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Their Style and Powers.

Company may raiſe 120,000*l.* to be divided into 4800 Shares, which ſhall be deemed Perſonal Eſtate.

II. And be it further enacted, That it ſhall be lawful for the ſeveral Perſons herein-before named, and for ſuch other Perſons as ſhall be willing and deſirous to join with them in forming the ſaid Company, to raiſe and contribute among themſelves a Capital or Joint Stock, to be applied and uſed in eſtabliſhing and carrying on the ſaid Manufactory, not exceeding the Sum of One hundred and twenty thouſand Pounds, and ſuch Capital or Joint Stock ſhall be divided into Four thouſand eight hundred Parts or Shares, or ſuch Part of ſuch Capital or Joint Stock, as ſhall be contributed as aforeſaid, ſhall be divided into Shares of Twenty-five Pounds each; and all ſuch Shares ſhall be deemed Perſonal Eſtate, and be transmiſſible as ſuch, and not of the Nature of Real Eſtate; and that the ſaid Shares ſhall be, and they are hereby accordingly veſted in the ſeveral Subſcribers thereto, and their reſpective Executors, Adminiſtrators, and Aſſigns, to and for their own reſpective Uſe and Benefit, proportionably to the Sums they ſhall reſpectively ſubſcribe and pay thereunto: Provided always, That no Proprietor or Joint Proprietors of any ſuch Share as aforeſaid ſhall have or hold, either in his, her, or their own Name or Names, or in the Name or Names of any other Perſon or Perſons to or for his or her Uſe or Benefit, more than Forty ſuch Shares; and every Aſſignment of any ſuch Share or Shares to any Perſon or Perſons who ſhall already be the Holder or Holders of Forty ſuch Shares, or to any other Perſon or Perſons for his or their Uſe or Benefit, ſhall be abſolutely void: Provided alſo, That when by reaſon of any Partnerſhip, Death, Marriage, or otherwiſe, any ſuch Proprietor or Joint Proprietors as aforeſaid, ſhall be poſſeſſed of or entitled to more than Forty ſuch Shares,

No Proprietor or Joint Proprietors to hold more than 40 Shares; and if Perſons becoming poſſeſſed of more do not diſpoſe of the ſame, the Managers may ſell them by Publick Auction.

and ſhall not abſolutely aſſign or diſpoſe of the ſame within Six Calendar Months after becoming ſo poſſeſſed or entitled as aforeſaid, then and in every ſuch Caſe it ſhall be lawful for the Managers of the ſaid Company, and they are hereby required, to ſell all ſuch Shares exceeding Forty, by publick Auction, and to receive the Produce of ſuch Sale, which ſhall be paid to the Perſon or Perſons who ſhall have become entitled to the ſaid Shares as aforeſaid.

Proprietors to have Votes in Proportion to certain Number of Shares.

III. And, to the Intent that all Matters and Things touching the Concerns of the ſaid Company may be managed and conducted in the moſt beneficial Manner, be it further enacted, That all and every Perſon or Perſons who ſhall by virtue of this Act have ſubſcribed for, or ſhall become entitled to, and be in the actual Poſſeſſion of Four or more Shares in the ſaid Undertaking, ſhall have a Vote or Votes in reſpect of ſuch Shares in the General and Special Meetings of the ſaid Company, to be held as herein-after directed, for carrying on the ſaid Undertaking, or relative thereto, in proportion to the Number of Shares following; that is to ſay, for Four Shares and leſs than Ten Shares One Vote; for Ten Shares and leſs than Twenty Shares Two Votes; for Twenty Shares and leſs than Forty Shares Three Votes; and for Forty Shares Four Votes; but no Perſon ſhall be entitled to give any Vote who ſhall not be poſſeſſed of Four Shares.

All Matters to be determined by Majority of Votes: Chairman to have the caſting Vote.

IV. And be it further enacted, That all Elections of Officers, and every other Queſtion, Matter, or Thing whatſoever, which ſhall be propoſed, diſcuſſed, or conſidered at any Meeting of the ſaid Company to be held in purſuance of this Act, ſhall be finally determined by the Majority of Votes then preſent, and in caſe of an equal Diviſion, the Chairman for the Time being ſhall have the caſting Vote.

The Joint Proprietor whoſe Name ſhall ſtand firſt in the Books of the Company ſhall be entitled to vote.

V. And be it further enacted, That whenever Two or more Perſons ſhall be jointly poſſeſſed of Four or more Shares in the Capital or Joint Stock of the ſaid Company, they ſhall be entitled to give their Vote or Votes in reſpect thereof by the Perſon whoſe Name ſhall ſtand firſt in the Books of the ſaid Company as Joint Proprietor of ſuch Shares.

No Perſon to vote on any Matter in which he is intereſted.

VI. Provided always, That no Perſon or Perſons ſhall vote at any of the Meetings of the ſaid Company, or of the ſaid Managers, to be held purſuant to this Act, upon any Queſtion relating to the Concerns of the ſaid Company, in which ſuch Perſon or Perſons ſhall be in any Manner intereſted, otherwiſe than as a Proprietor of the ſaid Undertaking.

A General Meeting to be held, at which 12 Managers ſhall be choſen, to continue in Office 4 Years, and then One Third to quit by Ballot;

VII. And be it further enacted, That there ſhall be a General Meeting of the ſaid Company within One Month after the paſſing of this Act, of which Meeting Eight Days previous Notice ſhall be given in the *London Gazette*, and in One or more of the publick *London* Newſpapers; and at ſuch Meeting One of the Proprietors preſent ſhall be appointed Chairman; and in caſe Two or more Perſons ſhall be propoſed to fill that Office, and ſhall have an equal Number of Votes, then the Perſons ſo propoſed ſhall draw Lots for the ſame; and that after the Appointment of a Chairman, ſuch Meeting ſhall proceed to the Election of Twelve Perſons, reſpectively Proprietors of Twenty Shares in the ſaid Undertaking, to

to be Managers for conducting, managing, and ordering the Affairs and Buſineſs of the ſaid Company, according to the Powers and Regulations herein contained, and ſubject to ſuch Orders and Directions, conſiſtent therewith, as ſhall be preſcribed to them by ſuch General Meeting as aforeſaid, or by any other Meeting of the ſaid Company to be held in purſuance of this Act; and ſuch Managers ſhall continue in their ſaid Offices for Four Years after the paſſing of this Act, and at the Expiration of the ſaid Four Years One-third of the ſaid Managers, to be determined among themſelves by Ballot, ſhall quit the ſaid Office; and no Perſon quitting the Office of Manager by ſuch Rotation as aforeſaid, ſhall be eligible into the ſaid Office, until the Expiration of One whole Year from the Time of his retiring therefrom.

no Perſon, ſo quitting, to be eligible again till a Year afterwards.

An annual General Meeting to be held, who may adjourn themſelves, and ſhall elect Managers, *etc.*

VIII. And be it further enacted, That there ſhall be a General Meeting of the ſaid Company ſome Time in the Months of *April* or *May* in every Year, of which Meeting Eight Days Notice at leaſt ſhall be given by Advertiſement in the *London Gazette*, and in One or more of the *London* Newſpapers, or in ſuch other Manner as any preceding General Meeting ſhall in that Behalf direct; and that at all ſuch General Meetings One of the Managers of the Company, to be elected as aforeſaid, for the Time being ſhall be the Chairman; and all ſuch Meetings ſhall have Power to adjourn themſelves from Time to Time, and from Place to Place, as they ſhall think expedient; and ſuch General Meetings ſhall elect Perſons qualified as aforeſaid to replace the Managers who ſhall quit the ſaid Office by ſuch Rotation as aforeſaid, and to ſupply any Vacancies which ſhall have ariſen by Death, Reſignation, or otherwiſe, and ſhall do, tranſact, ſuperintend, or controul all other the Affairs and Concerns of the ſaid Company.

Special Meetings may be called and held.

IX. And be it further enacted, That if at any Time it ſhall appear to any Meeting of the Managers for the Time being, hereby authorized to proceed to Buſineſs, or to any Nine or more of the other Proprietors, who ſhall together be Holders of Two hundred Shares at the leaſt, to be neceſſary or expedient to call a Special Meeting of the Proprietors at large, for the Purpoſe of taking their Opinion and Determination upon any Matter or Thing relating to the ſaid Company, then and in every ſuch Caſe it ſhall be lawful for ſuch Meeting of the Managers, of their own Authority, or at the Requiſition in Writing, to be ſigned by ſuch Nine or more other Proprietors, being Holders of at leaſt Two hundred Shares, and which Requiſition ſhall ſpecify the Object of ſuch Meeting, and in caſe any Meeting of Managers ſhall refuſe or neglect for the Space of Fourteen Days to comply with ſuch Requiſition, then and in ſuch Caſe it ſhall be lawful for the Proprietors who ſhall have ſigned the ſame, to call a Special Meeting of the Proprietors at large, by Advertiſement in the *London Gazette*, and in One or more of the *London* Newſpapers, ſpecifying the Place where and the Time when ſuch Meeting is to be held, the Time not being leſs than Fourteen Days after ſuch Notice, and the Place ſomewhere in *London* or *Weſtminſter*, and likewiſe ſpecifying in ſuch Notice the Reaſon for, and Intention of calling ſuch Special Meeting; and the Proprietors are hereby authorized to meet purſuant to ſuch Notice, and take into Conſideration the Matter or Matters to be ſubmitted to them by the Perſons calling ſuch Special Meeting, and ſpecified in ſuch Notice; and the Deciſion and Determination of the Pro-

prietors present at such Meeting, or the major Part of them, according to the Number of Votes they shall have a Right to give respecting such Matter or Matters, shall be as valid, to all Intents and Purposes, as if the same had been made at a General Meeting of the said Company, held in the Manner herein-before appointed.

Three Managers shall constitute a Meeting.

X. And be it further enacted, That any Three or more of the said Managers, but not less, shall be a sufficient Number to constitute a Meeting, for the Purpose of executing all such Powers and Authorities as the Whole of the Managers might have executed if assembled together; and that One of the Managers shall in the first Place be elected Chairman; and that all Questions, Matters, and Things, which shall be proposed, discussed, or considered by them, shall be decided and determined by the Majority in Number of the Managers then present; and in case of an equal Division, the Chairman shall have the casting Vote: Provided always, That if on the Day appointed for any Meeting of the said Managers there shall not attend Three or more of them, that then and in every such Case the Meeting shall be adjourned to that Day Sevennight by the Members or Member then present, or if none, by the Principal or Chief Clerk to the said Company, or such other Person as shall attend in his Place.

All Matters to be determined by the Majority. Chairman to have the casting Vote.

If Three shall not attend, the Meeting shall be adjourned to that Day Sevennight.

Powers of the Managers.

XI. And be it further enacted, That the Managers of the said Company so to be chosen as aforesaid, shall from Time to Time have full Power and Authority to direct and manage all and singular the Affairs and Business of the said Company, as well in contracting for and purchasing Lands and Materials for the Use of the said Undertaking, as in the ordering, directing, and employing the Works and Workmen, and in placing and displacing Officers, Clerks, Agents, and Servants, and in making all Contracts and Bargains touching or in anywise concerning the said Undertaking: Provided always, That the Treasurer or Treasurers of the said Company shall not issue any Sum or Sums of Money on Account of the said Company, without an Order signed by the Chairman and One other at least of the Managers present at some such Meeting.

Treasurer not to issue Money, without a signed Order by the Chairman and One Manager.

General Meetings may remove Managers, and make Bye Laws.

XII. And be it further enacted, That every Meeting of the said Proprietors shall have full Power and Authority to remove or displace any Person chosen to be such Manager as aforesaid, and to elect others, qualified as aforesaid, to be Managers in the Room of those who shall be so removed or displaced, and of those who may happen to die; and shall also have full Power and Authority to make such Rules, Orders, Bye Laws, and Regulations, for the good Government of the said Company, and for the well and orderly carrying on the said Undertaking, and from Time to Time to alter or repeal such Rules, Orders, Bye Laws, and Regulations, or any of them, and to make others, and to enforce the Observance of the same by such Means as they shall see fit; which Rules, Orders, Bye Laws, and Regulations, being reduced into Writing under the Common Seal of the said Company, and afterwards printed and put up in some conspicuous Part or Parts of the said Manufactory, shall be binding upon, and be observed by all Parties, and shall be sufficient, in any Court of Law or Equity, to justify all Persons who shall act under the same, provided they be not repugnant to the Laws of this Realm, or any of the express Directions of this Act.

General Meeting, or the Managers, may make Calls for Money.

XIII. And be it further enacted, That every ſuch General Meeting as aforeſaid, or the Managers of the ſaid Company, ſhall have full Power and Authority from Time to Time to make ſuch Call or Calls for Money from the ſeveral Proprietors of the ſaid Undertaking, to eſtabliſh and carry on the ſame, as they ſhall from Time to Time find wanting and neceſſary for thoſe Purpoſes, ſo that no ſuch Call do exceed the Sum of Five Pounds for or in reſpect of any One Share of Twenty-five Pounds, and ſo that no ſuch Calls be made but at the Diſtance of Three Calendar Months at leaſt from each other; which Money ſo to be called for ſhall be paid into the Hands of the Treaſurers to the ſaid Company, to be iſſued, paid, and applied as the Managers reſpectively ſhall from Time to Time appoint and direct, for the Uſe of the ſaid Undertaking.

Proprietors neglecting to pay Calls for Three Months, to forfeit their Shares.

XIV. And be it further enacted, That every Proprietor of any Share or Shares in the ſaid Undertaking ſhall from Time to Time pay his or her Proportion of the Money ſo to be called for as aforeſaid, at ſuch Time and Place as ſhall be appointed for that Purpoſe by the Meeting of Proprietors or Managers making ſuch Call, of which One Calendar Month's Notice at leaſt ſhall be given in ſome Daily Newſpaper or Newſpapers publiſhed in *London*, or in ſuch other Manner as the ſaid Company of Proprietors ſhall at any Meeting direct and appoint in that Behalf; and in caſe any ſuch Perſon ſhall neglect or refuſe to pay his or her Proportion of the Money ſo to be called for as aforeſaid, for the Space of Three Calendar Months after the Time appointed for Payment thereof as aforeſaid, then and in ſuch Caſe the Perſon ſo neglecting or refuſing ſhall abſolutely forfeit all his or her Share, Part, and Intereſt in the ſaid Undertaking, and all Profit and Advantage thereof, and all Money theretofore advanced by him or her on Account thereof, to and for the Uſe and Benefit of the other Proprietors of the ſaid Undertaking; and all Shares which ſhall or may be ſo forfeited ſhall or may be ſold at a publick Sale by the ſaid Managers, for the moſt Money that can be gotten for the ſame, and the Produce thereof ſhall go to and make Part of the Capital or Joint Stock of the ſaid Company: Provided always,

No Advantage to be taken of ſuch Forfeiture, until after perſonal Notice to the Owner, nor unleſs declared to be forfeited at the next Meeting afterwards.

That no Advantage ſhall be taken of ſuch Forfeiture of any Share in the ſaid Undertaking as aforeſaid, until after perſonal Notice ſhall be given by the Treaſurer or Clerk to the ſaid Company of Proprietors to the Owner thereof, nor unleſs the ſame ſhall be declared to be forfeited at the firſt Meeting of the ſaid Company of Proprietors which ſhall be held next after ſuch Forfeiture ſhall happen: Provided alſo, That every ſuch Forfeiture, after the ſame ſhall be taken Advantage of by the reſt of the ſaid Company of Proprietors as aforeſaid, ſhall be an abſolute Indemnification and Diſcharge to and for the Proprietors ſo forfeiting, againſt all Actions, Suits, and Proſecutions for any Breach of Contract or other Agreement between ſuch Proprietor and the reſt of the ſaid Company, with regard to the future carrying on and Management of the ſaid Undertaking.

Executors, *etc.* may pay Calls.

XV. And be it further enacted, That if a Proprietor of any Share or Shares in the ſaid Undertaking ſhall die before Payment ſhall have been made by him or her of the full Sum to be called for in reſpect thereof as aforeſaid, without having made any ſufficient Proviſion by Will or otherwiſe how ſuch Share or Shares ſhall be diſpoſed of, and how the future Calls in reſpect thereof ſhall be anſwered, then and in ſuch Caſe

the Executors or Adminiſtrators of ſuch Proprietor, and the Truſtee or Truſtees, Guardian or Guardians of any Infant, or other Perſon entitled to the Eſtate and Effects of ſuch Proprietor, ſhall be indemnified againſt ſuch Infant, and all other Perſons whomſoever, for paying any Money which ſhall be called for as aforeſaid, in reſpect of the Share or Shares of ſuch deceaſed Proprietor.

Not more than 10 *l. per Cent.* to be made by the Proprietors.

XVI. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That no Dividend or Dividends of the Profits of the ſaid Undertaking ſhall be made or taken by the ſaid Proprietors exceeding in the Whole Ten Pounds *per Centum per Annum* on the Amount of the Sums which ſhall have been contributed for raiſing the Capital or Joint Stock of the ſaid Company, hereby authorized to be raiſed; and in caſe any Profits ſhall be made by Means of the ſaid Manufacture beyond the Amount of Ten Pounds *per Centum per Annum* on the ſaid Capital or Joint Stock, the ſame ſhall be applied to ſuch Purpoſes and in ſuch Manner as Parliament ſhall direct.

Surplus to be applied as Parliament ſhall direct.

Managers ſhall yearly lay before Parliament certain Accounts.

XVII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That the Managers of the ſaid Company ſhall yearly, within Ten Days after the Twenty-fifth Day of *March*, if Parliament ſhall be then ſitting, or as ſoon after as Parliament ſhall ſit, lay or cauſe to be laid before each Houſe of Parliament a true Account of the Receipt and Application of all Monies received and applied by the ſaid Company, and of the Quantities of Wheat or other Grain bought on each Day when Purchaſes ſhall have been made, and the Prices paid for the ſame, ſhewing alſo the Quantities in Store, both of Grain and of Flour and Meal, on the Firſt Day of each Month throughout the Year, ending the Thirty-firſt Day of *December* preceding; and alſo the Quantities of Flour and Bread manufactured by the ſaid Company in each Month within the ſaid preceding Year, and of the Debts and Credits of the ſaid Company on the ſaid Thirty-firſt Day of *December* preceding, and the Names of the Members of the ſaid Company, and the Number of Shares held by each.

The Company may manufacture and ſell a certain Quantity of Flour or Meal yearly, and a certain Quantity of Bread weekly.

XVIII. And be it further enacted, That it ſhall be lawful for the ſaid Company to manufacture and ſell in every Year, commencing from the Firſt Day of *January*, any Quantity of Flour or Meal not exceeding One hundred and twenty thouſand Sacks of Two hundred and eighty Pounds Weight Avoirdupois each; and it ſhall be lawful for them to make Weekly, any Quantity of Flour or Meal into Bread, not exceeding Two hundred Sacks of the like Weight, and to ſell the ſame: Provided always, That it ſhall not be lawful for the ſaid Company, by themſelves or their Agents, to ſell any Quantity or Quantities of Wheat, exceeding in the Whole the Quantity of One thouſand Quarters in any One Week.

The Company not to make finer than ſtandard Wheaten Bread.

XIX. And be it further enacted, That it ſhall not be lawful for the ſaid Company to make for Sale, any Bread of a finer Quality than the Bread uſually called *Standard Wheaten Bread*, or Bread made of the whole Meal with the Bran and Pollards only taken out.

37 *Geo.* III, Cap. 98.

XX. And whereas, by an Act of Parliament paſſed in the Thirty-ſeventh Year of the Reign of His preſent Majeſty, intituled, *An Act to amend and render more effectual an Act made in the Thirty-firſt Year of the Reign of His late Majeſty King* George *the Second, intituled,* ‘*An Act for*

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the due making of Bread, and to regulate the Price and Aſſize thereof, and to puniſh Perſons who ſhall adulterate Meal, Flour, or Bread, ſo far as the ſame relates to the Aſſize and making of Bread to be ſold in the City of London, *and the Liberties thereof, and within the weekly Bills of Mortality, and within Ten Miles of the* Royal Exchange,' the Court of Mayor and Aldermen of *London* are empowered to ſet the Aſſize of Bread in *London*, and within the Bills of Mortality, on every *Tueſday*: And whereas, in the Tables of Aſſize forming a Part of the ſaid Act, there is no Proviſion or Direction with reſpect to the Price of Standard Wheaten Bread: And whereas there is no other Proviſion or Direction in any Table of Aſſize reſpecting the Price of Standard Wheaten Bread, than a certain Table of Aſſize contained in an Act paſſed in the Thirteenth Year of His preſent Majeſty, intituled, *An Act for better regulating the Aſſize and making of Bread*: And whereas, the Bakers of *London*, and within the Bills of Mortality, are unable to manufacture and ſell Standard Wheaten Bread, by Reaſon of the ſaid Act laſt mentioned not making a due Allowance to the Baker; and the ſaid Aſſize Table not being ſuited to the preſent Price of Flour: Be it enacted, That all the Proviſions, Regulations, and Directions contained in the ſaid Act of the Thirty-ſeventh Year of His preſent Majeſty, concerning Wheaten Bread and Houſehold Bread, ſhall extend to the making and ſelling of Standard Wheaten Bread; and the ſaid Court of Mayor and Aldermen ſhall be empowered, and they are hereby empowered to fix an Aſſize or Price of Standard Wheaten Bread, upon ſuch Principles as they now fix the Aſſize or Price of Wheaten and Houſehold Bread, and that they ſhall be enabled to make a due Allowance to the Bakers for making and ſelling the ſame, according to their Opinion of what ought fairly to be allowed them for their Trouble and Expence in making and ſelling the ſaid Standard Wheaten Bread.

13 *Geo.* III, Cap. 62.

Proviſions of 37 *Geo.* III, Cap. 98, concerning Wheaten and Houſhold Bread, ſhall extend to Standard Wheaten Bread, and the Aſſize upon the latter to be fixed upon the ſame Principles as the former.

XXI. And be it further enacted, That no Manager of the ſaid Company, or Officer or Servant employed in the ſaid Manufactory, or in any Buſineſs relating thereto, ſhall, during the Time of his remaining ſuch Manager, or being employed as aforeſaid, act as a Dealer in Wheat or other Grain, or Flour or Meal, or as a Factor or Agent in the buying or ſelling thereof, or ſhall buy any Wheat or other Grain, Flour, or Meal, for the Purpoſe of ſelling the ſame for Profit or Gain, or make for Sale, or ſell any Bread; and if any ſuch Manager or Officer, or other Perſon aforeſaid, ſhall, during ſuch Time as aforeſaid, act as a Dealer in Wheat or other Grain, or Flour or Meal, or buy or ſell any Wheat or other Grain, Flour, or Meal, as a Factor or Agent, for any other Perſon or Perſons, or buy any Wheat or other Grain, or Flour or Meal, on his own Account, for the Purpoſe of ſelling the ſame for Profit or Gain, or make for Sale, or ſell any Bread, he or ſhe ſhall forfeit, for every Quarter of Wheat or other Grain, or Sack of Flour or Meal, ſo bought or ſold, and for every Sack of Flour or Meal ſo made into Bread as aforeſaid, the Sum of Forty Shillings, to be recovered with Coſts of Suit, in any of His Majeſty's Courts of Record, by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint, or Information, wherein no Eſſoign, Protection, or Wager of Law, or more than One Imparlance ſhall be allowed, and to be applied, One Half thereof to the Poor of the Pariſh where ſuch Offence was committed, and the other Half to the Perſon or Perſons who ſhall ſue for the ſame.

No Manager or Officer ſhall act as a Dealer in Wheat, *etc.* on Penalty of 40 *s. per* Quarter.

XXII. And

XXII. And be it further enacted, That it ſhall be lawful for the ſeveral Proprietors of the ſaid Undertaking, or any of them, to ſell and transfer any Share or Shares which they ſhall reſpectively be entitled to therein, and every ſuch Transfer ſhall be in the Form or to the Effect following; (*videlicet*), Shares may be transferred in the following

'I [*the Vendor*] do hereby aſſign and transfer to [*the Vendee*], his Exe- Form.
'cutors, Adminiſtrators, and Aſſigns, all thoſe my Shares
'in the Capital or Joint Stock of the *London* Company for the Manu-
'facture of Flour, Meal, and Bread, and all my Right and Intereſt
'therein. Witneſs my Hand this Day of

And every ſuch Transfer ſhall be regiſtered in the Books of the ſaid Company, and a Copy of ſuch Regiſter, ſigned by their Clerk or other Officer duly authorized thereto, ſhall be ſufficient Evidence of every ſuch Sale and Transfer: Provided always, That until ſuch Transfer ſhall be ſo regiſtered in the Books of the ſaid Company as aforeſaid, no Purchaſer or Purchaſers of any Share or Shares in the ſaid Company ſhall have any Part or Share of the Profits of the ſaid Undertaking, nor any Intereſt or Dividend paid to him, her, or them for or in reſpect of ſuch Share or Shares ſo purchaſed, nor be entitled to vote as a Proprietor or Proprietors of the ſaid Undertaking. Transfer to be regiſtered in the Books of the Company, or the Purchaſers ſhall not be entitled to any Dividends, or to vote.

XXIII. And be it further enacted, That if the ſaid Sum of One hundred and twenty thouſand Pounds herein-before authorized to be raiſed ſhall be found inſufficient for the carrying on, or completing and maintaining of the ſaid Undertaking, then and in ſuch Caſe it ſhall be lawful for the ſaid Company, after a Reſolution for that Purpoſe ſhall have been paſſed at any General or Special Meeting of the ſaid Company, to raiſe for the Purpoſes aforeſaid any further Sum or Sums of Money not exceeding in the Whole the Sum of Thirty thouſand Pounds, and that ſuch further Sum or Sums may be raiſed by further Subſcriptions to the Amount of the ſaid Thirty thouſand Pounds, or any Part thereof, under and ſubject to ſuch and the ſame Rules, Orders, and Regulations, as in and by this Act are mentioned, expreſſed, declared, and contained with reſpect to the ſaid One hundred and twenty thouſand Pounds, as fully and effectually, to all Intents and Purpoſes, as if ſuch further Sum or Sums hereby allowed to be raiſed had originally conſtituted Part of the ſaid One hundred and twenty thouſand Pounds; and the Subſcribers of ſuch further Sum or Sums ſhall be Members of the ſaid Company, and entitled to the ſame Advantages and Privileges, and ſubject to the ſame Rules, Orders, and Regulations as are hereby given and provided in reſpect of the Subſcribers to the ſaid One hundred and twenty thouſand Pounds. If 120,000*l.* ſhall not be ſufficient 30,000*l.* more may be raiſed.

XXIV. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That if the ſaid Company ſhall be deſirous of raiſing the ſaid additional Sum of Thirty thouſand Pounds, or any Part thereof, by Mortgage or Bond, then and in ſuch Caſe it ſhall be lawful for the ſaid Company, purſuant to a Reſolution to be paſſed in that Behalf at a Meeting of the ſaid Company, to borrow and take up at Intereſt the ſaid Sum of Thirty thouſand Pounds, or any Part thereof, upon the Credit of the ſaid Undertaking, as to them ſhall ſeem meet and convenient; and the ſaid Company of Proprietors are hereby accordingly fully authorized and empowered to grant, aſſign, and make over all their Lands, Buildings, and Appurtenances, Property The additional Sum may be raiſed by Mortgage or Bond.

Property and Effects, or any Part thereof, as a Security for the Sum or Sums of Money ſo to be borrowed, with legal Intereſt, unto the Perſon or Perſons who ſhall lend and advance the ſame, or as he or they ſhall direct; all which Aſſignments ſhall be made under the Common Seal of the ſaid Company, and may be according to the Form following; (that is to ſay),

Aſſignments may be made in the following Form.

'BY virtue of an Act of Parliament made in the Fortieth Year of the Reign of King *George* the Third, intituled, [*ſet forth the Title of the Act*], We, the *London* Company for the Manufacture of Flour, Meal, and Bread, incorporated by virtue of the ſaid Act, in Conſideration of the Sum of to us paid by *A. B.* of do hereby bargain, ſell, and aſſign, unto the ſaid *A. B.* his Executors, Adminiſtrators, and Aſſigns, all [*deſcribe the Property to be comprized in the Security*] and all the Eſtate, Right, Title, and Intereſt, of us the ſaid Company, of, in, to, or out of the ſame reſpectively, to hold unto the ſaid *A. B.* his Executors, Adminiſtrators, and Aſſigns, until the Sum of together with Intereſt for the ſame after the Rate of *per Centum per Annum*, ſhall be fully paid and ſatisfied. Given under our Common Seal the Day of

And the Money ſo to be borrowed as aforeſaid ſhall be applied and diſpoſed of for completing, carrying on, and maintaining the ſaid Undertaking, and for carrying the ſeveral Powers and Authorities hereby given into Execution.

An Entry of every Aſſignment to be entered by the Clerk to the Company in a Book which may be peruſed *gratis* by the Proprietors.

XXV. And be it further enacted, That an Entry or Memorial of every ſuch Aſſignment or Mortgage as aforeſaid, containing the Date, Names of the Parties, and the Sum thereby ſecured, with the Rate of Intereſt to be paid for the ſame, ſhall be made or entered in a Book to be kept for that Purpoſe by the Clerk to the ſaid Company, and that ſuch Book ſhall and may be peruſed *gratis* at all ſeaſonable Times, by any of the Proprietors of the ſaid Undertaking; and that all and every Perſon and Perſons to whom any ſuch Aſſignment or Mortgage ſhall be made as aforeſaid, or who ſhall be entitled to the Money thereby ſecured, ſhall and may from Time to Time aſſign or transfer his, her, or their Right and Intereſt therein unto any Perſon or Perſons whomſoever, either by Indorſement thereon or otherwiſe, which Transfer ſhall and may be made according to the Form following; (*videlicet*),

Aſſignments may be transfered.

Form of Transfer.

'I *A. B.* do hereby transfer the within Mortgage [*or*, a certain Mortgage made to me by the *London* Company for the Manufacture of Flour, Meal, and Bread, bearing Date the Day of] and the Principal Sum of thereby ſecured, and the Intereſt now due and hereafter to grow due for the ſame, and all my Right and Property therein, unto *C. D.* of his Executors, Adminiſtrators, and Aſſigns. Dated this Day of

Transfers to be entered.

And every ſuch Transfer ſhall, within Twenty-eight Days after the Date thereof, be produced to the Clerk, or one of the Clerks to the ſaid Company, who ſhall cauſe an Entry or Memorial thereof to the ſame Purport and Effect as herein-before directed with reſpect to the original Aſſignment or Mortgage, to be made or entered in the Book to be kept for entering ſuch original Aſſignments or Mortgages; and that after ſuch

Entry ſhall be made, but not before, ſuch Transfer ſhall entitle ſuch Aſſignee or Aſſignees; his, her, or their Executors, Adminiſtrators, and Aſſigns, to the full Benefit of the original Mortgage.

Intereſt of Mortgages to be paid Half Yearly in Preference to Dividends.

XXVI. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That the Intereſt of the Money which ſhall be borrowed by Mortgage as aforeſaid, ſhall be paid half-yearly, to the Perſon or Perſons entitled thereto, in Preference to any Intereſt or Dividend which ſhall become due and payable by virtue of this Act to the ſaid Company of Proprietors, or any of them, and ſhall from Time to Time be fully paid and diſcharged, or provided for, before any ſuch Intereſt or Dividends due to the ſaid Proprietors ſhall be paid or made; and ſuch Intereſt when due ſhall and may be ſued for and recovered, with Coſts of Suit, by an Action of Debt, or on the Caſe, in any of His Majeſty's Courts of Record at *Weſtminſter*.

No Member or Officer of the Company diſabled from ſitting in Parliament, or ſhall in reſpect of his Share be liable to be a Bankrupt.

XXVII. And be it further enacted, That no Perſon who ſhall be a Member, or a Manager or other Officer of the ſaid Company, ſhall for that Cauſe only be diſabled from being a Member of Parliament, or ſhall, in reſpect of his Share or Shares therein, be or be adjudged liable to be a Bankrupt within the Intent and Meaning of all or any of the Statutes made of or concerning Bankrupts.

Limitation of Actions.

General Iſſue.

Treble Coſts.

XXVIII. And be it further enacted, That if any Action, Suit, or Information ſhall be brought againſt any Perſon or Perſons for any Thing done by him or them in purſuance of this Act, or in the Execution of the Powers and Authorities, or the Orders and Directions hereinbefore given or granted, every ſuch Action, Suit, or Information, ſhall be brought or commenced within Six Calendar Months next after the Fact committed, and not afterwards, and ſhall be brought, laid, and tried in the County where the Matter in Diſpute ſhall ariſe, and not elſewhere; and that the Defendant or Defendants in all ſuch Actions or Suits may plead the General Iſſue, and give this Act and the Special Matter in Evidence at any Trial or Trials to be had thereupon, and that the ſame was done in purſuance and by the Authority of this Act; and if it ſhall appear to have been ſo done, or if any ſuch Action, Suit, or Information, ſhall be brought after the Time before limited for bringing the ſame, or ſhall be brought or laid in any other County or Place than as aforeſaid, then and in every ſuch Caſe the Jury ſhall find for the Defendant or Defendants; and if a Verdict ſhall be found for the Defendant or Defendants, or if the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs ſhall become nonſuited, or diſcontinue his, her, or their Action, Suit, or Information, after the Defendant or Defendants ſhall have appeared, or if upon Demurrer or otherwiſe Judgement ſhall be given againſt the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs, the Defendant or Defendants in every ſuch Caſe ſhall have Treble Coſts, and ſhall have ſuch Remedy for Recovery of the ſame, as any Defendant or Defendants hath or have for Coſts of Suit in other Caſes by Law.

His Majeſty may diſſolve the Company or ſuſpend their Proceedings.

XXIX. Provided always, That it ſhall and may be lawful for His Majeſty, if He ſhall ſo think fit, by His Order in Council, to diſſolve the ſaid Company, or to ſuſpend all or any of the Proceedings of the ſame; ſuch Diſſolution or Suſpenſion being to take Effect not ſooner than Six Months from and after the Date of ſuch Order in Council.

XXX. And

Publick Act.

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

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