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CAP. CXXXII.

An Act for enlarging, deepening, improving, and maintaining the Harbour of *Saltcoats* in the County of *Ayr*. [19th *July* 1797.]

WHEREAS the Harbour of *Saltcoats* in the County of *Ayr*, in its preſent State, is incapable of receiving Ships or Veſſels of any conſiderable Burden: And whereas the Trade of the Town of *Saltcoats* hath of late Years conſiderably increaſed, and it would greatly benefit the ſaid Trade if the ſaid Harbour was deepened, enlarged, cleanſed, and improved, and Rules and Regulations eſtabliſhed for Ships and Veſſels coming into or going out of the ſaid Harbour; but as theſe ſalutary Purpoſes cannot be obtained without the Aid 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, from and after the Fifth Day of *July* One thouſand ſeven hundred and ninety-ſeven, it ſhall and may be lawful for the Truſtees hereinafter appointed, or for any Three or more of them, or the Collector or Caſhier to be authorized by them, to demand and receive from the Maſters, or other Perſons having the Charge and Command of every Ship or Veſſel that may enter or ſail from the Harbour of *Saltcoats*, One Penny Halfpenny for every Ton ſuch

Preamble.

Harbour Duties to be paid.

Ship or Veſſel ſhall meaſure, to be aſcertained by the Regiſter thereof: And for every Ton of Goods or Merchandize, Free Stones, Slates, Salt, Timber of all Kinds, Iron, Hemp, and Cordage, Iron Stone, Lime Stone, Lime in Shells, or ſlaked Lime, Tanners Bark, Herrings, Salt Proviſions, and every other Article of Goods and Merchandize, imported or exported, the Sum of Four-pence Halfpenny *per* Ton; excepting Grain of all Kinds, Meal, or Flour, Potatoes, and Coals, which ſhall only pay One Penny Halfpenny *per* Ton, all above the Tonnage on the Veſſels by their Regiſters; and from the Maſters or Owners of all Ships or other Veſſels ſailing in Ballaſt, if ſuch Ballaſt be taken as hereinafter mentioned, and if ſuch Veſſel ſhall not have brought a Cargo of Goods on her laſt Arrival in the ſaid Port, One Penny Halfpenny for every Ton ſuch Ship or Veſſel ſhall meaſure as aforeſaid; and from the Maſters or Owners of all Ships or other Veſſels, arriving in the Harbour of *Saltcoats*, or put into the ſame by Streſs of Weather or otherwiſe, when neither the Ship is ſold, or any Part of her Cargo is landed, Three-pence Sterling for each and every Ton ſuch Ship or Veſſel ſhall meaſure as aforeſaid.

Exemptions from Duties.

II. And be it further enacted, That nothing in this Act contained ſhall extend, or be conſtrued to extend, to charge any Ships or Veſſels of War belonging to His Majeſty, His Heirs or Succeſſors, or any Packets employed by His Majeſty's Poſtmaſter General, or any Yachts, Cutters, Sloops, or Veſſels lawfully commiſſioned for the Suppreſſion of Smuggling or illicit Trade, with any of the Duties granted by this Act; and that Ships and other Veſſels, from which the Rates and Duties by this Act impoſed ſhall be paid, on returning into the ſaid Harbour by Streſs of Weather or contrary Winds, ſhall be permitted to depart therefrom without paying Rates and Duties a Second Time.

Truſtees appointed.

III. And be it enacted, That the Right Honourable Lord *Montgomerie*, *Alexander Montgomerie* Eſquire of *Annuck*, Colonel *William Fullarton* of *Fullarton*, *George Brown* Eſquire of *Knockmurlock*, *Alexander Hamilton* Eſquire of *Grange*, *Robert Reid Cuninghame* Eſquire of *Auchinharvie*, *Robert Reid* Eſquire of *Adamton*, *Hugh Brown*, *William Brown*, *James Crawford*, *Daniel Dow*, and *John Cuninghame*, Merchants in *Saltcoats*, ſhall be, and they are hereby nominated and appointed Truſtees for keeping in Repair and improving the ſaid Harbour, and the Piers and Quays, and other Accommodations for the Trade and Shipping connected therewith, and alſo for putting in Execution all the other Powers given by this Act (any Three of them to be a Quorum); and that the Money to be raiſed and collected in virtue hereof ſhall be, and is hereby declared to be, veſted in the ſaid Truſtees, and the Survivors of them, and their Succeſſors, to be appointed in Manner hereinafter mentioned; and the ſame, and every Part thereof, ſhall be paid, applied, and diſpoſed of, or aſſigned to and for the ſeveral Uſes, Intents, and Purpoſes before and after mentioned; but if any of the ſaid Truſtees ſhall accept of any Place of Profit under this Act, he ſhall *ipſo facto* be diſqualified from acting as a Truſtee during his Enjoyment of ſuch Place of Profit.

Recovery of the Duties.

IV. And be it enacted, That in caſe the aforeſaid Duties granted by this Act ſhall be unpaid by ſuch Maſter or Maſters, or other Perſon

or Perſons having the Charge and Command of any Ship or Veſſel, upon Demand thereof made, according to the true Intent and Meaning of this Act, then and in every ſuch Caſe it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the Collector or Collectors appointed in Manner hereinafter mentioned by the ſaid Truſtees, to diſtrain any of the Goods, Merchandize, Tackle, or Furniture of ſuch Ship or Veſſel, and to keep the ſame until he or they be ſatisfied and paid the ſaid Duties; and in caſe ſuch Duties ſhall not be paid within Three Days next after ſuch Diſtreſs ſhall be ſo taken, then it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the ſaid Collector or Collectors to ſell the Goods, Merchandize, Tackle, and Furniture ſo taken by Public Auction, preferable to and notwithſtanding any Attachment, Arreſtment, or other Right whatſoever, claimable by or due to any Perſon or Perſons, and with the Money ariſing from ſuch Sale to ſatisfy himſelf or themſelves, as well for the Duties ſo neglected to be paid, as for his or their reaſonable Coſts and Charges in diſtraining, keeping, and ſelling the ſame, rendering to the Perſon or Perſons whoſe Goods, Merchandize, Tackle, or Furniture ſhall have been ſo diſtrained and ſold, or to his or their Agent or Agents, the Overplus (if any be).

To prevent evading Payment of the Duties.

V. And to prevent any Delay or Evaſion in the Payment of the Duties aforeſaid, Be it further enacted, That from and after the aforeſaid Fifth Day of *July* One thouſand ſeven hundred and ninety-ſeven, there ſhall be produced to the Collector or other Officer of His Majeſty's Cuſtoms at *Irvine*, by the Maſter or other Perſon having the Command of any Ship or Veſſel that may enter into the ſaid Port or Harbour, or that may ſail out of the ſame, or liable in Payment of the Duties by this Act given and granted, a Receipt or other ſufficient Voucher of the Payment of the ſaid Duties; and that until ſuch Production be made, and the Collector or other Officer aforeſaid be ſatisfied with the ſame, the ſaid Collector or other Officer ſhall not take or receive any Entry or Cocket, or other Diſcharge or Clearance, or take any Report outward, of any Ship or Veſſel liable to the Payment of the ſaid Duties, under the Penalty of Twenty Pounds Sterling.

To produce their Regiſters and Account of Car goes on board.

VI. And be it enacted, That the Maſters or other Perſons having the Charge and Command of all Ships or Veſſels that may enter the ſaid Port or Harbour, liable to the Payment of the Duties by this Act given and granted, ſhall give a juſt and true Account of their Lading, and ſhall produce their Regiſters, where they any have, to the ſaid Truſtees, or to ſuch Perſon or Perſons as they ſhall from Time to Time appoint for that Purpoſe; and ſhall alſo permit and ſuffer the ſaid Ships or Veſſels to be meaſured by the ſaid Truſtees, or by ſuch Perſon or Perſons as they ſhall from Time to Time appoint; and ſhall pay the Duties aforeſaid according to ſuch Account rendered, Production of Regiſters, or according to ſuch Meaſurement, in the Option of the Perſons appointed by the Truſtees for that Purpoſe as aforeſaid; and that all Maſters and other Perſons aforeſaid refuſing to give an Account of their Lading, to produce their Regiſters, or to have their Ships or Veſſels meaſured as aforeſaid, ſhall for every ſuch Offence reſpectively forfeit and pay to the ſaid Truſtees, or to the Perſon appointed for that Purpoſe as aforeſaid, the Sum of Five Pounds Sterling.

The Harbour Duties and Forfeitures, by whom to be collected.

VII. And be it enacted, That all and every Sum and Sums of Money arising from the said Duties and Forfeitures shall be paid to and collected and received by such Person or Persons as by a Writing under the Hands of the said Trustees shall be for that Purpose nominated and appointed, such Person or Persons being always subject to be removed by the said Trustees, and new ones appointed in case of Death or Removal (the Salary to be allowed to such Collector or Collectors being always to be paid out of the said Duties); and the Person or Persons so to be nominated and appointed to collect the said Duties, or other Monies paid under the Authority of this Act, before entering upon his or their Office or Offices, shall be obliged to give sufficient Security for the faithful Administration of his or their respective Office or Offices; and when the said Duties or other Monies raised under the Authority of this Act shall be so collected and received, such Person or Persons so nominated and appointed as aforesaid shall pay the same to such Persons, and in such Manner and Proportions, as the said Trustees or a Majority of them shall direct and appoint.

Harbour Master to be appointed.

VIII. And be it enacted, That the said Trustees shall also have Power to appoint a Harbour Master from Time to Time, who shall have the Direction of the anchoring and mooring of all Ships or Vessels entering the said Harbour, as well as of pointing out to the Masters and others having the Command of such Ships or Vessels where to take in or land their Cargoes or Ballast, and likewise to remove Ships or Vessels to give necessary Room for others; and such Masters or Commanders shall be obliged to obey the said Harbour Master in all legal Orders they may receive from him under the Authority of this Act, under the Penalty of any Sum not exceeding Five Pounds Sterling for each Act of Disobedience, to be recovered and applied in Manner aftermentioned, the said Harbour Master so to be appointed always making Oath, before One or more of the said Trustees, for the faithful and impartial Discharge of his Office; and the said Trustees, or their Quorum, shall and may allow to such Harbour Master such Salary or Gratification out of the said Duties as to them shall seem reasonable.

Harbour Master to make Oath for the faithful Performance of his Office.

IX. And be it enacted, That no Person shall be capable of acting as a Harbour Master, in the Execution of the Powers given by this Act, until he shall have taken and subscribed the Oath following:

'I *A. B.* do swear, That I will faithfully, impartially, and honestly, to the best of my Judgment and Skill, discharge the Duties of Harbour Master, according to the Powers and Authorities given by virtue of an Act made in the Thirty-seventh Year of the Reign of His Majesty King *George* the Third, *for enlarging, deepening, improving, and maintaining the Harbour of* Saltcoats *in the County of* Ayr.'

Which Oath it shall and may be lawful for any One or more of the said Trustees to administer; and the said Oath, so taken and subscribed, shall be enrolled in the Book or Books hereinafter directed to be kept of all Monies which shall be received in virtue or in pursuance of this Act.

X. And

X. And be it enacted, That the Money ſo to be raiſed in virtue of this Act (after Deduction of the neceſſary Expences of carrying the ſame into Execution) ſhall be applied by the ſaid Truſtees in extending and enlarging, repairing, ſcouring, deepening, and improving the ſaid Harbour, the Piers, Wharf Walls, and Quays thereof; and in ſupporting, repairing, and keeping the ſame in Repair; and in repaying ſuch Sums of Money as the ſaid Truſtees may find neceſſary to borrow in Manner aftermentioned. The Money collected, how to be applied.

XI. And be it likewiſe enacted, That the ſaid Truſtees ſhall and may, and they are hereby authorized and empowered, from Time to Time to borrow and take up at Intereſt any Sum or Sums of Money, provided the Intereſt of the Sums to be borrowed do not exceed the Half Part of the Annual Produce of the Net Duties by this Act given and granted, taken upon an Average of the Three laſt Years; and to grant, aſſign, and ſet over the ſaid Duties, or a ſufficient Proportion thereof, to any Perſon or Perſons whatſoever who ſhall be willing to advance and lend Money thereon, for ſecuring the Payment of the ſame, with Intereſt reſpectively; and that the Money ſo to be borrowed and advanced ſhall be employed for the Ends and Purpoſes of this Act, and no otherwiſe. For borrowing Money.

XII. And be it further enacted, That the ſaid Truſtees, at their Annual Meeting aſſembled, are hereby auhorized and empowered, by Public Auction, to let the Duties hereby granted, in Whole or in Parts or Shares, from Time to Time, during the Continuance of this Act, by Leaſe or otherwiſe, for any Term not exceeding Three Years, for the higheſt Rent or Rents they can get for the ſame, to ſuch Perſon or Perſons as ſhall from Time to Time give ſuch good and ſufficient Security for paying thereof as ſhall be approved of by the ſaid Truſtees. The Duties may be let for Three Years.

XIII. And be it further enacted, That if any Maſter, Commander, or other Perſon taking upon himſelf the Command, or appearing to be Maſter or Commander, or any Owner, Factor, or Conſignee of any Ship or Veſſel, ſhall, at any Time after the Commencement of this Act, elude or evade the Payment of any of the Rates and Duties hereby granted by any Method whatſoever, every ſuch Maſter, Commander, or other Perſon, or ſuch Owner, Factor, or Conſignee, ſhall, for every ſuch Offence, forfeit unto the ſaid Truſtees any Sum not exceeding Five Pounds Sterling, and ſhall notwithſtanding ſtand charged with and be liable to the Payment of the Duties. Penalty for evading the Duties.

XIV. And, for continuing a proper Number of Truſtees to put this Act in Execution, Be it further enacted, That when the Number of Truſtees ſhall be reduced to Five by Death, Removal, Reſignation, Incapacity, or Refuſal to act, it ſhall and may be lawful for the remaining Truſtees, or any Three or more of them, by any Writing under their Hands, from Time to Time to elect, nominate, and appoint One or more fit Perſon or Perſons to be a Truſtee or Truſtees, and ſuch Perſon or Perſons ſo elected ſhall be joined with ſuch ſurviving or remaining Truſtees in the Execution of the Powers in them repoſed by this Act; and all and every ſuch Perſon or Perſons who ſhall be choſen Truſtees to appoint others to keep up their Number.

choſen and appointed to be joined with ſuch ſurviving or remaining Truſtees, ſhall and may, and they are hereby authorized and empowered to act, to all Intents and Purpoſes, in as full, large, and ample a Manner as the ſaid Truſtees nominated and appointed by this Act are hereby authorized and empowered to act.

Regular Books to be kept and ſettled, and balanced annually.

XV. And be it enacted, That the ſaid Truſtees ſhall from Time to Time order and direct One or more Book or Books to be provided, wherein ſhall be fairly entered and kept an Account of all Monies which ſhall be received by virtue or in purſuance of this Act, and all Payments and Diſburſements out of the ſame, and ſhall expreſs the Time when received, paid, and diſburſed, and alſo for what Uſe ſuch Diſburſements were made; and that Once in every Year, *videlicet*, the Second *Tueſday* of *September*, beginning the Firſt Meeting upon the Second *Tueſday* of *September* One thouſand ſeven hundred and ninety-ſeven, the ſaid Truſtees, or a Quorum of them, ſhall meet at *Saltcoats*, and audit and ſettle the Accounts of the ſaid Duties for the Time or Year preceding, and take the Oaths of their Collector or Caſhier (if neceſſary) upon the Verity of the ſaid Accounts, or any Particular thereof; which Oaths they are hereby empowered to adminiſter, and to adjourn from Time to Time as they may think proper, and at all ſuch Meetings the Truſtees are to bear their own Expences.

Penalties and Forfeitures how to be recovered,

XVI. And be it enacted, That it ſhall and may be lawful for the ſaid Truſtees, or any Collector or Collectors to be appointed by them, to proſecute and recover any Penalty or Forfeiture by this Act impoſed, by Action, Complaint, or Information, before any Two or more Juſtices of the Peace of the County of *Ayr*, or any other Judge competent for Civil Actions within whoſe Juriſdiction the Offender or Offenders ſhall reſide or be apprehended; and the ſaid Juſtices of the Peace or other Magiſtrate aforeſaid ſhall be, and they are hereby empowered and required to proceed to the Trial of ſuch Offenders in a ſummary Way, and upon Conviction of the Offender or Offenders, by his, her, or their own Confeſſion, or by the Oath or Oaths of One or more credible Witneſs or Witneſſes, to award ſuch Order or Judgment as to them ſhall ſeem moſt agreeable to the true Intent and Meaning of this Act; and in default of Payment of the Penalties or Forfeitures hereinbefore enacted, which ſhall be awarded as aforeſaid, the Perſon or Perſons convicted ſhall and may be ſent by them to the Priſon neareſt to the Place where the Offender or Offenders ſhall be apprehended, for ſuch Time as the ſaid Juſtices or Magiſtrates ſhall direct, not exceeding Three Calendar Months; and that the ſaid Penalties, when recovered, ſhall, after Deduction of the neceſſary Charges of recovering the ſame, be paid and applied in the ſame Manner as the Duties by this Act given and granted are to be paid and applied.

and mitigated.

XVII. Provided always, That it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the ſaid Juſtices of the Peace or other Magiſtrate aforeſaid, from Time to Time when they ſee Cauſe, to mitigate, compound, or leſſen any Penalty or Forfeiture aforeſaid, as they or he in their or his Diſcretion ſhall think fit, ſo as ſuch Compoſition or Mitigation do not extend or remit above One Half of the Penalty inflicted and directed to be levied by this Act.

XVIII. And

XVIII. And be it enacted, That all Actions and Complaints for all and every the Penalties and Forfeitures impoſed by this Act, or for any Wrong done or Injuries ſuffered in any Matter relative thereto, or in conſequence of any of the Powers by this Act given and granted, ſhall be commenced within the Space of Twelve Calendar Months after the Penalty or Forfeiture is incurred, or Wrong done or Injury ſuffered, and not afterwards. Redreſs allowed.

XIX. And be it further enacted, That it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the ſaid Truſtees, at any Time or Times hereafter, in General Meetings aſſembled, to make, ordain, and eſtabliſh ſuch Orders, Rules, Regulations, and Bye-Laws for the better enlarging, deepening, cleanſing, and ſcouring, and keeping in Repair the ſaid Harbour of *Saltcoats*, and piloting of the Ships and other Veſſels coming into and going out of the ſame; and for the better regulating, governing, and managing the Docks, Piers, Quays, and Jettees, and every other the Works erected and to be erected, made, and ſet up in the ſaid Harbour, and the Goods, Wares, and Merchandizes that from Time to Time may be laid or landed thereon, and for the better executing the other Purpoſes of this Act, and for their own Rule, Order, Direction, and Government in carrying this Act into Execution; and alſo from Time to Time, as Occaſion may require, to repeal, add to, amend, or alter all or any of ſuch Rules, Orders, Regulations, and Bye-Laws as to them ſhall ſeem moſt fitting and requiſite; and to fix and appoint reaſonable pecuniary Penalties, not exceeding Forty Shillings Sterling, for the Non-obſervance or other Breach of all or any ſuch Rules, Regulations, or Bye-Laws, or any of them, to be recovered and applied in ſuch Manner as the Fines and Penalties by this Act impoſed are ordered to be recovered, levied, and applied; and the ſaid Truſtees ſhall cauſe the ſaid Rules, Orders, and Bye-Laws to be printed and diſtributed, and ſtuck up in the moſt conſpicuous Places of the Town of *Saltcoats* and Harbour, and to pay the Expence and Charge thereof out of the Rates and Duties aforeſaid. For making Bye-Laws.

XX. And be it enacted, That this Act ſhall have Effect from the Fifth Day of *July* One thouſand ſeven hundred and ninety-ſeven, and have Continuance for Twenty-one Years, and from thence to the End of the then next Seſſion of Parliament. Commencement and Continuance of the Act.

XXI. Provided always, and be it enacted, That if any Perſon ſhall think himſelf or herſelf aggrieved by any Proceeding in the Execution of this Act, it ſhall and may be lawful for ſuch Perſon, within Six Months after the Matter complained of ſhall have been done, but not afterwards, to appeal to the Sheriff-Depute for the Shire of *Ayr*, the Appellant lodging at the Time of entering the ſaid Appeal with the Sheriff-Clerk a Recognizance to proſecute the ſame; and the ſaid Sheriff-Depute, or his Subſtitute, is hereby authorized and required to take Cognizance of ſuch Complaint and Appeals, to make ſuch Determination therein as he ſhall ſee juſt, awarding the Party prevailing his full Coſts, and ſuch Determination ſhall be final. Perſons aggrieved to appeal to the Sheriff in Six Months.

XXII. And be it further enacted, That in caſe any Suit or Action ſhall be commenced againſt the ſaid Truſtees, or any other Perſon or Perſons, The Truſtees to plead this Act in De-

fence of Profecutions.

Perſons, for any Thing done in purſuance of this Act, the Defendant or Defendants in ſuch Suit or Action may produce this Act, and plead that the ſaid Things were done in purſuance and by Authority of this Act; and if it ſhall appear ſo to be done, that then the Defendants ſhall be abſolved from every ſuch Suit, Action, or Actions, and ſhall have Double Coſts and Expences in the Defence thereof awarded to them from and againſt the Proſecutor or Proſecutors of the ſame.

Penalty for throwing Ballaſt, &c. into the Harbour.

XXIII. And be it enacted, That, from and after the Fifth Day of *July* One thouſand ſeven hundred and ninety-ſeven, it ſhall not be lawful to any Perſon or Perſons to throw or empty any Ballaſt, Duſt, Aſhes, or Rubbiſh, Shingles, Stones, or other Things, into the ſaid Harbour, or to do any Act or Deed to prejudice or annoy the ſame, or any Part thereof, under the Penalty of Forty Shillings Sterling for every ſuch Offence, to be recovered and applied as hereinafter directed.

Ballaſt, &c. thrown upon the Quays, &c. to be immediately removed.

XXIV. And be it enacted, That, from and after the ſaid Fifth Day of *July* One thouſand Seven hundred and ninety-ſeven, ſuch Perſon or Perſons, who ſhall or may thereafter have Occaſion to throw or caſt out any Ballaſt from or out of any Ship or other Veſſel upon any Dock, Pier, Quay, or Breaſt, or other Place in or about the ſaid Docks, Piers, Quays, Breaſts, or other Works made or to be made as before-mentioned, belonging to the ſaid Harbour, ſhall not ſuffer the ſame to lie and remain on the ſaid Docks, Piers, Quays, Breaſts, or other Places, but ſhall immediately after cart and carry away, or cauſe the ſame to be carted and carried away, to ſuch Place or Places as the ſaid Water Bailiff or Shoremaſter aforeſaid ſhall for ſuch Purpoſes provide and appoint, on Pain of forfeiting for every ſuch Offence Forty Shillings Sterling, to be recovered and applied as hereinbefore ſpecified.

Maſters or Owners of Veſſels liable for Damages done by their Crews.

XXV. And be it enacted, That the Maſter or Owner of any Ship, Bark, Lighter, Boat, or other Veſſel, lying or trading in the Harbour of *Saltcoats*, ſhall be and is hereby made anſwerable to the ſaid Truſtees for the Amount or Value of any Damage or Miſchief that ſhall be done by any of the Servants, Boatmen, Bargemen, or Watermen on board the ſame, to any of the Docks, Piers, Quays, Breaſts, or other Works already conſtructed, or that ſhall be conſtructed by virtue of this Act, with full Coſts of Suit; and that ſuch Damages and Coſts ſhall be ſued for and recovered in Manner hereinafter directed.

Duties may be leſſened.

XXVI. And be it enacted, That the ſaid Truſtees in General Meetings aſſembled may, and they are hereby empowered to leſſen and reduce the aforeſaid Rates and Duties granted by this Act, as they ſhall judge reaſonable and expedient, and the State of the aforeſaid Rates and Duties will permit.

Ballaſt to be taken from out of the Harbour, or to pay Six Pence per Ton.

XXVII. And be it enacted, That any Veſſel that ſhall ſail in Ballaſt from the ſaid Harbour, ſhall take ſuch Ballaſt out of the Harbour for the Benefit thereof, otherwiſe to pay Six Pence *per* Ton for each Ton taken in any other Manner.

Goods laid on the Quays to be re-

XXVIII. And be it enacted, That all Goods laid down on the Docks, Piers, Quays, or Breaſts, or other Places in or about the ſame for the Purpoſe of loading, or having been unloaded, ſhall not be ſuffered to remain

remain on ſuch Docks, Piers, Quays, Breaſts, or other Places in or about the ſame longer than Six Days from the Time the ſame is laid down, under the Pain of forfeiting for every ſuch Offence Forty Shillings Sterling, to be recovered in Manner hereinbefore directed. Removed in Six Days.

XXIX. And be it further enacted, That over and above the Rates and Duties herein-before granted, the ſaid Truſtees ſhall have full Power and Authority, and they are hereby required and directed to demand, collect, and receive the Dues which have been in Uſe to be levied and collected by *Robert Reid Cuninghame* of *Auchinharvie* Eſquire; and ſhall on the Second *Tueſday* of *September* in every Year pay or cauſe to be paid to the ſaid *Robert Reid Cuninghame*, his Heirs and Aſſigns, the Sum of Twenty Pounds Sterling, being the Average Net Produce of the ſaid Dues for Ten Years laſt paſt, the Firſt Payment thereof to be due and payable on the Second *Tueſday* of *September* One thouſand ſeven hundred and ninety-eight; and the ſame ſhall be in lieu and full Satisfaction of all Claims and Demands of the ſaid *Robert Reid Cuninghame*, his Heirs and Aſſigns, for or in reſpect of the ſaid Dues or any of them; Provided always, That in caſe the ſaid Dues ſhall not in any One Year amount to the ſaid Sum of Twenty Pounds, then the ſaid Truſtees ſhall pay or cauſe to be paid to the ſaid *Robert Reid Cuninghame*, his Heirs and Aſſigns, the Whole of the ſaid Dues for every Year the ſame ſhall happen.

XXX. And be it further enacted, That all Sheriffs, Juſtices of the Peace, Judges, and Magiſtrates, with their Officers, Meſſengers at Arms, and all other Officers and Executioners of Law whatſoever, and every of them, are hereby required to be aiding and aſſiſting in putting this Act into due and effectual Execution: And that this Act ſhall be deemed, taken, and allowed in all Courts of Law and Equity as a Publick Act, and all Judges and Juſtices are hereby required to take Notice thereof as ſuch, without ſpecially pleading the ſame. Sheriffs to aſſiſt in Execution of the Act. Publick Act.

FINIS.