company, Ship Carpenters in *Footdee*; *John Petrie* of the ſame Place, Labourer; *George Main* of the ſame Place, Fiſher; *David Main*, Fiſher in *Newburgh*; *Robert Main*, Fiſher in *Footdee*; *Iſobel Main*, reſiding in the ſame Place; *Margaret Main*, reſiding in the ſame Place; *John Bridgeford* of the ſame Place, Fiſher; *Andrew Forbes*, Fiſher in *Torrie*; *Hannah Leiper*, reſiding in *Footdee*; *Alexander Wales*, Shipmaſter in *Aberdeen*;

and may agree for the Purchaſe of Land for that Purpoſe.

Aberdeen; *John Maſſon*, reſiding at *Portlethen*; *John Smith*, Blackſmith in *Footdee*; *Alexander Mearns*, Merchant in *Aberdeen*; *Ann Smith*, reſiding in *Footdee*; *John Baxter*, Cuſtomhouſe Boatman in *Footdee*; *Jean Lawrence*, reſiding in *Footdee*; *John Baxter* of the ſame Place, Fiſher; *Alexander Wales* of the ſame Place, Fiſher; *Robert Wales* of the ſame Place, Fiſher; *John Simpſon* of the ſame Place, Cow-feeder; *Ann Taylor*, *Jean Taylor*, and *Irvine*, all reſiding in *Footdee*; the Repreſentatives of *David Izzat*, reſiding there; *John Rainie*, Shipmaſter in *Aberdeen*; *George Summers*, Land-Waiter at *Aberdeen*; *James Thomſon* Junior, Merchant in *Aberdeen*; *Catherine Marr*, reſiding in *Footdee*; *William Yeats*, Boatbuilder in *Footdee*; *Alexander Baxter* and *Robert Main*, both of the ſame Place, Fiſhers; *James Mackie*, Shipmaſter in *Aberdeen*; *Andrew Main*, Treaſurer of the *Footdee* Society; *Alexander Balfour*, Lime-Merchant in *Aberdeen*; *William Knowles* of the ſame Place, Wright; *Iſobel Taylor*, reſiding in *Footdee*; *James Davidſon*, reſiding in *Aberdeen*; *Iſobel Davidſon*, reſiding there; *William M'Knight*, Farmer at *Nether Coulie*; *John Roſs*, Shipmaſter in *Aberdeen*; *George Still* of *Millden*, Merchant in *Aberdeen*; *Alexander Brebner* Eſquire, Merchant there; *Thomas Leys* of *Glaſgow Forreſt*, Merchant in *Aberdeen*; *Robert Gibbon* and *James Gibbon*, both Merchants in *Aberdeen*; *William Stephen*, Ship Carpenter at *Footdee*; *John Rae*, Merchant at *Footdee*; *James Maſſie*, Wright in *Aberdeen*; *Hugh Cochran*, Shipmaſter there; and *Arthur Gibbon*, Merchant there; who are all the known Owners, Leſſees, and Occupiers of Grounds, Areas, Tenements, Houſes, and Hereditaments within the Limits aforeſaid; and to and with all and every other Perſon or Perſons who may be hereafter diſcovered to be intereſted in the ſaid Hereditaments, and to and with their Heirs and Succeſſors.

Act not to leſſen the Powers of the Aberdeen Canal Company.

III. Provided always, and be it enacted, That nothing herein contained ſhall prejudice, leſſen, or alter the Powers and Authorities granted by an Act made in the laſt Seſſion of Parliament, intituled, *An Act for making and maintaining a Navigable Canal from the Harbour of* Aberdeen *or* Saint Nicholas *into the River* Don, *at or near the South End of the Bridge over the ſame, adjacent to the Royal Burgh of* Inverury *in the Pariſh of* Kintore, *all within the County of* Aberdeen *in* North Britain; but that the ſame ſhall continue and be exerciſed in as full and ample a Manner as if this Act had not been made.

For getting Materials.

IV. And be it enacted, That the ſaid Magiſtrates and City Council, and their Succeſſors in Office, by themſelves, their Agents, Workmen, and Servants, ſhall have full Power and Authority, and they are hereby authorized and empowered, to dig, cut, quarry, remove and carry away Stones, Clay, Gravel, Sand, and other Materials neceſſary to be uſed in making, maintaining, and repairing the foreſaid Quays, Piers, Docks, Locks, Bridges, Roads, and other Works hereinbefore mentioned, which ſhall or may be found in any Land or Grounds of any Perſon or Perſons whatſoever (not being a Garden, Orchard, Wood, Coppice, Nurſery, or Lawn) within One Mile of the foreſaid reſpective Places, and to make, maintain, and uſe good and ſufficient Roads for conveying the ſaid Stones, Clay, Gravel, Sand, and other Materials from the reſpective Places where the ſame ſhall be ſo cut, dug, or quarried, to the foreſaid Quays, Piers, Docks, Locks, and other Works hereinbefore

before mentioned: Provided always, That the ſaid Magiſtrates and City Council, and their Succeſſors in Office, ſhall make reaſonable Satisfaction to the Owners and Occupiers of the ſaid Lands or Grounds out of which the Stone, Clay, Gravel, Sand, and other Materials ſhall be ſo dug, quarried, and carried off, and through which the ſaid Roads ſhall be made, for the Damages to be done by them; and that all Differences or Diſputes concerning the ſame which may ariſe between the ſaid Magiſtrates and City Council, and their Succeſſors in Office, and the foreſaid Owners and Occupiers, ſhall be finally determined by a Jury, in the Manner hereinafter directed relative to the Purchaſes of Lands, Houſes, and Areas, in caſe the ſame cannot be amicably ſettled by the Parties concerned.

Incapacitated Perſons may ſell.

V. And be it enacted, That it ſhall and may be lawful to and for all Bodies Politic, Corporate, Collegiate, or Sole, and to and for Truſtees, Tutors, or Curators for Infants, Minors, or other Perſons, and for all and every other Perſon or Perſons who are or ſhall be ſeiſed, poſſeſſed of, or intereſted in any Houſe or Houſes, Grounds or Hereditaments, which the ſaid Magiſtrates and City Council, and their Succeſſors in Office, ſhall judge neceſſary for the Purpoſes aforeſaid, being within the Limits aforeſaid, whether by Titles held in Fee Simple or Tailzied, to agree with and ſell and convey to the ſaid Magiſtrates and City Council, and their Succeſſors in Office, or to ſuch other Perſon or Perſons as they ſhall appoint, in Truſt for them, all or any of ſuch Houſes and Grounds, or any Part thereof, for the Purpoſes aforeſaid; and that all Contracts, Agreements, Sales, and other Conveyances ſo made ſhall be valid to all Intents and Purpoſes; any Law, Statute, Uſage, or any other Matter or Thing to the contrary thereof notwithſtanding; and that all Truſtees, Tutors, or Curators, Corporations, Proprietors, or Incumbrancers, and all other Perſons, are and ſhall be hereby indemnified for what they ſhall do in purſuance of this Act.

VI. Provided, That where any Grounds, Houſes, or Areas, under Entail, or ſubject to Liferents or other Incumbrances, or temporary Rights, are purchaſed for the Purpoſes aforeſaid, the Conſideration or Purchaſe Money, if the ſame ſhall exceed the Sum of Twenty Pounds, ſhall be laid out, under the Direction of the Court of Seſſion, or of the Sheriff Depute, or Subſtitute of the County of *Aberdeen*, upon Land or other Heritable Security, and the Rights and Titles deviſed and taken to the ſame Series of Heirs, and ſubject to the ſame Uſes and Burdens as the Subjects purchaſed for the Uſes aforeſaid were deviſed or ſubject to.

For naming Arbitrators to value Lands.

VII. And be it enacted, That if any Perſon or Perſons intereſted in the ſaid Hereditaments is or are willing to treat with the ſaid Magiſtrates and City Council, but deſirous that the Value ſhall be ſettled by Arbitration, the ſaid Magiſtrates and City Council ſhall be obliged to name One Arbitrator, the ſaid Perſon or Perſons naming another on their Part, and to execute all proper Deeds for referring the Value of the Hereditaments intended to be purchaſed to the Determination of the ſaid Two Arbitrators, with Power to them, in caſe of Difference, to name an Overſman or Umpire, and the Award of the ſaid Arbitrators or Umpire ſhall be final.

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VIII. And be it enacted, That if it ſhall happen that any Perſon or Perſons, Bodies Politic, Corporate, Collegiate, or Sole, or any Perſon, Proprietors, Leſſees, or Occupiers of Ground, Houſes, Areas, or other Property lying within the Limits and Boundary before deſcribed, ſhall refuſe to treat and agree to ſell the ſame, or to enter into Reference as aforeſaid, it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the Sheriff Depute of the County of *Aberdeen*, or his Subſtitute, and they are hereby authorized and required, upon Application from the ſaid Magiſtrates and City Council, and their Succeſſors in Office, or any Five of them as aforeſaid, to make out a Liſt of Forty-five ſubſtantial and diſintereſted Perſons reſident within the Town and County of *Aberdeen*; and out of the ſaid Number the Sheriff Clerk of *Aberdeen*, or his Deputy, ſhall, in the Preſence of the ſaid Sheriff Depute, or his Subſtitute, and of the Parties intereſted, if they attend, (due Notice being given to them,) draw out the Names of Fifteen, who ſhall form and be a Jury, for the Purpoſes before and after mentioned; and in caſe of the Death of any of the Fifteen Perſons ſo to be drawn, or of their Inability to attend, the ſaid Sheriff Depute, or his Subſtitute, ſhall direct the ſaid Sheriff Clerk, or his Deputy, to draw from among the remaining Names of the Perſons named as aforeſaid, ſuch an additional Number of Names as may be neceſſary to make up a complete Jury of Fifteen, able to attend; and the ſaid Fifteen Perſons are hereby required to come and appear before the ſaid Sheriff Depute, or his Subſtitute, at ſuch Times and Places as in his Warrant or Warrants, Precept or Precepts, ſhall be directed and appointed: And the ſaid Sheriff Depute, or his Subſtitute, is hereby authorized, by Warrants, from Time to Time as Occaſion ſhall require, to call before him ſuch Perſon or Perſons as ſhall, by either Party, be thought neceſſary or proper to be examined touching or concerning the Premiſes; and to iſſue a Precept or Precepts for all ſuch Perſon or Perſons, who are hereby required to produce ſuch Books, Papers, Deeds, and Writings as the ſaid Sheriff Depute, or his Subſtitute, ſhall judge neceſſary for the Information of the Jury in any Thing relating to the Execution of this Act; and ſhall and may adminiſter Oaths for the better Diſcovery of the Truth in the Inquiry to be made to any Perſon or Perſons therein concerned, or to any other Perſon or Perſons whatſoever; and ſhall and may authorize the ſaid Jury to view the Place or Places or Matters in queſtion, as the ſaid Sheriff Depute or his Subſtitute ſhall think fit: And the ſaid Jury, upon their Oaths, to be adminiſtered by the ſaid Sheriff Depute, or his Subſtitute, ſhall inquire of and aſſeſs ſuch Damage and Recompence as they ſhall judge fit to be awarded to the Owners, Leſſees, and Occupiers, or any of them, of any ſuch Grounds, Areas, or Houſes, or any Part thereof, for their reſpective Eſtates or Intereſts in the ſame, as by the ſaid Magiſtrates and City Council, and their Succeſſors in Office, ſhall be judged neceſſary to be pulled down, converted or uſed for the Purpoſes aforeſaid; and the ſaid Sheriff Depute, or his Subſtitute, ſhall and may give Judgment or Decreet for ſuch Sum or Sums of Money ſo to be aſſeſſed by ſuch Jury or Juries reſpectively; which ſaid Verdict or Verdicts, and the Judgment, Decreet, or Determination thereupon declared and pronounced by the ſaid Sheriff Depute, or his Subſtitute, and the Value or Recompence ſo to be aſſeſſed and declared, ſhall be binding and concluſive to all Intents and Purpoſes whatſoever againſt and upon all and every Perſon or Perſons,

For impannelling a Jury.

Perſons, Bodies Politic or Corporate, having or claiming any Right, Title, Truſt, or Intereſt in, to, or out of the ſaid Grounds, Areas, Houſes, Tenements, and Premiſes to be affected by this Act, his, her, or their Heirs, Succeſſors, Executors, and Adminiſtrators: Provided always, That Twenty-one Days previous Notice in Writing ſhall be firſt given of the Meeting of the ſaid Sheriffs to the Perſon or Perſons concerned, perſonally, or left at his or their uſual Place or Places of Abode, or with ſome Tenant or Occupier of the Lands, Houſes, Tenements, or other Heritage to be pulled down, converted, or affected by this Act, in caſe ſuch Party cannot otherwiſe be found to be ſerved with ſuch Notice: And the ſaid Verdicts, Judgments, Orders, Sentences, and Decreets, as well as the other Proceedings of the ſaid Sheriff Depute, or his Subſtitute, ſo to be made, given, and pronounced as aforeſaid, ſhall be fairly written on Paper or Parchment, and ſigned by the ſaid Sheriff Depute, or his Subſtitute, at the making and pronouncing of the ſame, and ſhall be recorded in the Sheriff Court Books of *Aberdeen*; and the ſame, or Extracts thereof, ſhall be deemed and taken as good and effectual Evidence and Proof in every Court of Law or Equity.

For paying Expences of ſummoning the Jury.

IX. Provided always, and be it enacted, That if ſuch Jury ſhall adjudge the ſaid Premiſes to be of greater Value than the ſaid Magiſtrates and City Council, and their Succeſſors in Office, ſhall have offered for the ſame, then the Coſts and Charges attending the obtaining of ſuch Aſſeſſment by a Jury ſhall be paid by the ſaid Magiſtrates and City Council, and their Succeſſors in Office; and if the ſaid Jury ſhall not adjudge the ſaid Premiſes to be of greater Value than the ſaid Magiſtrates and City Council, and their Succeſſors in Office, ſhall have offered for the ſame, then the ſaid Coſts and Charges ſhall be paid by the Party or Parties refuſing to treat with or accept the Price offered by the ſaid Magiſtrates and City Council, and their Succeſſors in Office.

On Payment of Purchaſe Money, Premiſes to veſt in Magiſtrates and City Council.

X. And it is hereby enacted and declared, That upon Payment of ſuch Sum or Sums of Money ſo to be awarded or adjudged to the Party or Parties concerned, or legal Tenders thereof made to him, her, or them reſpectively, either perſonally or at his, her, or their Dwelling Houſe, and on Refuſal of the ſame, or if he, ſhe, or they have no ſuch Dwelling Houſe in the City or County of *Aberdeen*, then upon Payment thereof into the Bank of *Scotland*, or Royal Bank of *Scotland*, for the Uſe of the Party or Parties intereſted as aforeſaid, and to be iſſued to him, her, or them by Order of the ſaid Magiſtrates and City Council, and their Succeſſors in Office, and Notice of ſuch Payment left in Writing at the Dwelling Houſe of ſome Tenant or Occupier of the Premiſes, it ſhall then, and not before or otherwiſe, be lawful to and for the ſaid Magiſtrates and City Council, and their Succeſſors in Office, and to and for their Agents and Workmen, to remove, pull down, order, convert, and diſpoſe of ſuch Houſes, Tenements, Buildings, Grounds, and Premiſes for the Purpoſe of this Act, in ſuch Manner as the ſaid Magiſtrates and City Council, and their Succeſſors in Office, ſhall ſee fit and expedient; and the ſaid Magiſtrates and City Council, and their Succeſſors in Office, ſhall be indemnified therein and quieted in the Poſſeſſion of the Premiſes ſo to be ordered, converted, and diſpoſed of by virtue of and under the Authority of this Act; provided that Notice ſhall be given to the Tenants and Occupiers of ſuch Houſes ſo to be pulled

down, and Grounds and Areas ſo to be converted for the Purpoſes mentioned in this Act, Fifteen Calendar Months at leaſt before the Term of *Whitſunday* at which the ſaid Tenants or Occupiers are to be removed, by affixing a Schedule to that Effect upon the moſt patent Door of ſuch Houſe or Houſes, or delivering the ſame to the principal Tenant or Occupier of the ſaid Houſes and Grounds; which Schedule ſhall be ſo delivered and affixed by Order of the ſaid Magiſtrates and City Council, and their Succeſſors in Office; and an Advertiſement thereof ſhall alſo be inſerted in the *Aberdeen Journal*, or in ſome other Newſpaper, if any be publiſhed at *Aberdeen*, and in greateſt Circulation in the ſaid City and County: And in caſe any Diſpute ſhall ariſe between the Parties claiming or entitled to different Intereſts in the Houſes, Grounds, Tenements, and Hereditaments neceſſary to be purchaſed, pulled down, converted, or diſpoſed of for the Purpoſes of this Act, or in caſe the Title to the ſame Premiſes ſhall not appear ſufficient or effectual, to the Satisfaction of the ſaid Magiſtrates and City Council, and their Succeſſors in Office, then and in that Caſe, after ſuch Damage or Recompence is aſſeſſed or awarded by the Verdict of a Jury, and ſuch Decree, Judgment, or Determination of the ſaid Sheriff Depute, or his Subſtitute, is pronounced thereupon as aforeſaid, it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the ſaid Magiſtrates and City Council, and their Succeſſors in Office, to pay or direct the Money ſo to be awarded and adjudged to be paid into either of the aforeſaid Banks, there to remain until the Matters in Diſpute between the Parties intereſted ſhall be ſettled and adjuſted, or the Title to the Premiſes cleared up or made out to the Satisfaction of the ſaid Magiſtrates and City Council, and their Succeſſors in Office, or in due Courſe of Law; and after the ſame ſhall be ſo ſettled and adjuſted and made up, the Money conſigned as aforeſaid ſhall be paid, with the Intereſt thereof, at the Rate uſually given for Money depoſited with the ſaid Banks, to the Perſon or Perſons found to be entitled, upon an Order of the ſaid Magiſtrates and City Council, and their Succeſſors in Office, which they ſhall and are hereby required to iſſue; and after ſuch Payment or Conſignation thereof as aforeſaid, it ſhall then, and not before or otherwiſe, be lawful to and for the ſaid Magiſtrates and City Council, and their Succeſſors in Office, and to and for their Agents and Workmen, to remove, pull down, order, convert, and diſpoſe of ſuch Houſes, Tenements, Buildings, and Premiſes, purſuant to and by the Authority of and for the Purpoſes of this Act; and the ſaid Magiſtrates and City Council, and their Succeſſors in Office, ſhall be indemnified therein and quieted in the Poſſeſſion thereof, and ſhall not be anſwerable or accountable in any Court of Law or Equity for the Money ſo depoſited or applied as aforeſaid, otherwiſe than according to the Tenor, Purport, and true Meaning of this Act.

Magiſtrates, &c. to have the ſame Powers over the new Works as they have over the old.

XI. And be it further enacted, That the ſaid Magiſtrates and City Council of *Aberdeen*, and their Succeſſors in Office, ſhall have, exerciſe, and enjoy the ſame Powers, Authority, and Juriſdiction in and over the new or additional Quays, Piers, Docks, and other Works to be made and erected under the Powers in this Act contained, as the ſaid Magiſtrates and City Council now have and enjoy, or of Right may and do exerciſe in and over the preſent Harbour of *Aberdeen* and Flood Mark thereof.

Privileges of preſent Harbour extended to the additional Works.

XII. And be it enacted, That the ſame Rights and Privileges which belong to the preſent Harbour of *Aberdeen* ſhall be extended to the foreſaid Additions to be made thereto, which to all Intents and Purpoſes ſhall be deemed and held to be a Part of the Port and Harbour of *Aberdeen*; and all Ships and Veſſels entering into or loading or unloading in any Part of the ſaid additional Works, and all Goods, Merchandize, and other Things which ſhall be loaded or unloaded, or ſhall paſs through the ſame, and all Owners or Maſters of Ships, Merchants, and others reſorting to the ſaid intended new Piers, Quays, Docks, Locks, and Wharfs, are and ſhall be ſubject to the ſame Regulations, and liable to the ſame Dues, Duties, and Cuſtoms of all Kinds, in the ſame Manner as they are or have been ſubjected to in the preſent Harbour.

Ships not to remain above a certain Time in the new Docks.

XIII. And be it enacted, That no Ship or Veſſel ſhall be permitted to be or remain in any of the aforeſaid new Docks, to encumber the ſame, for above Six Months; and that every Ship or Veſſel in the ſaid Docks ſhall be conſtantly and ſufficiently moored, ſo as to prevent Damage to any other Ship or Veſſel; and in caſe any Ship or Veſſel ſhall remain in any of the ſaid Docks above Six Months, or ſhall be looſe or unmoored in the ſame, it ſhall be lawful to the ſaid Magiſtrates and City Council, and their Succeſſors in Office, or to their Shore or other Haven Maſter, to cauſe every ſuch Ship or Veſſel to be removed out of the ſaid Docks, and to lay or moor her in any Part of the Dry Harbour of the Port of *Aberdeen*, at the Expence and Riſk of the Maſter and Owners of ſuch Ships or Veſſels reſpectively.

Ships employed in the Whale Fiſhery excepted.

XIV. Provided always, and be it enacted, That Veſſels employed in the Whale Fiſhery ſhall have full Liberty to remain in the ſaid Docks from the Time of their Arrival in the Port of *Aberdeen* until the Seaſon thereafter proper for ſailing to the ſaid Fiſhery, although it may happen to exceed the Six Months allowed to other Veſſels.

Maſters of Ships anſwerable for Damages done by their Crews.

XV. And be it enacted, That the Maſter or Owner of every Ship or Veſſel lying or trading in the ſaid Port or Harbour of *Aberdeen* ſhall be, and is hereby made anſwerable for the full Amount of any Damage or Miſchief which ſhall be done by him or ſuch Ship or Veſſel, or by any of the Servants, Sailors, Boatmen, or Watermen on board the ſame, to the foreſaid Docks, Locks, Quays, Piers, Wharfs, or other Works already made, or to be hereafter made in conſequence of the Power given by this Act, within the ſaid Port or Harbour, with full Coſts of Suit.

Continuance of the Act.

XVI. And be it enacted, That this Act, in ſo far as relates to the purchaſing of Grounds, Areas, Houſes, and other Hereditaments, ſhall continue and be in Force until the Firſt Day of *June* which will be in the Year of our Lord One thouſand eight hundred and fifteen, and from thence to the End of the then next Seſſion of Parliament, and no longer.

Publick Act.

XVII And be it further enacted, That this Act ſhall be deemed and taken as a Publick Act, and as ſuch ſhall be taken notice of by all Judges, Juſtices, and others, in all Courts and Places, without ſpecially pleading the ſame.

FINIS.